



CATHY'S CORNER

Hello All!

I am back and glad to be home. For those of you who do not have an idea what I am talking about, I will elaborate. I went to Florida for a week to visit our friend, Linda Biko. It was a wonderful week, but way to short. Her house is on a beautiful lake, you have heard the expression million dollar view, well that was what it was. We traveled by boat through canals to go to different lakes. One place was where they filmed the movie African Queen. It was absolutely awesome! But best of all, we went on a Shop Hop to 8 different Quilt Shops, and each shop gave us a different block, did I say gave? Yes, they gave us a complete block fabric and pattern. Their theme was White and Bright for the summer, I am going to call my quilt My Florida Vacation. I cannot tell you how much fun these shops were, a couple were out in the country with cows, etc. One place had Blue Herring, what an interesting bird. I could go on forever, our last shop had a sale and was it a sale! We could buy anything on sale or not, and get 25% off, but if you paid cash you got an extra 10%, so everything I purchased was 35% off. Anyone jealous yet?

I wish I had better news for when we can meet again, it does not look like it will be any-time soon. The restriction for having a meeting is just too much for our group to take on at this time. I am taking it one month at a time, as you know the months are running out. I will keep you in the loop, and as soon as I hear anything I will contact you.

I hope you all are taking care of yourselves, this pandemic is not something to take for granted. I talked to Betty Reid and she told me she is selling so many sewing machines. What else can we do? Go buy groceries, cook, eat, and sew. I know that we will all be together one of these days and what a show and tell that will be.

Have any of you thought about having a sew-in at your home? I am going to start in August, I have so many new things to share with a group of gals. I hope some more of you can do the same.

Wish I had more to share there is just not that much going on. I will talk to you next month take care and think about having some friends over for a day of sewing and fun.

Household tip: Are you making a lot of cookies for some reason? You find your brown sugar hard as a rock, do not throw it away, drop a piece of apple in the bag and close it you will have soft brown sugar the next day.

Love and thinking of you all, Cathy

Cathy Miller, President
Las Vegas Quilters Guild

Oh, No! Covid-19 has infected our Newsletter, Can you locate the offender? Email me if you find it.

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Charity Programs by Chair, Ruthie Kerr

There are many Charity Programs to become involved with or donate towards. Please bring donations to Membership Meetings. Here the active charity programs, but feel free to suggest others:

- ♦ **Project 150 Homeless Teens:** Donate backpacks, toiletries, school supplies, nonperishable foods (i.e., fruit rollups, pop top cans of fruit, pudding cups, instant oatmeal, granola bars, etc.).
- ♦ **Pillowcases** for Children at local hospitals, Child Haven, etc. A pattern is on our website
- ♦ **Hats & Receiving Blankets** for preemies in neonatal units.
- ♦ **Scraps for Pet Beds**, for our local 'no kill' shelters
- ♦ **Quilts** for Child Haven, Fisher House, VA Hospital, NLV Police Child Crisis,
- ♦ **Quilts of Valor** for NV Service men & women: Make or donate quilt tops, a finished block, or fabric (red, white, blue, cream, gold, or patriotic
- ♦ **Quilts for Vegas Strong Resiliency Center** (1 October Survivors).

New Members

There were no New Members in July.

- ♦ **Even though we're not having Meetings**, you can reach out to each other via a phone call to check up on your quilting sisters using facetime or hangout or just emails. Remember you can request a copy of the membership roster by emailing Pam. Please abide by our bylaws and only use the roster for Guild business. Keeping in touch helps with feeling not so isolated. Don't sit at home feeling depressed, you're only a phone call away!
- ♦ **New Members & Guests:** We encourage you to please reach out to our Guild members, don't be bashful, ask questions, and enjoy what we have to offer.
- ♦ **Guild Members:** A friendly reminder please, if you see a new face, or someone struggling, please smile, offer assistance, ask them to join your table, etc.

ATTENTION - - - NEEDED - - - ATTENTION

The Las Vegas Quilters Guild needs people for 5 Committees, contact Cindy at hellerck@cox.net if you're interested. Mentorship available for each position.

Membership

Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Programs

Newsletter (must have Publisher on your computer)

Annual Christmas Party

LVQ Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Our "Sunrise Scraps" Opportunity Quilt was made by members of our Guild, featuring over 4000 pieces, an appliqued center medallion, and quilted by Linda Natale. It has earned the following accolades:

- 1st Place, Shadow Mountain Quilters, Group Division
- Best Piecing, Shadow Mountain Quilters
- 2nd Place, Desert Quilters Nevada, Group Division

The Opportunity Quilt is one of our **major fundraisers** to help cover Guild operating expenses. Please participate by buying raffle tickets at meetings and events to win this beauty! It will be raffled off during the December 2020 meeting. For questions, contact Cindy Heller at hellerck@cox.net.



Quick Tips by Phyllis Suiter



Pins--

How many different kinds do you have?

Pins are a vital tool for Quilting and Sewing. Even if you don't own a sewing machine and only do hand quilting, you need pins. Do you know the different types of pins and what they ideally are used for?

Let's look at the 4 characteristics of Pins: Head style, Length, Thickness and Point Style

Head Style

There are three basic styles of pin heads, Each has a different purpose. Your choice depends upon the need for visibility and ironing.



