

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

A messy house is a sign of a happy quilter!

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## **May 2011 Guild Meeting Tuesday, May 24 White Rock Baptist Church**

### **Game Night**

Our May guild meeting is on Tuesday, May 24 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the White Rock Baptist Church.

We have another fun game for everyone with wonderful prizes!! HINT: What do you know about block names?

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Painter at 672-1583, 490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com) OR Liz Martineau at 670-5069 or [liz4\\_always@yahoo.com](mailto:liz4_always@yahoo.com).

(No, we are not going to give out answers ahead of time!)

Bring a friend...there will be fun for all!!

**Mystery Quilt Block 3** is called "Alabama." If you are receiving this newsletter as e-mail, the directions will not be in a separate attachment. For some reason, it wouldn't work this time. See page 4 and 5 of the newsletter.

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

### HI, EVERYONE!

If you had a chance to finish the quilts from last month's "Quilting for Others", please bring them to the meeting for "show and tell." This is an especially needy time around the country due to tornadoes and flooding, and any quilts we can give will be greatly appreciated.

Start planning now for our August meeting and workshop (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) with Sharon Schamber, who will teach about free-motion quilting.

Donna Smith has purchased the fabric for the 2012 donation quilt, so we are making progress on that front.

I hope to see everyone at game night this month. Jo Ann has a fun night planned for us all.

Fran (via Lyn)

### *Out and About...*

**Beginning quilters!!** Marilyn Minshall would like to get a group started to help beginning quilters. Please call her at 672-3499 to get together and find out needs of beginners. She needs helpers (teachers) and someone to teach!! Give her a call if you're interested.

Our library has many interesting and fun books available to buy. I picked one up that's called "How NOT to Make a Prize-winning Quilt" by Ami Simms. Here are some of her suggestions, mostly for hand-quilters: (You are welcome to borrow it if you want the details...)

\*If nothing falls off, you're doing OK.

\*If something goes wrong, it must be the pattern.

\*If it doesn't fit, pull on it or cut it off.

\*People with big chests shouldn't quilt in small cars.

\*If you want warmth, buy an electric blanket.

\*Only sissies machine quilt.

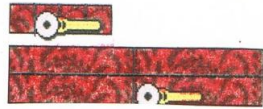
## Future Fun for Piecemakers:

**June 2011** "QUILT AS DESIRED" How many times have we read that one! You spend hours and hours piecing and/or appliquéing that wonderful quilt top and when it comes to deciding how to quilt it, you throw up your hands in frustration. That's where your quilter guild mates can help you with their range of experience and creative talents. If you have any quilt tops that are unquilted or partially quilted, bring them to the meeting and get some ideas and advice for the quilting designs and approaches. We'll also have someone, or a person of your choosing, who will take notes so you don't have to remember everything. The June guild meeting is Tuesday, June 28 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Los Alamos United Church. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Painter at 672-1583, 490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com) OR Liz Martineau at 670-5069 or [liz4\\_always@yahoo.com](mailto:liz4_always@yahoo.com).

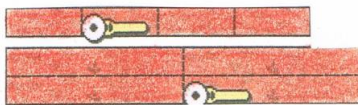
**August 2011** SHARON SCHAMBER Here's your opportunity to learn and/or hone your skills with free motion quilting!! Sharon Schamber, of Payson AZ, will be presenting a lecture and trunk show for our evening program on Tuesday, August 23, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. She will also conduct a workshop the following day entitled "Basic Freeform Feathers" from her series "Domestic Machine Quilting." The workshop starts with learning to free motion quilt with four basic shapes. Then you will learn to put them together to create a meandering feather and many other quilting patterns without having to mark your top. Sharon has a long background in fabrics and was head designer-owner of Deja Vu and Time and Eternity Fashions in Phoenix, AZ for over 25 years. She retired from her upscale bridal and formal wear business in 1994 and has since devoted her energies toward designing and making quilts. She actively competes and wins awards at shows across the country. Sharon teaches hand and domestic machine quilting, hand painting, applique, longarm quilting, beadwork and binding techniques. Sharon has won multiple Best of Show awards at both IQA, Houston TX and AQS, Paducah KY among others. You can read more about Sharon at her website: [www.sharonschamber.com](http://www.sharonschamber.com). If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Painter at 672-1583, 490-3438 or [jpainter@q.com](mailto:jpainter@q.com) OR Liz Martineau at 670-5069 or [liz4\\_always@yahoo.com](mailto:liz4_always@yahoo.com).

