



Patchwords

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And the name is . . .

It's official—your LVQG newsletter finally has a name—Patchwords. The winning name chosen from the 28 entries was suggested by new member Shirley Alexander of Reedsburg. The board was unanimous in its selection of the name and liked the clever play on words that combined quilting and newsletters. Her prize was a Gingher dressmaker's shears in a limited edition wooden heirloom box. Congratulations, Shirley!

Honoring memories in a quilt

LVQG will start the New Year off with a program on the past. At the January 3 meeting, our speaker, Diane Larson of Mill House Quilts, will show how pieces of the past can be preserved in a memory quilt. Whether a quilt is made from t-shirts, clothing scraps or pieces of old quilts, it can bring back fond memories of earlier times and loved ones.

As we know, every quilt tells a story. Perhaps you've made one from your father's ties or your kid's t-shirts or maybe someone made one for you. If so, bring your quilt to the meeting and share its story with your fellow guild members.

Are you ready for Quilt Academy?

Have you signed up yet for the 2011 Quilt Academy? After the success of last year's event, even more students are expected. Enrollment is being opened to non-guild participants at the beginning of the year. There is still time to sign up at the January 3 meeting or go to the guild's website, www.lvqg.org, for an enrollment form and additional information.

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LVQG schedules “group therapy”

We all know that quilting is cheaper than therapy. With that in mind, LVQG has planned a one-day quilt retreat—“All About You” Quilt Retreat or Group Quilt Therapy. It’s an opportunity to get to know your fellow guild members and share your skills. Here’s the scoop:



WHO: Members of LVQG only

WHAT: Time to work on any projects you want to work on. Bring your sewing machine and any supplies you need. Irons and ironing boards will be provided.

WHERE: Lodi Sports & Recreation Center (next door to Piggly Wiggly)
The building is equipped with an elevator.

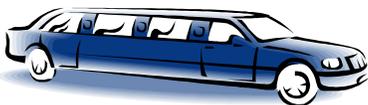
WHEN: Saturday, February 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FEE: Only \$10 includes door prize drawings, morning coffee and donuts, build-your-own salad and sandwich lunch, and soda and water throughout the day. If you wish, bring snacks to share.

CONTACT: Program Chair Irene Stoll at 576-7834 or ies@chorus.net to reserve a spot

In addition to working on your own projects throughout the day, Trish Priewe will give a short demo on making pillowcases (for our Hearts & Hands charity project). A “question & answer” session is also planned—bring your quilt-related questions/challenges/problems and use the collective quilting knowledge of your fellow guild members to find a solution.

Let us do the driving



If you enjoy coming to guild meetings, but don’t feel comfortable driving at night—there’s a solution. Call LVQG Hospitality Chair Belinda Zeman at 592-5716 or email fourtz@verizon.net and she will help arrange a ride for you. If you would be willing to give someone a ride, contact Belinda.

Hearts & hands in your community

By Dotty Sutfin, Hearts & Hands chair

Quilters are known to be generous with their time and talent and that's certainly the case with Hearts & Hands, the guild's charity group. In 2011, we hope to get guild members involved who cannot make it to our sewing dates. We will be making pillowcases for Hope House in Baraboo. The directions are included in this newsletter and you can work on it at home. We're hoping we have so many that we can also give some to University Children's Hospital.

Here's how Hearts & Hands helped the community in 2010:

- 20 wheel chair bags to Lodi Good Samaritan Center
- 20 walker bags to Lodi Good Samaritan Center
- 8 sensory books to Lodi Good Samaritan Center
- Quilt to raffle for the Lodi Farmers Market
- 18 camo-quilts for soldiers
- 6 quilts to Lodi Medical Clinic—June 8
- 6 quilts to Lodi Medical Clinic—August 20
- 3 quilts to Lodi Emergency Medical Services—September 20
- 15 pillows to Lodi Good Samaritan Center—October 25
- 4 quilts to Lodi Emergency Medical Services—October 25
- 10 pillows to Hope House in Baraboo—November 8
- 10 quilts to Santa Project in Lodi—December 17
- 3 pillows to Santa Project in Lodi—December 17
- 4 quilts to Lafayette County
- 10 pillows to Lafayette County



The group enjoys making these items especially when we know where they will be used. If you know of any project that we can do for someone in need, please contact me (Dotty) at 592-4139 or dotaug7@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting will be on January 7 at 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Lodi United Methodist Church, 130 Locust St. in Lodi. Bring your sewing machine if you can, and any notions you like to use when you sew. We have lots of hand work if you do not want to bring your machine, such as pinning, stringing, stuffing pillows, ironing, etc. Hope to see you there.

