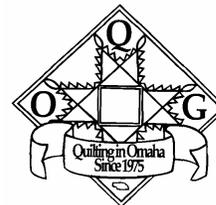




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**OQG
Board Meeting
October 5, 2010
7 pm
Lutheran Church
of the Master**

October Program

October is a busy month for programs. Many quilters take the time to machine quilt their own projects, but when making a queen or king size quilt, the massive fabric size makes this difficult if you are using a sewing machine. Guild members often share their thoughts on when to go to a long-arm quilter and how to prepare your heirloom for this process. We've gathered a panel of professional long-arm quilters who will give

you tips on what to look for in a long-arm service, how to prepare your quilt top and other items you should discuss with your quilter before turning over your project. "You Can Quilt That Out" and learn everything you need to know at the October meeting.

The annual bus trip "Squirrely Girls Bus Trip", is on October 9th. Jan Fry is your tour director this year. And the annual guild retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling

is October 22-24. Dee Acklie and Leann Killion are this year's camp directors and would be happy to answer any of your questions. If you haven't joined the guild on one of our annual trips or retreats, consider doing this. Information on both of these events can be found on the OQG website. Looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Vicki Hoskovec and Carol McCann

President's Notes

We have passed the fall equinox so the nights are now longer than the days.

That means it is officially 'Quilting Season', that time of year it feels good to have the weight of a quilt in your lap as you stitch. My fall is packed with seminars, retreats and quilt shows.

I hope you are looking forward to learning the language of the longarm quilter. Do you know what a pantograph is? What does edge to edge (E2E) with custom border mean? What do you mean by turn my quilt and why does it cost more?

You and your quilter will be speaking the same

language by the end of the October meeting, thanks to member quilters Jackie, Aimee and Sandy. Have your questions ready for them.

See you all at the meeting!

LaVonne Dunetts,
President



Membership

We had 194 members and 4 guests at the September meeting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 12 at 7:00.

Please stop by the membership table and pick up your label and drawing ticket.

If you would like to donate to the drawing please bring your items to the member-

ship table. See you in October.

Pat Stava
Membership Chairman



Community Connections

Komen Quilt Signature Blocks, Come Home!

Several years ago, signature blocks were gathered to benefit Komen Nebraska.

Members and Small Groups were invited to complete a

quilt top for Komen Nebraska.

Sadly, they have not all grown up to be real quilts, yet.

Quilt Block amnesty is being declared for their safe

return to Community Connections.

If any member discovers some of these blocks in their sewing room, no questions asked!

If any member would like to

help these blocks become an Opportunity Quilt for Komen Nebraska, please visit Mary Cave at the October meeting.

Mary Cave
Community Connections

Squirrely Bus Trip

It seems hard to believe that the bus trip will have come and gone by the time we get to the October meeting.

We anticipate having a riotous good time and will no doubt want to show you all

lots of pictures which only make you wish that you could have gone too. There's always next year, duckie! Mark your calendars for Saturday October 1, 2011.

Remember that the bus will arrive at the College of St.

Mary's parking lot around 6:00 am. Enter the campus from Mercy Road. I'll try to get the bus driver to park closer to the lot we're supposed to park in but those big old buses kind of do what they want to do. The

bus will leave promptly at 6:30 so **don't be late** or at least call a friend and beg them to lie down in front of the bus.

Jan Fry

Block Exchange

September was a great success! All 50 packets were distributed.

October Block Exchange (Block of the Month) is the TWIN STAR.

Twin Star is going to help

you do those wonderful half square triangles. The focus fabric and direction will be at the October

meeting. See you all there.

Danvia, Jeanette and Mary

Save the Date!

Harvest Heritage Quilt Show

Where: Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N. 60th Street, Omaha Nebraska, 402-558-1422

When: November 1-7, 2010

Who: Featured OQG Quilting Stars: Patty Kennedy and Jackee Brock

Gather your quilting friends and schedule a road trip to see the treasures of these

two gifted quilters featured at the Harvest Heritage Quilt Show. Enjoy the Harvest Concert at the special OQG discounted rate of only \$5.00 per ticket. "Starburst Beauty" will be on display for the run of the concert. Plan to buy your winning ticket there. Show times will be announced at the October OQG meeting and available on the OQG website.

