

# Los Alamos Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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**May 2012 Guild Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 22th**  
**7 p.m.**

**White Rock Baptist Church**

**"Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup"**

Trunk show presented by Michelle Jackson.

**May 2012 Workshop**  
**Wednesday, May 23rd**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**White Rock Baptist Church**

**"Color Manipulation"**

Space Still available! During the class you will learn everything you need to know to do your own piece later and have the color experience necessary to choose great colors to make a stunning quilt. The outline for the class will be the following:

What is Color?

Value and Dominance

The Temperature of Color

Fabulous Color Combinations

The Character of Color

Pattern Texture and Scale

The Color Shift

Adding Unique Colors is as easy as 1,2,3

## **President's Report**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sew-A-Thon. We cannot wait to see the quilts.

We are glad that we are both in Los Alamos at the same time. We are looking forward to the upcoming programs. Michelle Jackson has a reputation for presenting a wonderful program and those attending her class should leave with more color confidence.

If you have not selected fabric for the June meeting, Quilt Bingo, the fabric will be available at the May meeting. This program is being presented due to popular request. Come have fun getting acquainted with other members.

It is wonderful to hear that Evonne Holder is convulsing so well and is able to join us at our meeting. We enjoy her and her books. Please let her know if you if you have a specific request.

We hope that you are busy creating wonderful items to sell at the quilt market/show. Libby mentioned that large bed quilts did not sell at the last market. Lap quilts, crib quilts, tote bags, runners, wall art and other small items were the best selling items. We are counting on each of you to help Libby and Brenda to make this a success. There are so many different jobs, we are sure that you will find one that you would love to do.

Have a wonder month,

*Susan and Lyn*

## **Treasurer's Report**

The checking account balance as of April 30 is \$7159.15.

*Donna Smith*

## **Library**

For the next month or so I will bring only 2 of the many boxes of books to Guild meetings. The library is quite large and I am recovering from knee surgery.

If you have looked at the on-line inventory and found the name of a specific book you want, you are welcome to call and tell me which book and I will bring it to the meeting at 672-3578 or 412-1773.

Thank You,  
*Evonne Holder*

## **Membership**

We have 68 members - yeah!! If any of you have something you would like to donate for door prizes, I (Deb) will be at the May meeting and can collect it then. Thanks in advance.

*Marilyn Cayton and Debbie Claytor*

## **Community Service**

At the April sew-a-thon we had three teams working on the Disappearing 9-Patch quilt pattern. Many thanks to all that participated and I look forward to seeing those finished quilts in the charity quilt inventory.

FYI: Before going on a trip recently, I changed out my wallet, and left my guild card at home with my pile of store cards. BIG MISTAKE! I visited several quilt shops and each one offered a discount for guild members. Any guild! So don't leave home without it! My discounts would have paid for my guild membership!

I would personally like to thank Tom and Fran Suchocki for the excellent organization in our "former" storage unit. In the last few years, Fran loaded the shelves with plastic bins filled with guild goodies. Tom built an excellent rack to hold the guild quilt stands. He even wrote the directions on the PVC pipe on how to disassemble it! We easily found the tub with the fabric bolts and along with the remaining batting we have at least enough supplies to finish 4-5 charity quilts.

If you need batting for a charity quilt or know someone who would enjoy one of our comfort quilts, contact Deb McLin at [damclin@gmail.com](mailto:damclin@gmail.com) or call 672-9811.

*Deborah McLin*

## **Quilt Market**

Due to venue scheduling conflicts Quilt Market will be held earlier than normal this year, so get your creative juices flowing and your sewing machines humming! Proposed dates are Sat Sept 22nd and Sat Sep 29th. We hope to have a date finalized in the next few weeks. We are still looking for Quilt Market Volunteers for the following positions: Staffing & Market Floor Plan Designer

To volunteer, contact Brenda Edeskuty at 665-0789 or 575-829-3889 or Libby Carlsten at 662-3980. THANKS!

*Brenda & Libby*

## **Donation Quilt**

Tickets are finally available! See Dennise Swanson at the next guild meeting for a packet of tickets and a picture to help sell tickets.

## **Future Programs/ Workshops**

May 22-23 - we will "Find Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" with Michelle Jackson. The following day she will teach a class on "Color Manipulation." (Personally, I can't wait!)