Help to build our library

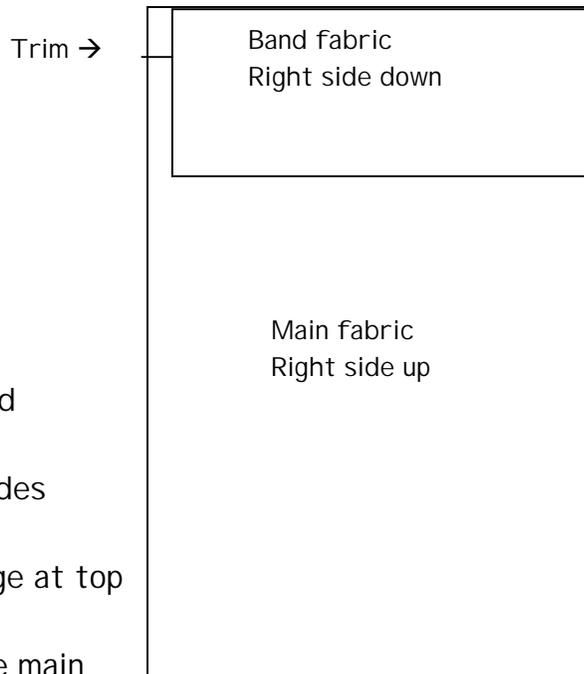
When you pick up your name tag at the next LVQG meeting, don't forget about Bucks for Books. Your one-dollar contribution makes it possible to purchase quilt books to build our guild library and your name is entered in the Bucks for Books drawing for that evening.

Pillowcase Pattern

Fabric needed: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard main print
 $\frac{1}{8}$ yard for trim
 $\frac{1}{3}$ yard for band

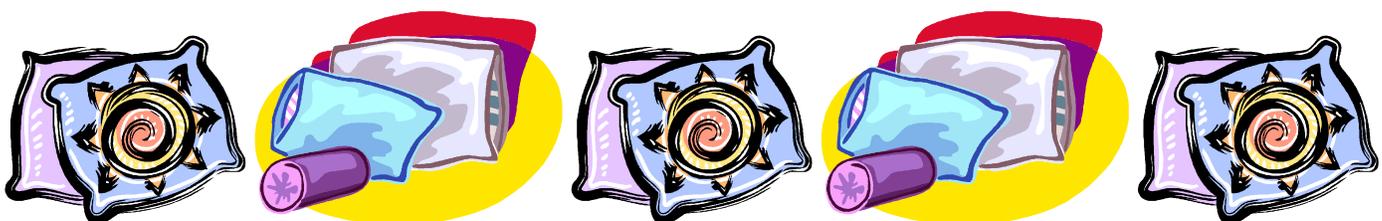
Assembly Instructions:

1. Trim the $\frac{1}{8}$ yard of fabric to the desired width—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches works well.
2. Fold the trim in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Press.
3. Lay the main fabric right side up, raw edge at top (see diagram), selvages down the sides
4. Pin the trim piece to the right side of the main fabric, matching raw edges.
5. From the opposite end (bottom of the diagram), roll the edges of the main fabric up to the pinned area rolling it underneath the band fabric.
7. Take the long raw edge of the band fabric and fold it around the rolled up main fabric to the back side. The right side the band fabric will now match the wrong side of the main fabric. Match the raw edges and pin in place.
8. Sew across the width over the pinned seam. This will form a tube.
9. Reach in the tube and pull out the main fabric.
10. Press well.
11. Sew the side seam with a French seam or serge.
12. Sew the end with a French seam or serge.



Directions for French seam:

1. Match raw edges with wrong sides together.
2. Sew a $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch seam. It is important to sew a small seam.
3. Press well.
4. Fold along seam so that right sides are together, with raw edges inside.
5. Sew again, this time with a $\frac{1}{4}$ - to $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch seam.



How to make a pillowcase

If you're looking for a quick and easy gift or just a way to use up some of your stash, a pillowcase may be the answer. It's also the latest charity/community service project for our Hearts & Hands group. For those who cannot sew with Hearts & Hands on Friday mornings, Trish Priewe will teach a hands-on workshop on Thursday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Associated Bank Community Room (2nd floor). Bring your sewing machine and your fabric. Trish will be bringing her serger so you'll have an opportunity to try it out as well. You'll finish the night with fun, fancy and finished pillowcases.

Coming in February

The regular meeting on February 3 will feature fellow guild members conducting a series of mini-workshops/demonstrations. This is a great opportunity to share a new technique or pattern with your quilting friends. Contact Program Chair Irene Stoll at 576-7834 or ies@chorus.net if you have an idea to share. As in October, a literature table will be available to let other members know about your business whether it's longarm quilting or Mary Kay or Pampered Chef or any other home-based business.

Have you heard about . . . ?

