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the 40th year of
quilting together!
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News

Hall County Quilt Guild

November 2018



What's Happening

Nov 5 - Shannon Armstrong Trunk show

Guest fee will be \$10

Nov 19 - Project Day

Dec 3 - Guild Holiday Party

Dec 17 - Project Day

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Jan 7 - Natalia Bonner

Guest fee will be \$10

Jan 8 - Workshop

Jan 21 - Project Day

Feb 4 - Guild Meeting

Feb 12-15, 2019 Retreat

Feb 17 - Project Day

March 4 - Candace Hassen

Mar 7-9, 2019 - Quilt & Sewing Expo

April 1 Appliqué Bee Group Trunk Show

May 6 Tammy Silvers

August 5 David Gilleland from Victor Quilts

Sept 2 Andi Barney

Oct 7 Krista Moser -The Quilted Life

Oct 8 Workshop

Nov 4 Diane Knott -Butterfly Threads

Shannon Armstrong will be speaking

Trunk show and new tool demonstration

On November 5th, Shannon Armstrong from the Gwinnett County Quilters Guild is coming with her trunk show and demonstration of her Jewel tool she designed. Shannon has been teaching how to make vintage quilt patterns in a new easier modern way. There will be a lot of interesting things to learn and see, don't miss this great speaker.

December 3rd is our Holiday Party.....register and buy your ticket to attend at the November meeting and sign up to decorate a table.

The Presidents and board have decided that they would like to treat you to a delicious lunch for the Holiday party. The menu will include lasagna, salads, breads, and desserts. Guild members will not be asked to bring food, the \$5 ticket price will help cover the expenses in preparing this meal. An RSVP and ticket purchase is required to attend.



On January 7th Natalia Bonner will a give trunk show and teach a class Jan 8th, a sign up sheet will be at the November meeting. Payment for the class due by the December meeting. Natalia has been quilting for over 20 years and designs patterns. Look her up on Instagram or read her blogs to see what she does. There's lots of YouTube videos of her as well.



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Happy Birthday



11/12	Margaret Johnson
11/16	Mary Payne
11/19	Ginny Hendrix
11/19	Nancy Lawrence
11/20	Judith Campbell
11/23	Sally Zook

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Hall County Quilt Guild challenge

1. Start after Picnic
2. Must be a paid member to participate
3. Due at Christmas luncheon
4. Voting will take place and prizes will be awarded
5. Categories to be determined - and we will let you know
6. The finished size to be 36" - 45" square
7. Must have 3 elements
 - a. 40 years of quilting
 - b. hit song or movie from 1978
 - c. State bird or flower
 - d. Churn dash
 - e. What we did
 - f. etc...
8. Must have label on back stating the three elements you used. Not your name for judging.
9. Must have three layers and be quilted.



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We all enjoy the refreshments as we visit with each other at guild meetings. Please remember this is only possible because members volunteer to make/buy and bring food. Please consider signing up for refreshments.

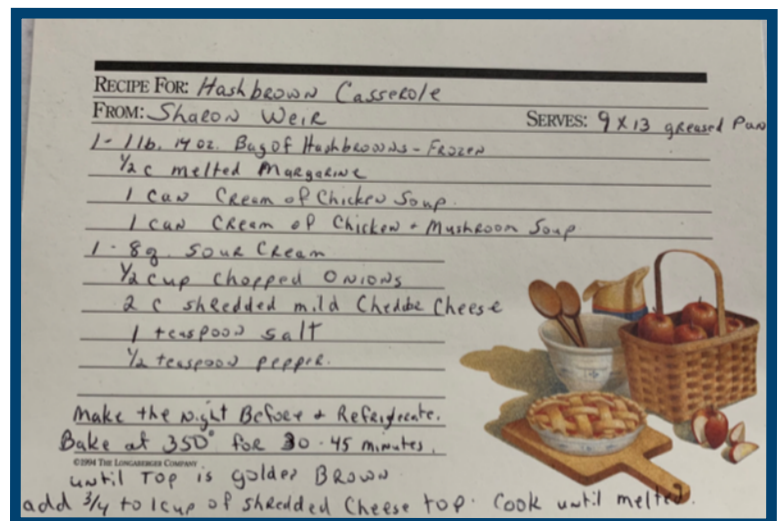
We look forward to trying your favorite recipe.

**Thank you to those who
will be bringing
refreshments for our
November meeting**



Margaret Johnson

Sandy Butler
Carol Johnson
Lynn Timler
Kat Wells
Ellen Kolin
Jerry Patterson



2019 Friendship Retreat

The final payment for the retreat is due at the November meeting. I have heard rave reviews of our new sewing venue, I can hardly wait for February! After this month, news for the retreat will be sent to the attendees, not much will happen until after Christmas, but your retreat fairies are busy at work.

