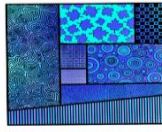




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SLAB BLOCKS and QUILT TOPS

We want to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday by holding Canada's biggest quilting bee at Quilt Canada in June 2017. We'll have sewing machines, long arms and mid arms and an army of volunteers ready to work on quilt tops and slab blocks made by hundreds of Canadian quilters. The successful ending to this story will be quilts to give to all the Ronald McDonald House® buildings across Canada.

We need you to make slabs and even quilt tops from your slabs. Read on!

The blocks that we need quilters to make are called "slabs". These were made famous when Cheryl Arkison used 'slab' blocks in quilts for families who lost everything in the Alberta floods in 2013. Now, with Cheryl's permission, we are calling on Canadian quilters to make slab blocks once more.



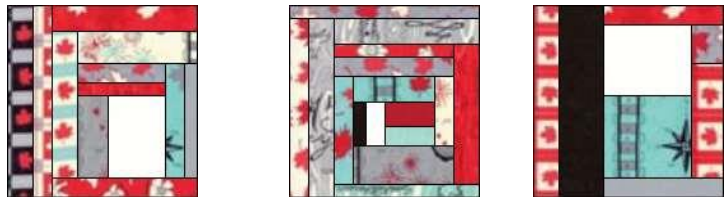
Inspiration for these quilts is The Missing U quilt from the book: *Sunday Morning Quilts*. <http://naptimequilter.blogspot.ca/2013/06/slabs-for.html>

How do you make a slab?

If you have the book, **Sunday Morning Quilts** see the directions on pages 48-49.
If you don't have the book, the directions below show how to make a slab:

To commemorate Canada's birthday, each slab must have at least one piece of the **Canada's 150th** fabric that is available through Northcott, Trend Tex Inc., Cantik Batiks, JN Harper and perhaps other fabric companies.

You may mix in your own fabric but there has to be at least one piece of special **Canada 150th** fabric.



How to Make a Slab

- *Start with small bits or big ones, it doesn't matter.*
- *Make sure there is at least one piece of Canada's 150th birthday fabric.*
- *Raid your scrap bins and go with what you've got. You might want to use like-colours in a slab.*
- *Take two pieces of fabric and sew them together.*
- *Do that a few more times. Then sew more pieces to those first pairs.*
- *Sew groups together.*
- *Add additional pieces of fabric to get to the size of 12 ½ inches square.*

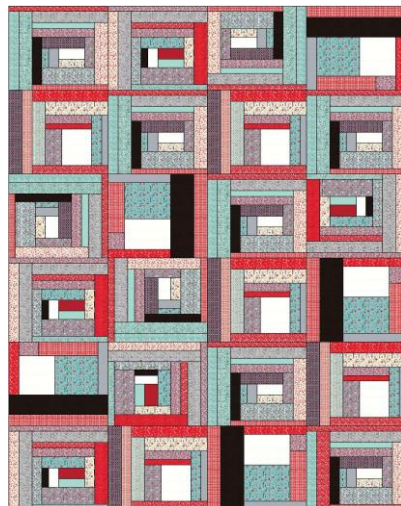
Have fun and make several slabs in different colours.

How to Make Quilt Tops

Would you like to use your slabs to make a whole quilt top?

We need two sizes: larger for big kids and smaller for little kids.

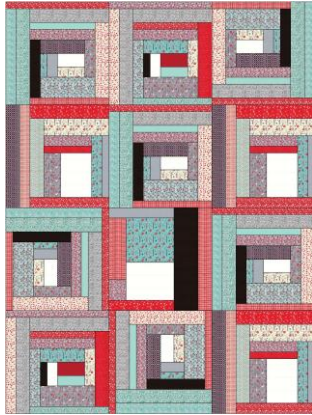
Larger quilt: Sew 4 blocks together for each row. Make 6 rows and sew them together to make a quilt top that will be 48½in. x 72½in.



Smaller quilt: Sew 3

blocks

together for each row. Make 4 rows and sew them together to make a quilt top that will be 36½in. x 48½in.



Mail your unfinished quilt tops and/or slab blocks to:

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Last day to mail is May 30, 2017