**ALABAMA**

(This makes a 9-1/2" unfinished block)

**Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block**  
(Read all instructions before cutting and sewing)

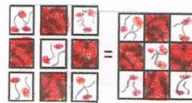
First cut the Color 1 (dark) 1-1/2" x 6" strip into four 1-1/2" squares. Then cut the Color 1 3" x 11" strip into four 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles.



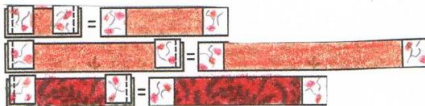
Next cut the Color 4 (medium-marbled) 1-1/2" x 14" strip into four 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles. Next cut the Color 4 3" x 15" strip into four 1-1/2" x 7-1/2" rectangles.



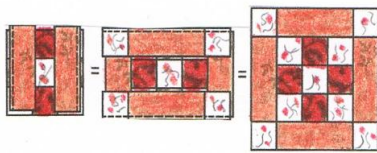
Now cut seventeen (17) Color 5 (complimentary small floral...) 1-1/2" squares. This can actually be cut from one strip 1-1/2" x 25-1/2" (showed differently at left or it would be one WIDE graph).



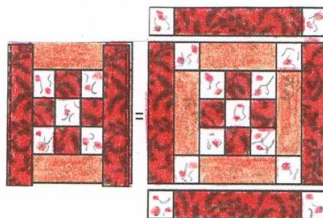
Sew the center nine patch, using five Color 5 small squares and four Color 1 small squares. Make seams using scant 1/4" seam allowances. Press seams to dark fabric. Assemble as shown in picture at left. Square-up to 3-1/2".



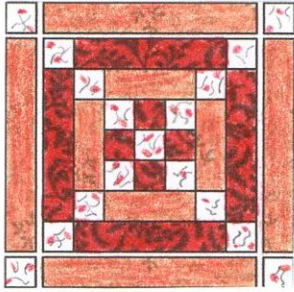
Then sew a Color 5 small square to each end of TWO Color 4 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangles. TWO Color 4 1-1/2" x 7-1/2" rectangles, and TWO Color 1 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles. Press seams to dark fabric.



Next sew a Color 4 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" rectangle to the right and left sides of the center nine patch. Press seam allowance towards the center. Then sew a Color 4 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" plus squares unit to the top and bottom of the previous unit. Keep sewing with scant 1/4" seams throughout. Press seam allowances towards the top and bottom strips.



Add the next round by sewing Color 1 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles to the right and left, again pressing seams towards the center. Add the two Color 1 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" with squares pieces to the top and bottom, pressing seams towards the top and bottom strip.



Finish off the block by following the same construction order, using the two Color 4  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles, and the two Color 4  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " with squares units. Because of the many scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams, you may need to trim carefully to a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished square. Always use your ruler with the 45 degree line running diagonally through the small squares corner to corner.

#### Supplies List



Color 1: Color 1 (dark) needs one  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" strip AND one 3" x 11" strip



Color 4: Color 4 (medium-marbled) needs one  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" strip AND one 3" x 15" strip



Color 5: Color 5 (complimentary small floral...) needs one  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $25\frac{1}{2}$ " strip

## Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

Tuesday, May 24: **Game Night**, White Rock Baptist Church (no workshop)

Tuesday, June 28: "Quilt as Desired", Los Alamos United Church

No meeting in July—Enjoy your summer!!

Tuesday, August 23, **Sharon Schamber**, White Rock Baptist Church

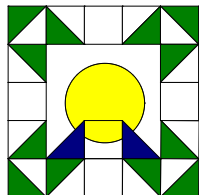
Wednesday, August 24, **Sharon Schamber workshop**, White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday, September 27, **Potluck/Membership**, Los Alamos United Church (no workshop)

Tuesday, October 25, TBD, White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 15, TBD, Los Alamos United Church

No meeting in December -- Happy Holidays!!



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