Chris Anderson and Donna Proctor



Doggie and Kitty Beds

Last month I took a trunkful of beds to the Humane Society. They are very grateful and appreciate our support. For us it is such a small act of community service, but each little thing we do helps our community to be a better place. A special thank you to the Eagle Ranch committee for the donation of a bolt of fabric, I made 50 covers out of it, wow does that kill a blade in my rotary cutter! I'll be making another trip to the center after the November meeting. Again thanks for all the soft squishy beds.

Chris Anderson



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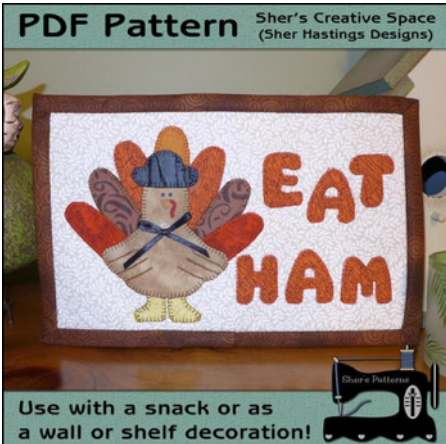
All of these fall quilt designs can be purchased on Craftsy

FALLEN LEAVES

SIZES . TABLE RUNNER . 18.5" X 43" .
SCRAP FRIENDLY . CHARMS



QUILT PATTERN BY FRIVOLOUS NECESSITY



Autumn / Thanksgiving : Leaf Peepers Quilt
Sold by whole circle studio

Accurate Pressing Can Instantly Improve Your Quilting Skills

Your quilt making skills will improve immediately when you learn the how to press quilt blocks. Pressing seam allowances as you work helps eliminate little bits of fabric that become "lost" within seam allowances, creating distortions and making your finished quilt blocks smaller than they should be.

Careful pressing saves time because your quilt blocks will fit together exactly as they should when it's time to assemble the quilt.

Let's Look at an Example

Let's say your quilt block contains a row of pieced units, with a total of ten seam allowances in the row. What if a pencil line width of fabric is caught up in each seam allowance simply because you didn't press? It doesn't sound like much, but multiply that line by 10, and it becomes the difference between stitching an accurate quilt block or a block that won't match up to its neighbors.

You might argue that if all seams are smaller by the same amount, what difference does it make? Maybe none if your constructing very simple blocks and sewing identical blocks side by side, but the shortage will cause problems in quilts where different types of blocks are sewn together because each block will be off by a different amount.

You've perfected your quarter-inch seam allowance, so don't allow inadequate pressing to destroy your work. Get into the habit of pressing each unit as soon as it's assembled and you'll see an immediate improvement in your quilt making skills.

Pressing to set seams before pressing them to the side is one more excellent way to improve accuracy. The method is always good to consider but is especially helpful when you use strip piecing techniques.

Quilters... Press, Don't Iron!

How to press a quilt

1. Let the Heat and Weight of the Iron Do the Work
2. Allow the heat and weight of the iron to do the pressing.
3. Avoid moving the iron back and forth vigorously across the surface of your quilt blocks, because the movement will probably stretch them out of shape.

You can use more movement when pressing large pieces of fabric, and sometimes it's necessary to work into a seam allowance with the tip or side of the iron but take care not to pull and tug with too much enthusiasm.

Steam or No Steam When Pressing Quilts?

Quilters disagree on whether or not to steam press. We rarely use steam to press my quilt blocks because we feel it contributes to stretch, but sometimes steam is helpful.

Steam Pros

1. Careful steam pressing can help you square-up a skewed block.
2. Steam pressing produces crisply pressed seam allowances and fabrics.

Steam Cons

1. If you tug at a block that's been dampened with steam, it is more likely to stretch.
2. Steam could cause some fabrics to bleed, leaving stains (but hopefully you've already done a bleed test on all of your fabrics).

I keep a spritzer bottle filled with water on the ironing board. If you need a little moisture, spray mist a specific area to avoid sending loads of hot steam throughout my quilt blocks.

Try pressing your quilt components and blocks with and without steam to find out which method works best for different situations.



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Pressing Quilt Blocks, Step by Step

1. Turn your iron to the "cotton" setting if pressing cotton patches.
2. Place the patchwork on your ironing board, unopened, just as it was sewn. The fabric that the seam allowance will be pressed towards should be facing up. Most quilting patterns tell you which way to press seam allowances.
3. Set the iron down on top of the unopened unit to set the seam.
4. Let the unit cool a bit then flip the top fabric back gently, using your fingers to fold it away from the bottom fabric along the seam line.
5. Place the edge of the iron on the lower strip and very gently work it towards and over the seam allowance. Excess pushing and tugging can stretch the fabric, so take care. Allow the heat and weight of the iron to press the seam flat. Raise and lower the iron along the entire length of the seam to finish pressing.
6. Turn the unit over and press from the back to complete the job.
7. Remove excess strings as you work



Inspect the unit from the front. Notice that seam allowances on the back make the front of the unit pooch out a bit, creating lofts that butt into each other for a snug fit when it's time to sew units together.