Flat/No head: *This type of pin works well when you need to iron a project with pins in place also for hand stitching because there is no head to catch on the thread. They now have pins that are two pronged for piecing.*



Glass Head: *This pin like flat head pins are good for projects which need to be ironed but with better visibility and better grasping of the pin.*

Plastic head: *Plastic head pins come in all sort of shapes, colors, butterfly, flowers, buttons, pearl tops, hearts, moon shapes and balls of all sizes. They are easy to spot, fun to use and easy to hold onto. However, some are poorer quality than others and tend to bend easily or have dull points.*



Length

The length of the pin to use depends upon the thickness and or layers of fabric you need to pin. The more layers you have to pin the longer the pin needs to be. Holding fabric to a stabilizer in the embroidery hoop a longer, flat head plastic pin works best.

Short and Stubby: *a 3/4 inch pion is best for delicate, sheer fabric/projects.*

Dressmaker length: *These are the most common length, 1 to 1-1/2 inches for piercing through most fabrics without bending.*

Quilting Length: *These pins are usually 1-1/2 to 2 inches long to handle several thicknesses of fabric.*



Pins (continued)

Thickness

Pin thickness choice depends upon the delicacy of the fabric you are working with. The finner the fabric the finer the Pin.

- **0.4mm** for fine, delicate, sheer fabrics
- **0.5mm** called extra-fine, super-fine, silk or satin for fine, light weight fabrics.
- **0.6mm** most all purpose pins, sometimes labeled as fine and great for medium weight fabrics, like cottons.
- **0.7mm or 0.8mm** These larger diameter pins can be harder to find but work best with thicker fabrics like heavy wools, denim. Remember they make bigger holes.

Point Style

The point style depends upon the fabric you are working with, Woven vs. Knits.

Sharp: *These all purpose pins work best with most woven fabrics in all except the most delicate fabrics.*

Extra-Sharp: *These have a more defined tapered point to go through more delicate fabrics cleanly.*

Ball point: *These points are used only for knits the point is rounded and slips through the loops of the fabric without snagging the fibers.*

So, what a Good mix of pins for your Sewing/ Quilting Room?

Universal, glass head pins 1.5inches long and 0.6mm is a great choice for most projects where you need to iron your fabric. Ball point pins if you tend to use any knit fabrics. Silk pins with a glass head and sharp point for delicate fabrics and piecing. And of course I have a stash of flat head pins for securing my fabric when I float it on the embroidery hoop.

Your projects will be much easier when you use the right tools.

As a Quiltaholic, I get through the Day, One stitch at a time.

My 12 step program: Choose a pattern, Pick out Fabrics, Cut out the Pieces, Sew the pieces together, Press the seams, Continue sewing and pressing until quilt top is done, Pick out batting and backing, decide on quilting pattern, Quilt it, bind the quilt, add label, Wash and snuggle up!



Las Vegas Quilter 2020 Quilt Challenge



Theme: “1820-2020 What’s Old is New Again”

Acknowledging that we have entered a new decade, the LVQ 2020 challenge is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of incorporating a mystery traditional quilt block into your own creation with a modern spin on it. So far we’ve had 18 members sign up!

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This year’s challenge begins by you drawing a mystery traditional block.

1. The traditional block pattern you draw must be incorporated into your own modern 2020 version of a quilt. A web address will be included to show you where you can go for the free pattern. You may repeat the block to comprise the total pattern of your quilt or item.
2. You must use the year “2020” somewhere in your quilt.
3. Size: As small as a postcard, a greeting card, a special scrapbook page, a mug rug, a mini quilt but no larger than 30” x 30” (maximum perimeter: 120 inches) and anywhere in between. You may also incorporate your mystery traditional block into clothing or a bag. You can make your mystery traditional block any size you desire.
4. If you chose to make a quilt, your quilt must have three layers and must include a label on the back. Pin the mystery traditional quilt you drew to the bottom righthand corner of your creation and be sure to put a label on the back of the quilt.
5. You cannot use quilts or items that you created in the past. Your entry must be fresh for this challenge. (Again, you cannot take something you have already made and slap whatever traditional block you have made onto it.)
6. Items should be received by 6:15 p.m., on Wednesday, July 8, 2020*, so they can be included in the display. (*Due date TBD, stay tuned.*)
7. Once the voting has taken place, a show-and-tell will be conducted during our meeting before announcing the winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd places), so you can walk us through your inspiration and design process.

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Get those creative juices flowing and we can’t wait to see what you design!

Sources to find block patterns:

1. www.quilterscache.com/quiltblocksgalore
2. Moda Blockheads 3 SewAlong (search term)
3. quiltingassistant.com/log (for Free Traditional Log Cabin Block)
4. generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html



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General Membership Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd. Membership Fee is \$20 per calendar year.

Board Meetings: as determined and advertised by the President.

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*if you see me
 with a
 seam ripper
 now is not
 the time*

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Sunshine by Del Billmire

Cards of encouragement and well-wishes are sent to members that we know are going through difficulty (i.e., surgery, grief, etc.), as well as birthday greetings via email. If you know of anyone who could use encouragement, or whose birthday we missed, please contact me at billmired@gmail.com



NEWSLETTER

If you have news, tips, articles, or advertisements you'd like to share, please send them to Cindy Heller: hellerck@cox.net. The deadline for articles is the 23rd of each month.

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