Spring Fling Quilt Retreat-Just Spooling Around

When: February. 18, 19, & 20, 2011

Where: Archdiocese Retreat and Conference Center

That is about all we know at this time.

Price information will be released as soon as we get an updated price list from ARCC.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild's QuiltNebraska 2011 & 2012

2011: Quilt Fantastica will be at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, July 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2011.

2012: Quilt Magick will be at the Omaha LaVista Conference Center July 26-29, 2012

2011 Quilt Show

If you want to hear the theme and learn about the challenge, you've got to

come to the meeting in October.

We're keeping everything

under wraps until then.

We're pretty excited though and hope you will be too.

Jan, Betty, and Karen

Rising Stars

In October, Terri from "Seams to Be" quilt shop in Plattsmouth will be at Rising Stars. She is helping Santa, and is bringing Christmas ideas so we can get a "head start" on the "list". Come

and join us at 6 pm.

In November Jan Fry and her assistants are going to give us information on the quilt show. They are going to provide the criteria for judging and inspire us to

become more involved with the show, i.e. volunteer to help.

For future Rising Stars, the story is almost finished for the 2nd Annual Fat Quarter Frenzy. Another meeting

will be on How to organize your quilting space. Now where in the heck did I put my rotary cutter?

Mary Dudinski & Kathy Mainelli

Pretty Bubbles

If you were at the September meeting, you had the opportunity to see and purchase the Stocking challenge fabric! It so reminds me of holiday bubbly, and many members were tickled to get their packets because it's time to sew stockings again! Stop by in October to get yours before the packets are all gone. Cost for the fabric

and pattern is \$2.00. Directions for the challenge, along with deadlines, drop-off sites and an entry form are all on the stocking pattern. You can also visit the website for the pattern and more entry forms. Other good news is that Roberta has posted two videos on making a stocking. One method shows a construction method using an appli-

qued or quilted front, and the other video shows our so easy magic layer cake method.

Angel bags will be available in November and I could use some help with this segment of our project. I need someone to sit and hand out bags at the November meeting, and work to help sort the bags into pre-marked boxes

at the Holiday Party. I will also need set-up help before the party to hang stockings. Please sign up at the November meeting or contact me privately--I'm in the book—and thanks for all you do!

Pat Sears,
CEF Chair



Quilts of Valor



Thank you to all of the wonderful ladies, guild members or not, that came to the two summer quilt days at the Hospice House.

Thanks also to those who have been working at home or in small groups to com-

plete quilts.

There are many things checked out or promised that I have not received back yet. Some of these were sets of blocks taken at the quilt show. Others were quilt tops taken to be returned as a finished quilt.

Our goal is to have 30 finished quilts by the Novem-

ber meeting. That will make our first full year of QOV FIFTY quilts. Kind of a nice number for our fifty states of service people risking their health and lives for our freedom.

We will be meeting Saturday October 30th at the Hospice House. 10 AM to 4 PM., to continue making

quilting for those men and women who serve use every single day.

Any questions or comments or pick ups, please contact me privately at spihlgren@cox.net

Sandy Pihlgren

The Josie Harper Residence, Hospice House

Thank you for the support for quilts for hospice.

I have one completed quilt and 4 tops with backing and batting of which one I have out already for quilting.

This is a fantastic start and will be accepting quilts and tops with backs at the October meeting.

Quilts need to be at least 54 inches by 76 inches and ma-

chine quilted.

Hospice has both male and female patients.

I am also looking for volunteers to quilt tops.

If you have any questions, please contact me at yan-kee56@cox.net or give me a call 291-0669.

Pat Varner

Holiday Dinner Party

The December meeting will be an opportunity for members and their guests to support the Children's Emergency Fund.

We will be celebrating at the German American Society on 120th Street between "L" Street and West Center. The party will begin at 5 and dinner will be served at 6:30. That will give you time to place your tickets in the Santa's Workshop Bags, check out the live auction items, deliver your angel bags, vote for your favorite stocking, and visit with other friends in the guild.

Our dinner together is one of the things that makes the party a wonderful memory each year. We will be having a buffet dinner again this year. The German American Society is able to seat 350 for dinner. Tickets are \$15 for each person.

We will begin taking reservations at the October guild meeting. Tickets will not be available until 6 p.m. Rising Stars will be meeting in the back of the room. We will sell tickets at the front of the room near the bar.

