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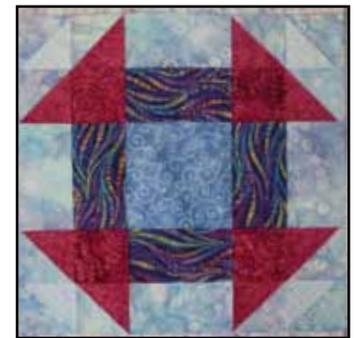
PATTERN DRAFTING



*Nine-Patch (9 Units)
with a Center Nine-Patch*



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Nine-Patch (36 Units)

Connie Hitt opened the February meeting and Betty Allen delivered a thoughtful devotional about a shepherd and a black sheep.

The program for February was "Pattern Drafting" by Linda Flanders, who pointed out the advantages of making your own quilt patterns. Have you ever wanted to make a quilt using a specific block, but could not find the block in the size you need? Linda's suggestions can solve this problem.

Based on a system of grids, Linda showed the group that it is not difficult to draft most patterns **in any size**. She described how to recognize several common grids and how to divide any size square into equal-sized units. A few members remarked that this information would have been helpful before we started the Shapely Challenge. Linda was scheduled to go into more detail at the February workshop, but the workshop had to be postponed. It will be presented at a later date.

Linda recommended two of the first books she purchased when she first began quilting. The author of both books was Jinny Beyer. One was *The Quilter's Album of Blocks and Borders*. The other was *Patchwork Patterns*. Several members ordered the books from Amazon.com during the program.

Missy Lee presented and explained the 2016 budget.

Beth McDaniels was chosen from a large group of eligible members, and won the prize for perfect attendance during 2015.

Ellen Hall announced that membership books would be ready at the March meeting.

Shirley Wiltshire clarified details on donations to the "pink box." The box will be on the side table at every PBQ meeting from now until the meeting before our quilt show. Shirley is asking everyone to bring their small fabric scraps and put them into the box. Scraps can be anything **larger** than 2 inches by 4 inches, and must be 100% cotton. There is no maximum size,

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Seven Patch



Nine-Patch (36 Units)



*Four-Patch (4 Units)
with a Center Nine-Patch*

though larger pieces may be donated to Children's Quilts. Fabric from the box will be sold in the boutique. Any amount you can stuff into a quart-size freezer bag will be sold for \$1.00.

Joyce Bohan and Martha Ginn showed us the ironing pad/iron caddies they made in Mary Nell Magee's last Boutique meeting. These will be sold in the quilt show boutique. Mary Nell showed us some of the adaptations she made to the pattern to make the project easier to construct as well as even more convenient to use. One PBQ member told the group that she also uses her caddy for her hot rollers when traveling.

Missy Lee announced that there were still a few kits available for Flower Pops friendship blocks. The drawing for these blocks will be at the March meeting.

Mary Nell also reminded members that Children's Quilts meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Anyone can bring their sewing machine and join in the fun. We will be donating children's quilts again at the July meeting.

Martha Ginn reported on preparations for the October quilt show. Betty Moore made labels and "Save the Date" cards were sent out to all entrants from the last quilt show. Remember, you don't have to wait until the last minute to send in a show entry.

Martha will have entry forms at the next meeting. There is a \$3.00 discount per quilt for entries sent in before August 1. All entries must be in by August 15. Information on entering quilts is available on the website at www.pinebeltquilters.com. You can also find information on categories, off-site check-in, as well as a print ready entry form which you can complete and send in.

A 4 x 6 inch color photo must accompany every entry. This photo must show the entire quilt. It is not acceptable

to show just a detail. The quilt doesn't need to be completely finished in the photo. These photos are used by quilt show workers to identify and keep track of entries.

The raffle quilt "Autumn Spice" will make its debut at the next meeting. Every member will be responsible for selling at least 20 raffle tickets. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets are the largest part of the funding for PBQ meetings.

Ellen Cox's snippet was a method of creating quick quilt blocks using five and ten inch squares. She showed us four children's quilts she made using these techniques. Some of these ideas produce blocks with pockets which children find fun. Ellen told us there is an excellent instructional video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgV64kXet7s>. It's amazing that people keep coming up with these simplified ideas.

Betty and Joe Bingham received 44 pillows, ten blankets, and ten mother pads at this meeting. Betty also reported that the book *Leaving Gee's Bend* by Irene Latham had been added to the PBQ library. Mary Nell took in 13 children's quilts, and had kits ready for members to take home to finish. Kaye Christensen reported that she had received 12 walker totes and six catheter bag covers. Betty Reid showed the us how to make a convenient portable pressing surface from empty cardboard bolts, batting and a pillow case. The newly formed Benevolent Group displayed quilts that they have finished from donated fabric and blocks.

The program for the March 9 meeting will be "Finishing the Edges" with Ellen Cox, Elvia Edwards, Susie Jackson and Dianne McLendon. We will also be revealing the results of the Shapely Challenge. The March 29 workshop will be the Homestead block by Laundry Basket Quilts. Joan Alliston of Brandon will be the teacher.



Four quick quilts created using ten inch and five inch precut pieces (EllenCox's Snippet)



Betty Reid's portable pressing surface



Joyce Bohan with ironing pad/iron caddies



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MARCH REMINDERS

March Birthdays:

Margarette Speights
Jerlene Cornwall
Vivian Kittrell
Carol McCutcheon-Appiah
Patti Pitts

Elsie Harris
Mary Nell Magee
Mary Nell Cranford
Mildred Jenkins
Marietta Johnson

Dianne Herrington
Barbara Peters
Mary Daw
Joyce O'Keefe

People with birthdays in March please remember to bring a small gift (quilt related) to be used as a door prize. It should be wrapped or bagged.

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The color for the March's fat quarter lottery is greens.

The next Children's Quilts meeting is April 1.