



Redbud Quilt Guild Newsletter

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Our President has run out of gas this week, with work and Christmas prep, so you're stuck with me.

Here's a little run down of past and future guild doings. The Christmas luncheon was well attended, 29 members and 6 visitors. I talked my husband into coming so I didn't have to cook. Tracey Harpster's other half, John, directed our gift exchange. Their original script of a local shop hop kept us in stitches. All right! All Right! All right!

Twelve members showed their results of the Snip, Tear and Pass program from October. Cathy Wilson used

every scrap creating two fully dressed stuffed rabbits and a tote bag to carry them in.

The fall retreat was attended by 14 quilters over two days. Yvonne Wilson reported there was lots of room for more overnighters. Put that on your agenda for May.

Coming in 2024, Fabric Frenzy in January or February, depending on the weather. Charli is trying to schedule a special program with a kite maker. These are not the little kites from the department store. Think beach size. Don't forget to take a look at the 2024 challenge. I think it gives us all a chance to do our own thing. Quilt Show plans are under way.

The picnic will be at the fairgrounds this July. The parking is better and NO TRAIN. Looking forward to that.

For President Tracy and the rest of the officers,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Finished "Rip It" projects

Front Row: Yvonne Wilson, Mary Saulen, Dana Hana, Cathy Wilson

Back Row: Sally Shaw, Cindy Speck, Charli Thompson, Irene Wilkinson, Linda Grove, Janet Dunlap, Marsha Hartman, Carol Williams

COMMON BOND

There are times in everyone's life when we need support, we need to be part of something bigger, to feel those threads between us pulling us together.

One can be part of a circle of women, sharing the same dreams holding hands through time.

If you look hard enough, if you untangle the threadwork, peeling away the layers of stitching, you will find the fragments of lives, of hopes, and of love woven throughout.

Being part of a group with a common bond tells us that our friends provide more than just company.

They form an invisible net that is so strong and wide that it can catch any of us if we fall.

Author unknown. This was given to me by Chris Carrere to share. We wish her well on the next chapter of her life in sunny California.

POEM

A Christmas Quilter

By Pat Everson

T'was a few weeks before
Christmas and in my head was a
plan.

To make all my Christmas gifts by
my own hand.

Away to my scrap box in a flash I
did fly.

With patterns in my head and a
twinkle in my eye.

I cut and I sewed as merry as an
elf.

Making things for others and not
for myself.

A quilted vest for a teen-aged
niece.

Quilts for the grandparents with
love sewn in each piece.

Quilted covers for aunts' tabletops,

Away I go with hardly a stop.

On scissors, on needles, on
thimble, and thread,

Oh, hurry I must, for Christmas
day is ahead.

A quilted diaper bag for the baby
so new.

I may even quilt Santa a coat
before I'm through.

Quilted bedspreads for Mother
and Sis.

I still have a few left on my list.

Cushions with quilted tops and
potholders done.

It's now Christmas Eve and I have
a gift for each one.

So, I sprang to my Volkswagon
and made quite a clatter.

The neighbors ran to the windows
to see what was the matter.

From one house to the other, I
leaped like a deer.

Leaving my presents and
hopefully cheer.

With best wishes to each for a
Christmas so bright.

A tired, happy quilter drove away
in the night.

Submit newsletter inputs to
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CHALLENGE

This is me,

2024 Redbud Quilt Challenge Ideas

- What is your favorite color for a quilt?
- Favorite color combination in a quilt?
- What is your favorite technique? Piecing? Applique? Combine the two?
- Do you like reproduction quilts? Art quilts? Batik or cotton?
- Do you use a pattern or create your own design?
- Start with a pattern and change it up to use your creativity?
- Are most of your quilts full size, wall quilts or doll quilts?
- Do you like creating a quilt with a straight set?
- Do you like creating a quilt with blocks set on point?
- Is there a block you would like to try or perfect?

-A technique you would like to try or perfect?

- Have you ever created a story quilt? An "I Spy" quilt?

-What is your favorite vacation destination, actual or on your Bucket list?

-What is your favorite holiday?

Challenge Rules: There really isn't any. Quilt or quilted project may be any size.

Ideas: Wall hanging, table runner placemat or single block.

Your Challenge Quilt is due at the April 2024 meeting.

Direct challenge questions to Charli Thompson.

CRYPTOGRAM

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BZMFXU YKLBWOKT LM

PM KTT LUB JFOTLOZX

LUKL YA UBKWL SKZLN

Hint O = I

ARTICLE

Just How Big Do I Make That Quilt?

Has anyone else had that dilemma? I found an article in a magazine at retreat that inspired me to ask the question. I personally tend to start with a quilt pattern and then tweak it to suit the design and or purpose I have in mind. My quilts tend to not fit the bed I want to use them on. Maybe if I started with a better plan, I would have better results. So, I pulled out some book and magazine articles trying to consolidate the information.