If you would like to reserve a table or space for a group of quilters please have one person in the group bring all of the money for the group and a list of the names of the people in the group when you come to purchase tickets. Checks should be made out to Omaha Quilters' Guild and it would be really appreciated if you could have the exact change. You will be given a table number and tickets for members of your group.

At 7 we will stop selling tickets and those in line will be given a number so that

you may purchase tickets after the meeting.

Tickets will also be available at the November meeting or you may mail me your check and list of names after October 12.

Carol McCann



Helping Hands



It was really nice to see every one at guild last month!

Helping Hands met at the Millard Library this summer. We will continue to meet at the library on Tuesdays from noon to 5 pm.

We also have a new location. It is the Montclair Community Center. We meet there on Thursdays from 9 am to 11:30 am. The center is located at 2304 S. 135th Street.

Please join us. This is also a chance for you to see what Montclair Community Center has to offer to the public. There are ladies in the water before 9 am on

Thursdays and there is a walking club in the gym. The quilters are in the senior room having fun. Call Rita Matthews 546-1270 for more information.

We are In need of volunteers at the Helping Hands tables. If you see the chairperson sitting by herself please, step right up. I would like to say "Thank You" to two members that stepped up last month. One was a new to the guild and the second is active member. They saw the Chairperson by herself and they offered to Help. It was nice to see "new" faces at "Helping Hands" table this month. I would also like to say "Thank You" to the Library chair. She helped with take down after the meeting.

There are three tables that need staffed at OQG meetings. There is a table for turning in items and two tables with kits to pass out. This will give a break to the

helping Hands members that have been attending OQG Board meetings and the weekly sew-ins.

OQG Members were busy this summer with Helping Hands projects. Twenty completed quilts were turned in at the September meeting.

We have five finished quilts that need binding sewn on. This is great road trip hand work. If you are planning a road trip, stop by and pick-up one next month.

Five tops were turned in. Look for them in kits next month.

Members took home 11 quilts that needed the binding sewn on. These quilts were quilted at the OQG Show at the following booths: Hunter Heirloom Quilting (Amy Hunter, 537 SW BB Highway, Center-view, Mo 64019 amy@hunterheirloomquilting.com) and Sew Creative

(Barb Sorenson, Westwood Plaza, 2730 S. 123rd Ct, Omaha, Ne 68144 Sew-VacService@neb.rr.com). Visitors were able to see how a longarm works on a real quilt.

We had one member contact us about picking up five tops and backing fabric at the September meeting. If you know in advance how many kits or tops you would like to pickup at the guild meeting. call (651-6593) or email me (avreedme@hotmail.com) and I will get them ready for the next meeting.

You are Helping Hands. As members of the Omaha Quilters Guild, you make Helping Hands what it is today. Thank you!

Chairperson, Helping Hands

Angie Reed

Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President LaVonne Dunetts at 7:04. Thirteen members were in attendance: LaVonne Dunetts, Joyce Swift, Jan Fry, Denvia Capozio, Dee Acklie, Rita Mathews, Lorraine Fitzgerald, Pat Stava, Elizabeth Kannedy, Andrea Chakravarti, Ruth Christenson, Carol McCann, and Betty Harmsen

LaVonne Dunetts opened the meeting with a discussion of the officers and their duties as defined by the by-laws. It was decided that we had a quorum to pass the budget. Since a quorum of the Executive Committee is needed to replace the VP of Programs, the Executive Committee will need to meet before the regular meeting on September 14.

Monthly meetings begin with the speaker or program followed by the business meeting and show and tell. Committee reports should be limited to two minutes. Further details should be printed in the newsletter.

Jan Fry reported that the logo, theme, and challenge for the quilt show will be presented at the October meeting. A request will be made to have volunteers make aprons to wear at the show.

Denvia Capozio of the Block of the Month Committee ex-

plained that the block for October, Interlocked Squares, is on the website.

The October 9th Bus Trip to Des Moines for the AQS show is full with 2 to finish payment.

Dee Acklie said that everything is ready for Camp WannaMakeaBlankie in October and that it is full with a waiting list. A few people need to make their final payments and must be paid members. The camp exchange block can be found on the website and should be made with true red and white fabrics. The guild quilt made \$475 at the auction this summer to benefit Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Quilters who volunteer to demonstrate a craft at the Durham Museum on October 3rd from 1-5 will get a free family pass. Sign up at the meeting. We will advertize the quilt show.

