

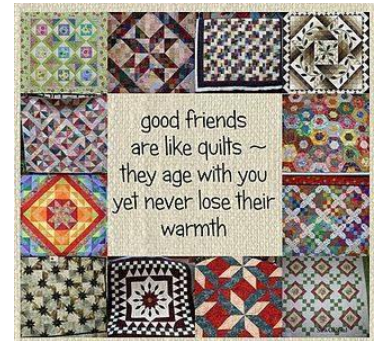


# Heber Valley Quilt Guild

## *Monthly newsletter*

Hello Ladies,

Can you believe it, fall is here. I am loving all the colors on our mountains. I love the cooler weather, but not ready for it to get to cold yet. We had a great meeting last month with Megan Legas. I know I learned a lot about repairing and restoring quilts. I hope everyone else did and had an enjoyable time. We need to give a BIG



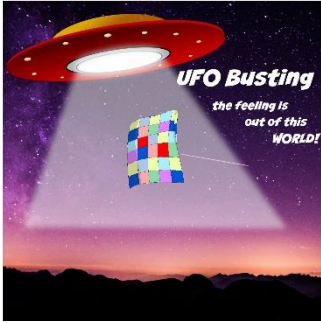
*Thank you* to Barb Murdock for letting us have guild in her beautiful backyard again. This month we are planning to have our guild meeting back at the Bank of Utah room. If this changes I will let you know. We will have to make sure we are wearing our masks and being safe. If we do that then they said we can use the space again.



This month we are doing a swap meet. I will have tables set up for us to use. Bring anything you would like to exchange/trade with each other. This is a great way to change up some of our old projects, notions, fabric, and get new. You might be tired of it but someone else would love it.

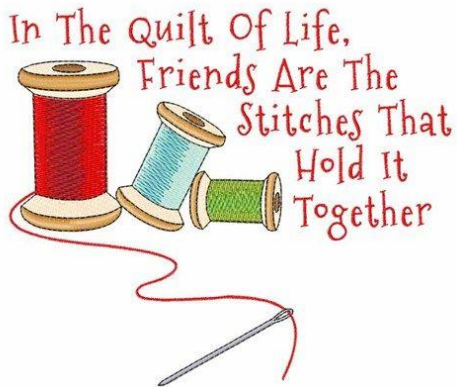
This month our design challenges are due. I can not wait to see what everyone has come up with. Give your quilts/projects to Michele when you get to guild. She will hang them so we can vote. Remember to keep them a secret until we get to vote and then see whose quilts are who's.

# DESIGN CHALLENGE



Our new UFO number we are working on is **#5**. This project will be due at the **November** meeting. Then our last number #6 will be due in December. If you can't remember what you are supposed to be working on let me know and I can show you your list. It felt good to get some of my projects done. I have to remember to not replace them with others. Hahaha

Alison Rogers is our president for next year. She is going to be putting together her board members for next year and we will vote on them at this meeting. Start thinking about what you would like to do to help. Please think of a way to help. With everyone helping it makes things easier for our president. I know I could not have done this year with out my board. It takes all of us to make the guild work.



I hope you all got a chance to see the virtual quilt show that the Utah quilt guild did. Barb Murdock had a very cute 4 diamonds quilt in the cards show. A few of our guild members taught zoom classes. It was fun to get to see everything that was being done to keep quilting going and the beautiful quilts.

\*Guild is **October 1st @ 6pm** at the Bank of Utah building. I hope to see you there.

Happy Quilting,

Tamara

From our future President:

Hi everyone! As this year is starting to wind down, I am starting to prepare for next year's quilt guild. Start thinking about how you would like to participate next year, and we will make assignments at our October meeting. I'm looking forward to next year, and I hope you are too!

—Ali



## **1. THE QUILT TOP IS DONE, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO QUILT IT.**

Decide whether you want to quilt the project by hand or by machine. Both are great options that will yield a beautiful finished quilt.

Hand quilting can be done quickly and easily using big stitch, all-over quilting with thicker threads.

Machine quilting can be very simple or very intricate.

## **2. I HAVE MADE ABOUT HALF OF THE BLOCKS FOR MY PROJECT AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY MORE.**

Not to worry! You can “save” the project just by trying one of these ideas:

- Make a table topper or a bed runner instead of a large quilt – adding some sashing and a border to a small set of blocks is quick and easy and turns an almost-done project to a finished work in no-time, so you can move on to something you want to do.
- If you have a few blocks finished, add multiple borders to what you have made so far to increase the size of the project and skip finishing the rest of the blocks
- Add spacers to the blocks you have made to complete a quilt.

## **3. I RAN OUT OF FABRIC/THE FABRIC I NEED ISN'T IN STORES ANYMORE!**

This one is a bit harder, but you can still finish that quilt! The easiest thing to do is find a fabric that coordinates without matching exactly. Head over to your local quilt shop and ask for help. The folks working at independent quilt shops are extremely knowledgeable and can help you select a fabric that will look great in your project. If you need to match the fabric exactly, you need to be prepared to work a bit. Here are some things to try:

- Visit or call your local quilt shops to see if they happen to have any left in stock. Depending on how old the fabric is, and how popular it was, they might still have some.
- Search for it online. You can go to sites like [Fabric.com](http://Fabric.com) or [FatQuarterShop.com](http://FatQuarterShop.com) and search by designer or fabric line.
- Ask your friends and guild members to search their stashes. Bring a picture to your next guild meeting and ask around.

- Check the online message boards and quilting forums. A lot of message boards have online fabric exchanges, but if you're looking for something specific you might want to try taking a picture of the fabric and asking others on the message board to help you find it or hunt in their stashes for it – with a note if you'd be willing to pay or trade for the fabric. Check the forum's rules to make sure it's okay to put up a post like that, and make sure you're safe about who you give your information to.

#### **4. I BIT OFF MORE THAN I CAN SEW AND I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FINISH THE PROJECT.**

If you are bumping up against a deadline for a larger project, then it is time to call in reinforcements! Perhaps you have a few friends who can help you finish this project by helping you cut fabric, or sew blocks and borders. Maybe you can have an old-fashioned quilting bee and get that quilt completed.

#### **5. I AM SO DISORGANIZED. I HAVE SO MANY PROJECTS GOING AT ONCE THAT EVERYTHING IS ALL JUMBLED TOGETHER!**

This is a (frequent) problem for me. I get so excited to start a new project that I don't complete the previous quilt...or even put it away neatly to finish later! But all things considered, this is an easy problem to solve. Begin by doing some old-fashioned cleaning and tidying:

- Organize your fabric stash.
- Clean up your sewing area. Put away all tools, notions, books and other paraphernalia. Toss fabric scraps and threads. Sweep or vacuum the floor. While you're at it, change your cutting blade and clean and oil your sewing machine.
- Sort out the works in progress. Put all the items needed for a project together – the fabric, the instructions, special threads or notions, etc



Well, that was an interesting Quilt Fest/RemoteFest 2020. I did watch some of the classes and it was fun to view them. The Silver Thimble award went to Marlene Rapp, who lives in Brigham City. I did participate in that event and it was fun to be there with her. The theme for next year's Quilt Fest is "Discover the Artist Within" and the dates are September 14-18, 2021. Barb