Michelle Jackson will be presenting a trunk show "Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" on Tuesday, May 22 at the White Rock Baptist Church. The class "Color Manipulation" will be held the following day. We still have some spaces, so let Liz know if you would like to reserve a space at [liz4\\_always@yahoo.com](mailto:liz4_always@yahoo.com)! Members \$40.00, non-members \$50.00. During the class you will learn everything you need to know to do your own piece later and have the color experience necessary to choose great colors to make a stunning quilt. The outline for the class will be:

- What is Color?
- Value and Dominance
- The Temperature of Color
- Fabulous Color Combinations
- The Character of Color
- Pattern Texture and Scale
- The Color Shift
- Adding Unique Colors is as easy as 1,2,3
- Her website is [www.quiltfashions.com](http://www.quiltfashions.com)

June – "Game Night- Fabric Bingo" – Back by popular request -- thanks to the Material Girls Cluster! Pick up your packet of fabric squares and sew them together before the June meeting. The Material Girls Cluster is buying some great prizes, so maybe your square will be lucky!

*Liz Martineau*

## **Quilting 101**

The following segment is copied from the website (with permission from Marcia Hohn) <http://www.quilterscache.com/StartQuiltingPages/startquiltingtwo.html>

Learning to Quilt – Lesson Two – Figuring Your Quilt Yardage!!

You've got some planning to do!! A good investment for this stage of quilting will be a pad of graph paper, a good set of colored pencils, and a calculator!

To figure out how much fabric to buy, you will need to know the following things:

- What size quilt are you making?
- Will it drop down the sides of the bed? How far?
- Will it tuck under the pillows?
- How large is each block within the quilt?
- How will you lay out your blocks?
- Are you using sashing between the rows and blocks?
- How wide is the fabric you will be using?

Adult Quilt Approx. Sizes	
TWIN	68" x 88"
FULL	81" x 88"
QUEEN	88" x 96"
KING	107" x 108"

Children's Quilt Approx. Sizes	
Preemie quilt	18" by 20"-24"
Newborn baby	25" by 30"
Crib	50" x 53"
Toddler	35" by 45"
Child	40" by 60"

After you have these decisions made... you can proceed with figuring your yardages!

Given your block size, quilt size and size of sashing (if used), you will be able to determine the number of blocks needed. Drafting this out on your graph paper does wonders for helping with the math.

Each block pattern is comprised of pieces. You will need to figure out how many of each piece you can get out of a yard of fabric.

**Plan on most fabrics being 42" wide after you remove the selvedge edges & a yard is 36"long.**

Step 1:

Make a list of the different fabrics you need for each block and the sizes of each of the units. Multiply the number of units you need times the number of blocks you plan to make.

Step Two:

Next, working with one color at a time, find out how many full length units you can get from each 42" width of fabric you cut. Always round down!

Step Three:

Next, still working with one color at a time, divide the number of units you NEED, by the number of units you can get from each strip you cut. Always round UP on this part! This will give you the number of strips you need.

Step Four:

Now, still working with one Color at a time, MULTIPLY the number of Strips you are going to cut times the width of each strip to find out how many inches of fabric that is.

Step Five:

And now, still working with one color at a time, DIVIDE the number of inches you need by 36" (one yard) to find out how many YARDS you need.

To do this, it is handy to know the decimal equivalents of each commonly used fabric fraction.

1/8 yd=4.5 inches, 1/4=9, 3/8=13.5, 1/2=18, 5/8=22.5, 3/4=27, 7/8=31.5, 1 yd=36"									
Fraction	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/2
Decimal	.5	.625	.75	.875	1.0	1.125	1.25	1.375	1.5

Then, when you go to buy your fabric you may want to bump each figure UP a little to plan for errors, or whatever. Add more if you want to make BINDING. Add more if you want to add BACKING. Add more if you absolutely LOVE IT :o)

## Future Programs for Los Alamos Piecemakers Guild

Tuesday May 22, 2012: "Finding Ourselves Floating in Color Soup" by Michelle Jackson, 7p WR Baptist Church

Wednesday May 23, 2012: "Color Manipulation" Workshop, 9am – 4pm, White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday June 26, 2012: "Game Night- Fabric Bingo" – Back by popular request! 7pm United Church in LA

July 2012 – No Meeting

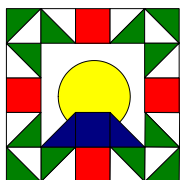
Tuesday August 28, 2012: TBD, 7pm White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday September 25, 2012: Potluck & Membership Kick-Off, 6pm , United Church in Los Alamos

Tuesday October 23, 2012: "There is no such thing as ugly fabric", 7pm White Rock Baptist Church

Tuesday November 13, 2012: TBD

No Meeting in December – *HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!*



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