Kathy Havranek emailed that tickets for Opera Omaha's "Sing for the Cure" will be available for \$40.00 at the meeting. A drawing will also be held for 5 OQG breast cancer survivors to attend the concert.

She also wrote that tickets for the opportunity quilt, Starburst Beauty will be available and the quilt will be on dis-

play.

Rita Mathews spoke for the Helping Hands Committee. She said that some quilt kits, quilts to be quilted, and quilts needing binding will be available at the next meeting for people to pick up and complete.

Lorraine Fitzgerald, our Historian, has a new digital camera which will make transfer of pictures to the website easier and should be cheaper with no printing costs.

Pat Stava, Membership Chair, said a table with information will be set up as usual and door prizes will be given.

Newsletter Editor, Elizabeth Kannedy, thanked everyone for getting information to her on time.

Andrea Chakravarti reported we will only set up 250 chairs at the meetings, not 300.

Ruth Christenson has updated small groups listed in the roster. She has had difficulty contacting the Bag Ladies and the Knotty Ladies. She hopes that the forum in September will also give people ideas about what small groups could do and how to form new groups. She will have a general form to fill out and a list of small groups open to new members.

Carol McCann told us the upcoming programs.

September: Birthday celebration with cookies. We will be celebrating small groups. 8 groups will be represented.

October: You Can Quilt That Out. A panel of local professional long arm quilters will share with us how to prepare our quilts for a long arm quilter, what we can expect from a long arm quilter, and what to tell a long arm quilter, among other things. Holiday Party tickets will go on sale in October

The budget for 2010 was presented. Dee Acklie moved we accept the budget proposed, which was seconded. Elizabeth Kannedy raised a concern about keeping the newsletter budget at 2009 levels with the mail rates rising after the first of the year. It was decided to raise the amount for the newsletter budget by taking money from the Historian and Quilt Show Expenses. Dee Acklie moved to approve the revised budget, which was seconded. The budget was approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Swift

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 14, 2010

The September meeting was called to order by President, LaVonne Dunetts at 7:01. She welcomed all to the Guild's 34th Birthday Party and invited everyone to have refreshments.

Brad Watkins of Opera Omaha invited us to attend the Opera for the Cure benefit for the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild President-Elect Susan Weber and Bonnie Kucera presented the NSQG opportunity quilt. They are selling raffle tickets and note cards picturing the opportunity quilt.

Sandy Bernasek reported that the Midwest Professional Machine Quilters is having 2 classes Saturday, September 25th in Ashland with award

winning quilter Myrna Ficken.

Our new VP of Programs, Vickie Hoskovec, was introduced. A special meeting of the Executive Board had voted her into office prior to the guild meeting.

Carol McCann welcomed us to today's celebration of our birthday and our small groups. Carol then acted as

master of ceremonies as small group representatives presented information about their groups while quilts made by the small group members were displayed.

Ruth Christensen is in charge of small groups and she has more information available at her table with sign up sheets for small groups.

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Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 14, 2010 continued:

Kathy Havranek opened the business portion of the meeting by urging everyone to purchase tickets for the blue ribbon winning Opportunity Quilt, Starburst Beauty. Holy Name is holding a silent auction on the two quilts displayed in the back of the room. She reminded

us the Opera for the Cure tickets are available for \$40.00.

Dee Acklie said Camp Wanamakeablankie final payments are due by October 1. Directions for the camp block are on the website and should be completed in batiks or hand dyes in true red

and white.

Programs for the year are on the web and in the membership booklet.

Cindy Ericson's Christmas Pickle class in Sunday, September 26.

Par Varner said the Josie Harper Hospice House Pro-

ject need quilts of minimum dimension 54" by 78".

Jeanette Prodowski said the Block of the Month for October is Interlocked Square and the directions are on the website.

Teri Quinn said that quilts with a nature theme from mini to bed size are needed for the quilt show that is being held at the Lauritzen Garden on November 12-14 and more information is on the OQG website.

Jan Fry said those going on the October 9th Bus Trip should use the Mercy Road entrance to the College of St. Mary. Park by the softball field. Look for the bus. It will leave at 6:30 sharp. We will return about 10:00.