To start, know the bed or person you are making the quilt for. That can be tricky. How tall is the recipient? You wouldn't want to give a 6-foot football player a gymnast size throw. In one book I found measurements for throws from 50 x 64 to 60 x72 inches, depending on the block setting. King size beds may be standard sizes, but the mattress can vary between manufacturers. These days there are a myriad mattress thickness choice, as well. King size quilts were from 104 x 90 up to 120 inches square.

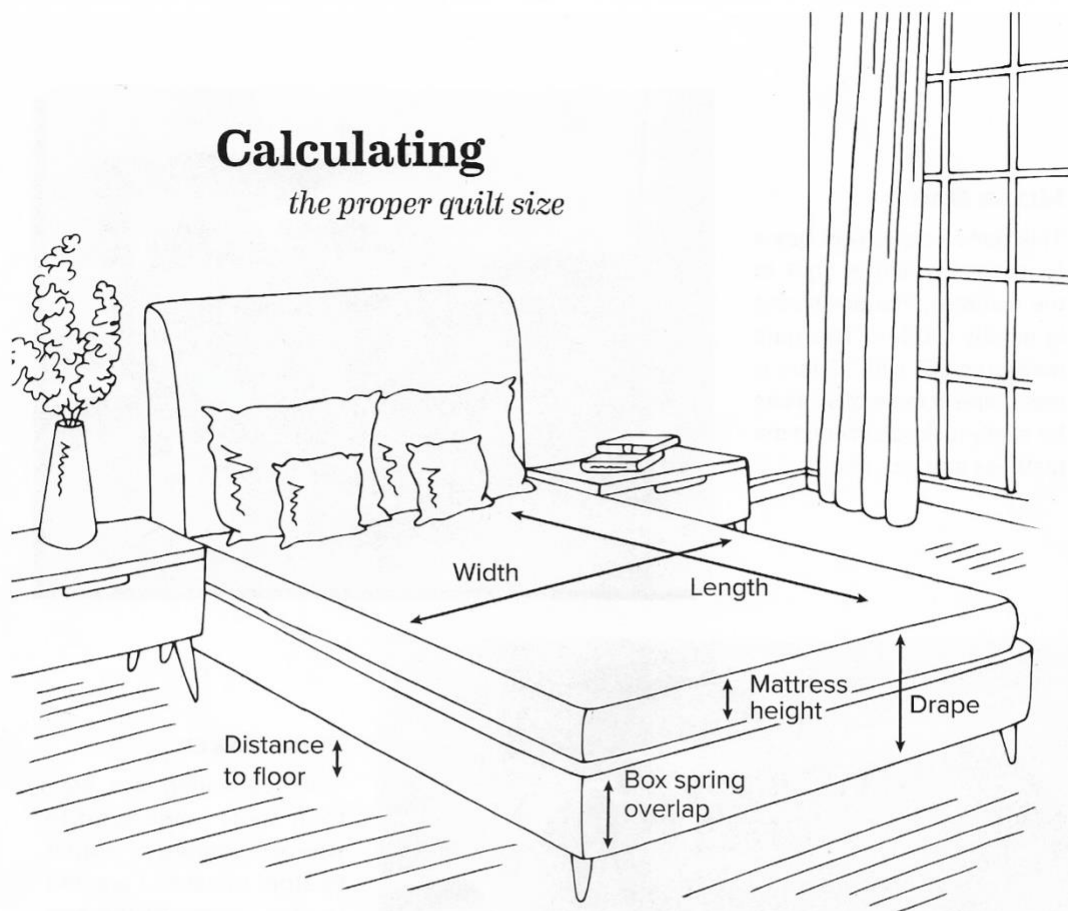
Now what? Begin taking measurements of the mattress top, the mattress height, the box spring, and the distance between the box spring and the floor. What are your preferences? If you like to tuck your pillows at the top, that adds 10-12 inches to the length. Do you want to hide the mattress and box spring? Do you want the drape of the quilt to hide the bed rail as well? Remember you can adjust almost any quilt's design with border width to accommodate the bed. Center your design so it is equal distance from both sides and between the foot and bottom line of the pillows. From there, determine how much fabric is needed to achieve the final size. Don't forget that quilts shrink about 5% during quilting.

If you're making a quilt by request, have the recipient give you the dimensions you need. If you are making the quilt as a surprise, you will need to sneak into their bedroom. If you are in Pennsylvania and the bed is in Maine, you will need to find an assistant elf to conspire with you.

I think I'll just keep making quilts until I get one that fits. I plan on using the Quilt Sizing Calculator worksheet for the next one.