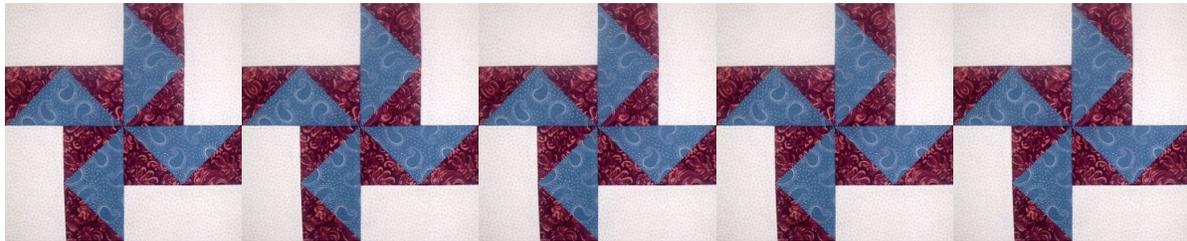
Have you heard a good speaker? Taken a quilt class where you learned a new technique? Seen someone's awesome quilts? LVQG program chair Irene Stoll is searching for program ideas for the summer months and beyond. She could use your help—give her a call.

How's that challenge coming?

So, what are you doing with that Quilt Guild Challenge fabric? Hopefully, it's not squirreled away in your stash or lost in your sewing room. Oh, but there's still time to turn it into a fabulous purse or unique wall hanging or charming table runner or cheerful throw pillow. If you're looking for ideas, check out the books/patterns in the guild library. The Big Quilt Guild Challenge Reveal is May 2 at the regular monthly meeting. For complete information on the challenge and directions for the Louisiana block, see the next page.



A New Year's Wish from your editor—
As we start a New Year with new projects,
may your bobbins always be full.



Lodi Valley Quilters' Guild 2010-11 Challenge Rules

The challenge quilt can be any quilted item—wallhanging, purse, tote, pillow, table topper, etc.—use your imagination!

- It should measure a minimum of 15 X 15 inches and a maximum of 25 X 25 inches. It does not have to be square as long as it fits within those parameters.
- It should include **only one** four-inch Louisiana block (block instructions attached).
- It should include as much or as little of the challenge fabric on the front side of the item.

Challenge quilts/items will be revealed at the May guild meeting. Names of all participants will be entered in a drawing for prizes to be given at that meeting.

Guild members are encouraged to enter their guild challenges in the 2011 Lodi Fair Quilt Challenge. Rules for the Fair Quilt Challenge will be listed on the fair website and in the 2011 fair book (available at the Lodi Library and various other Lodi locations).

Fair Quilt Challenge rules will be the same as the Guild Challenge except there will be no specific challenge fabric.

Louisiana Block Cutting & Assembly:

Finished block 4" X 4"

Fabric A: (8) 1 1/2" X 1 1/2" squares
(4) 1 1/2" X 2 1/2" rectangle

Fabric B: (4) 1 1/2" X 2 1/2" rectangle

Flying Geese Units:

Position a 1 1/2" Fabric A square on one end of the 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" Fabric B rectangle. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner, stitching on the line. Trim seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat this procedure on opposite corner of the rectangle.



Make (4) of this flying geese unit.

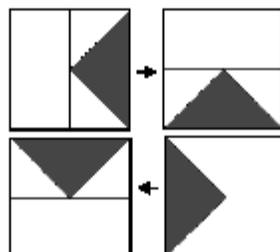
Sew 1 1/2" X 2 1/2" Fabric A rectangle to flying geese unit as shown:
Press toward arrows.

Make (4) of this unit



Block Assembly:

Sew flying geese units together as shown.
Press toward arrows.



Mark your calendar . . .

January 3	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Memory Quilts with Mill House Quilts
January 20	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild	Pillowcase Workshop
February 5	LVQG Quilt Retreat Lodi Sports & Rec Center	One-day quilt retreat for members—see story elsewhere in this newsletter
February 7	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Mini Workshops—contact Irene Stoll (849-7193 or ies@chorus.net) if you can share your expertise with your fellow guild members
February 26	3 rd Annual Winter Quilt Show, Washington Co. Fair Park, West Bend	Vendors, classes, demonstrations, quilt show Go to www.winterquiltshow.com for more info
March 4-6	2011 Quilters Land Cruise Racine	Quilt demos and classes Go to www.quilterslandcruise.com for more info
March 7	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild monthly meeting	Continuous Line Quilting with Renee Shedivy
April 3-5	Sun Prairie Quilt Show St. Albert's Center	Sponsored by Prairie Heritage Quilters Quilt show, vendors, lunch available Go to www.sunprairiequiltshow.com for more info
April 4	Lodi Valley Quilters Guild Monthly meeting	Kansas Troubles by Lynn Hagmeier
April 5	Kansas Troubles Workshop Sponsored by LVQG	Raw Edge Applique with Lynn Hagmeier Additional fee
April 9	2 nd Annual Quilt Academy Lodi High School	Sponsored by Lodi Valley Quilters Guild Advance registration required
April 9-10	Kaleidoscope of Quilts Monroe High School	Sponsored by Courthaus Quilters & Monroe High School German Exchange Club
May 12-14	Ricky Tims Super Seminar Ramada Inn, Eau Claire	Multi-session lectures, piano concert Advance registration required, limited attendance Go to www.rickytims.com/seminar-main for info



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