Pat Sears reports that the Children's' Emergency Fund is in its 18th year. The stocking challenge pattern is on the website. Help is needed to stuff the stockings and take care of the Angel Bags. Last year 563 stockings were made and more that \$14,000 given.

Elizabeth Kannedy said quilts for the Caring Friends Auction need to include red and white stripes and should be turned in by the November meeting

Becky Draper is all excited about Santa's Workshop. Tickets will be sold at the November and December meetings. Please bring donations to the October and November meetings.

Dee Acklie will have the \$15 Holiday Dinner tickets next month. One person should pay for their group in

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OQG Income Statement:	2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011
Account name	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	YTD
Income				
Board Income	\$ -			
Fall Retreat Income	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,524.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 8,220.00
Fundraising Quilt Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,497.75	\$ 4,500.00	
Helping Hands Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Interest Income	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 906.07	\$ 375.00	
Membership Income	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,362.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Programs Income	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,797.00	\$ 7,080.00	
Quilt Show Income (total)	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 23,093.53	\$ 24,000.00	
Bus Tour Income FY06-FY08	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,783.50	\$ 1,800.00	
Spring Fling Retreat	\$ -	\$ 1,706.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Web Site Income	\$ -	\$ 114.27	\$ 300.00	
Total Income	\$ 63,100.00	\$ 63,284.12	\$ 62,055.00	\$ 8,220.00
Expenses				
Block Exchange	\$ 100.00	\$ 16.76	\$ 100.00	
Board Expense	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,192.92	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00
Capital Expense	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Community Connection/Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 376.96	\$ 500.00	
Fall Retreat Expenses	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,657.10	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 4,800.00
Fixed Expenses	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,714.60	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 957.00
Fundraising Quilt Expenses (total)	\$ 720.00	\$ 760.94	\$ 500.00	
Helping Hands Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,027.96	\$ 650.00	
Historian Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 237.40	\$ 50.00	
Library Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
Membership Expenses	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,119.28	\$ 1,250.00	
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,660.31	\$ 2,000.00	
Programs Expenses	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,514.61	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 400.00
Quilt Show Expenses (total)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,394.57	\$ 17,850.00	\$ 21.38
Rising Stars Expenses	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00	
Small Groups/New Members Expenses	\$ 35.00	\$ -		
State Fair Expenses	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
Spring Fling Retreat	\$ -	\$ 1,706.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Web Site Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 341.90	\$ 450.00	
Bus Tour Expenses FY06-FY08	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,682.00	\$ 1,800.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 63,100.00	\$ 66,478.31	\$ 62,055.00	\$ 6,198.38
Balance	\$ -	\$ (3,194.19)	\$ -	\$ 2,021.62

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 14, 2010 continued:

order to be seated together.

Angie Reed of Helping Hands said that 20 quilts were quilted by vendors at our Quilt Show. She has 6 quilts that need bindings.

Tonight, 5 tops and 20 finished quilts were turned in. Helping Hands meets at Montclair Community Center on Thursdays from 9-11.

Pat Stava, Membership

Chairman, said we had 194 members or guests in attendance. If you have anything you want to donate for door prizes, bring it next month. She began the prize drawing

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 and was followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Swift

Camp Wannamakeablankie



The final count is in and the countdown is on. Camp is almost here! Are your projects stacking up? Are you ready

for somemores? The doors at Camp Carol Joy Holling will open at noon on Friday, Oct. 22nd.

The massage therapists will be on site on Saturday afternoon. Please have \$10.00 exact change ready when you sign up as you enter camp.

Remember to put into your packing a few extra sewing machine needles, rotary cutter blades and threads. You never now what you might need.

Feel; free to bring your music with you, however please use earbuds so that others are not distracted

We will need to be off site by 3 p.m. on Sunday. See you all at camp!

Dee Acklie and LeAnne Killion
Camp Directors

Small Groups

Katie Haubrich would like to create a small group to work through the book, Fearless Design.

She would prefer a daytime group, although evenings or Saturdays are possible.

If you are interested in this project, please contact Katie at 402-556-3730 or bobhaubrich@cox.net.

Thank you!
Ruth Christenson, Small Groups Chair

Botanical Garden Quilt Show....Nov. 12-14, 2010



We have received many wonderful quilt submissions for this new combined flower/quilt show, but we are still in the market for more.

If you are computer savvy, send a picture of your botanical themed quilt, any size or technique, to: teriSE-WandSOW@aol.com. Or, bring your quilt to the October meeting and Teri will take a picture of it for you.