Calculating

the proper quilt size



Quilt Sizing Calculator	Width	Length
Mattress size	_____	_____
Pillow tuck (length only)	_____	_____
Drape:		
Mattress height (x2 for width)	_____	_____
Box spring overlap (x2 for width)	_____	_____
Distance to floor	_____	_____
Quilt Finished Size	_____	X _____
Add:		
5% for quilting and batting loft	_____	_____
Final trim	_____	_____
Quilt Top Size	_____	X _____

Christmas Time

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L J J B T H F D Q A K G A E V L Y
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merry
mistletoe
nativity

noel
northpole
poinsettia
ribbon
rudolph
star
yuletide

Redbud Quilt Guild 2024 Calendar

MEETING TIME 6PM-8PM

HUNTINGDON ARTS SPACE (SANCTUARY)

12TH and Mifflin Street

Remember Guild is NO LONGER meeting at the Huntingdon Technology Center.

- Jan 8 Guild Meeting Program: Fabric Frenzy
Totes of fabric have been gifted to the guild, bring your own no longer loved pieces (if you have any), fabric is free for the choosing, bring your own bag
- Jan 13 Sit N Sew
- Feb 12 Guild Meeting (No Meeting if Jan meeting is held)
Fabric Frenzy will be held if January meeting is cancelled.
- Feb 17 Sit N Sew
- Mar 11 Guild Meeting Program: Quilt Sandwiches, No Mayo Required
- Mar 23 Sit N Sew National Quilting Day
- Apr 8 Guild Meeting Program: Challenge reveals and Quilt Show final plans
- Apr 13 Sit N Sew

Redbud Quilt Guild 2024 Calendar

- Apr 24 Quilt Show Set up
- Apr 25 Quilt Show Registration and Judging
- Apr 26 Quilt Show
- Apr 27 Quilt Show Dismantle
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- May 13 Guild Meeting Program: to be determined.
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- May 9-11 Spring Retreat
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- Jun 10 Guild Meeting Program: Circles of Nine presented by Cathy Wilson
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- Jun 15 Sit N Sew
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- Jul 8 Picnic NEW Location---Fair Grounds
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- Jul 13 Sit N Sew
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- Aug 17 Sit N Sew
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Sit N Sew 9am-4pm Bring yourself, a project or two, your lunch, a snack to share if you like and a donation for the space we're using that day. Sit N Sews are not paid for from the Guild's accounts.

These gatherings are a wonderful way to get to know and learn from each other in a casual atmosphere.

RECIPE

BREADS

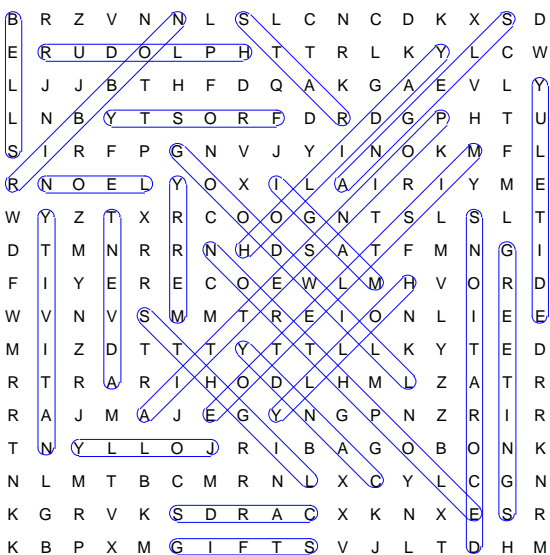
MOLASSES APPLE BREAD

2¼ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg
⅛ teaspoon cloves
⅓ cup shortening
⅔ cup brown sugar

2 eggs
½ cup dark molasses
⅔ cup milk
2 cups diced apples (2 large apples)
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Sift together flour, baking soda, salt, and spices. Set aside. Cream together shortening and sugar, add eggs, one at a time, beating well. Add molasses, mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with milk. Fold in apples and nuts. Pour into greased and floured 9x5-inch pan and bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. Cool on rack for ten minutes and remove from pan. Cool thoroughly on rack. Wrap in foil and store overnight before slicing.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Knezevich (Godfrey)



Cryptogram:

I can never have enough material to do all the quilting that my heart wants

Redbud Quilt Guild

Promotes the art of quilt making through education, service, and fellowship.

Guild Members enjoy:

- workshops
- quest speakers
- charity projects
- quilting retreats
- bus trips
- annual Quilt Show

6-8 PM 2nd Monday of the Month
 Huntingdon Arts Space (Sanctuary)
 Huntingdon, PA
 All are welcome
 Annual Dues \$15.00

Are you interested in quilting?
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