Sew Quilt Block Components Into Rows

1. Sew units together to create rows, then press seams in each row as directed in your pattern.
2. Sew rows together and press the completed quilt block.

If your quilt pattern doesn't specify which direction to press, try to press seams that adjoin each other in opposite directions.

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/accurately-press-quilt-blocks-and-quilts-2821458>

Severe weather plan

In case of wintery weather please check for school closings.

We will cancel our meetings or project day if Hall County schools cancels school. We do this for two reasons; first if the roads are too icy for the buses to drive safe, its too icy for our members to drive, also the church also closes when the school district closes, so we won't have access to the building.



You can listen to WSB TV for school closings, or go to Hallco.com. We will also make every effort to post on HCQG.com and our Facebook page if we cancel meetings.



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Thanksgiving Quotes & Poems



Inspirational Quotes

"If you count all your assets, you always show a profit." Robert Quillen

"We can always find something to be thankful for, and there may be reasons why we ought to be thankful for even those dispensations which appear dark and frowning." Albert Barnes

"Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast." William Shakespeare

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls." Aesop

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all the other virtues." Cicero

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice." Meister Eckhart

Funny Quotes

"Birds of a feather, Thanksgiving together!"

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year -- and then discover once a year is way too often." Johnny Carson

"Thanksgiving is so called because we are all so thankful that it only comes once a year."
P. J. O'Rourke

"Thanksgiving is America's national chow-down feast, the one occasion each year when gluttony becomes a patriotic duty." Michael Dresser

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day." Irv Kupcinet

Thanksgiving Poems for Kids

Five Fat Turkeys

Five fat turkeys are we. We spent all night in a tree.
When the cook came around, We were nowhere to be found
And that's why we're here you see!

Five Little Turkeys

Five little turkeys standing by door, One waddled off,
and then there were four. Four little turkeys under a tree,
One waddled off, and then there were three. Three little turkeys with nothing to do,
One waddled off, and then there were two. Two little turkeys in the noonday sun,
One waddled off, and then there was one. One little turkey better run away,
For soon will come Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Turkey

I heard Mr. Turkey say, Gobble, gobble, gobble,
gobble, gobble, Soon t'will be Thanksgiving day,
Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, People say
that it's much fun, But I think I'll run and run
And hide until the day is done, Gobble, gobble, gobble,
gobble, gobble.

Turkey Trouble

(To the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb") We cooked turkey, nice and hot,
Nice and hot, nice and hot. We cooked turkey nice and hot
On Thanksgiving Day. We eat turkey a whole lot,
A whole lot, a whole lot. We eat turkey a whole lot. It will not go away!
Sandwiches and soup are fine. By the way, would you like mine?
Potpie lasts a long, long time, It's turkey every day!

Thanksgiving Poems for Adults

He who thanks but with the lips Thanks but in part;
The full, the true Thanksgiving Comes from the heart. --J. A. Shedd

Ah! on Thanksgiving day ... When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before. What moistens the lips and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin pie? --John Greenleaf Whittier

Lord, 'tis Thy plenty-dropping hand That soils my land,
And giv'st me for my bushel sown Twice ten for one. All this, and better, Thou dost send Me, to this end,
That I should render, for my part, A thankful heart. --Robert Herrick

Thou hast given so much to me, Give one thing more, a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me, As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise. --George Herbert



Door Prize Raffle

We have a
Desk model Ott Light,
Fiskars 4 piece rotating mat and cutter,
2 Christmas Ornament kits in coffee Go Cups
for our door prize this month.



**2018 HCQG
Executive Board**

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Roxan Brown
Jenny Thomas

Vice President

Peggy Johnson
Paula Johnson

Secretary

Julie Monroe

Treasurer

Sally Zook

HCQG meetings are on the **FIRST** Monday of each month
unless that day is a holiday (then the meeting is the second Monday of the month)
Social Hour is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00

Project Day is held **THIRD** Monday of each month at the church at 10:00 a.m.

bring anything you are working on as well as a dish to share (or just bring your own lunch if that works better for you).



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Are you new to the Hall County Quilters Guild?

Check out our website at HCQG.org for valuable information like how to make a name badge, our policies and procedures, how to make a quilt for Eagle Ranch and even photos of quilts that our members have made.