If you have already been notified prior to the Oct. meeting that your quilt has been selected, you can turn it in to Teri at the Oct. meeting. Or turn it in to Sunshine Stitches, or either Country Sampler, by Nov 1.

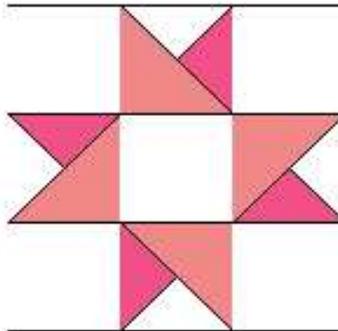
We are still looking for quilts and other hand made items to sell at the **consignment** table. Items sold at the table do not have to be botanical in nature; they can be any subject. A 25% commission fee will be deducted if your item sells, but there is no upfront cost to put your items at the consignment table.

As with any show, we need volunteers to white glove, help with demos, staff the vendor booths when they

need a break etc. The Garden will provide some of the needed volunteers, but guild members are also needed to work side by side with them. Don't forget, the Lauritzen Garden will "repay" us for our assistance by helping promote our quilt show next year.

Contact Teri Quinn if you have any questions: 402-393-3035. THANKS!

TWIN STAR
12½" unfinished (12" finished)



Block is made from

- 5 – 4½" squares background (cut from fabric given)
- 4 – Half-square triangles make points
- 4 – Quarter-square triangles of background
- 4 – Quarter-square triangles for shadow points

Cutting the 5 squares needed for this block is straight-forward. The triangles pose choices. None of the methods that allow you to make two half-square triangle blocks at the same time work here because they're paired with quarter square units. There are choices for cutting individual triangles.

Choice 1. Use this as an excuse to pick up a specialty rulers that does all the math for you. There are several on the market and they all seem to produce decent results.

Choice 2. Call your fourth grade teacher and thank her (or him) for stressing the importance of fractions.

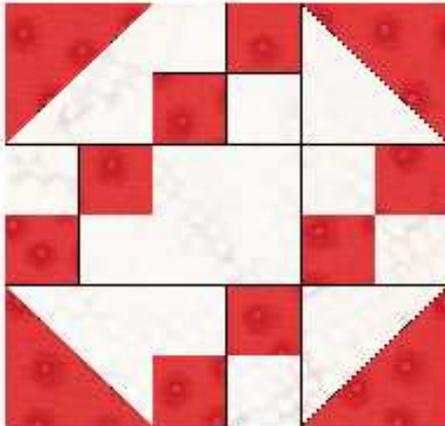
For the large star points, cut 2 (two) 4⅞" squares, cutting on the diagonal once. This will give you the four large star points (half-square triangles) you need. (Add ⅞" to the finished size of the square unit you need. That's 4" finished square + ⅞" = 4⅞".)

For the small star point/background quarter-square units you will need to cut 1 square from the background fabric and the shadow fabric-- 5¼", cutting diagonally twice. Don't move the squares after the first cut. Here's the formula for quarter-square units: 4" finished size + 1¼" = 5¼".

Lay all the pieces out as if it were a jigsaw puzzle and begin to sew together, smallest pieces first. Sew the quarter-square units together first; attach to the half-square star points; and finished by sewing the rows together. Press seams towards the dark star points or the background squares. Sew the rows together and Twin Star is done.

October 2010

Camp Wannamakeablankie donation quilt block for 2010.



Block finished size is 9". Please use true red and white. Cut 1 strip each of red and white, 2" by 16-1/2". Place strips right sides together, stitch long side and press to the red. Trim end to straighten and cut into 8 – 2" pieces and use to make four 4-patch blocks. Cut 2 blocks each of red and white, 3-7/8". (I actually cut them 4" and then trim.) Mark a diagonal center line on the white blocks, stack right sides together with the red and stitch 1/4" on each side of marked line. Cut apart on the marked line, press to the red and check to see that each block is 3-1/2". Trim if necessary, being sure to keep the diagonal seam in the block center. Cut one white block 3-1/2". Assemble in rows and then together as a nine patch. Check to see that your block, with seam allowances is 9-1/2". Checking your sizes and making corrections at each step is the best way to get blocks the correct size.

We will need donations of 8 each, 11" squares, of red and white for the border.

