

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



FEBRUARY 2025

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NMQG Meeting
February 13, 2025
@ 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
ZOOM MEETING



PROGRAM:

FEB. MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM!

John MacPhail - Art East Quilting Co.

- see page 2 for description

Niagara Modern Quilting Guild Meeting Dates 2025

Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month except August (summer break)

Meeting February on Zoom (inclement weather)

February 13, 2025. Zoom, link will be emailed to members

March 13, 2025, April 10, 2025, May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025, July 10, 2025

No meeting August 2025 – Enjoying our summer

September 11, 2025, October 9, 2025, November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025 – Christmas party

Warmest Regards - Pat Scully, Treasurer, NMQG



Presidents' Message

Dear Quilting Friends,

As we find ourselves halfway through winter, I hope you are all embracing the opportunity to cozy up in your sewing spaces and dive into your quilting projects. This season invites us to be creative and playful with fabric, and I encourage you to make the most of it!

I'm excited to share that our dedicated Executive Committee, along with our wonderful program coordinators, has been hard at work planning an engaging and vibrant year for our guild. We are aiming to inspire you through 4 to 5 Sew-In days and a variety of workshops throughout 2025. These sessions will cover everything from new skills to fun workshop days, and we'll also explore modern quilting techniques.

Have you taken advantage of the fantastic resources available through the Modern Quilt Guild? Their website is a treasure trove of information and learning opportunities. Whether you're interested in On-Demand learning, Fresh Quilting Episodes featuring inspiring speakers, or engaging with the Block of the Month to challenge yourself, there's something for everyone. Don't forget to check out the Quilt of the Month and many additional options - these resources can spark new ideas and help you hone your skills. Make sure to maximize the value of your membership by exploring all that the MQG site has to offer: [MQG Resources](#).

As we embark on this creative journey together, I am always eager to hear your thoughts and suggestions regarding our initiatives or any other ideas you may have.

Wishing you all happy and fulfilling moments of modern quilting!

Cheers,
Stephanie

John MacPhail - Art East Quilting Co.

John lives and works on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. He has been a crafter and maker for as long as he can remember. The maker's influence was strong in his family, and he was encouraged to create at every opportunity.

While many mediums inspired John's creativity, he honed in on sewing and textiles while earning his bachelor of arts in Costume. During his studies, he discovered his passion for historical costuming, modern pattern drafting and unconventional sewing techniques.

John's love for everything quilts happened almost accidentally while searching for a sewing project to occupy his downtime. Quilting quickly became his career focus. He started Art East Quilting Co., where he publishes quilt patterns and hosts interactive quilting projects. He loves using quilting in various art forms and has become known for his textile animal portraits. He enjoys spreading the love of quilting through various workshops, ranging from traditional quilting techniques to modern unconventional thread application and quirky raw-edge appliqué pet portraits.

John has collaborated with many leading industry professionals including FreeSpirit Fabrics and Riley Blake Designs. He has been featured in many quilt publications including Canadian Quilter, Love, Patchwork & Quilting & Make Modern Magazine.

John is also awarding a \$100 gift certificate for his store, to one lucky member attending the zoom meeting.



Zoom Etiquette Reminder. Thank you!

Different screen devices have different screen configurations. I.e. PC vs. Mac, Android vs. Tablet. If you are new to zooming Google how zoom shows on your device.

The Zoom Host will mute everyone at the beginning of the meeting. This is so the host can guide the meeting and the person talking can be heard.

Please be aware that if your sound is not muted others will hear all sounds in your background. Also, if your camera is active others will see what you are doing.

Questions for the Host/Moderators/Speakers/Tech Problems. Please put all questions in the Chat. It is the easiest way for the host to facilitate the meeting. Questions will be monitored and asked at the appropriate time.

If you are having trouble with streaming the video, consider turning off your camera. You can still see the meeting, but your picture won't be on during the speaking.

Show and Tell will be put in a power point slide show. When your pictures come, and your name is announced up you can unmute yourself to talk briefly about your creation. Then there will be time for all to share!

Remember to be kind to your zoom volunteers! And that it is hard to see the yellow waving hand on a full screen or two of zoomers. This is the main reason why we are going to use the chat function.

Show And Tell! February we are on Zoom.

Please share what you are working on and a brief note if you will not be on zoom. If you are the Zoom it would be great to hear you tell about your piece.

Note: Send a jpeg picture (s) to the niagaramqg@gmail.com with the subject line Show and Tell! NO later than Monday February 10 to be added into the presentation. Thank you!

Zoombees

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

Sew and Chat with **Tanya**

February 28, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00pm

A drop-in zoom meeting with your fellow NMQG members. Meet new people. Sew either on machine or by hand or any project you want to work on. Tanya is always happy to talk about quilting and so are our other members. (Link for Zoom is sent out by email Monday before the meeting)

Zoombees

Mondays with **Anastasia**

6:30 - 8:00 pm -

February 3, 10, 17, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

-Join us for a cozy quilting drop-in Zoom. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just getting started.

This is the perfect opportunity to share tips, showcase your latest projects and connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts. Bring your fabric, threads and questions for an evening of creativity and camaraderie.

We can't wait to see what you're working on!

Would you like to do a Zoombee and show our members how to do something you think they would love. Share techniques, projects etc...

Contact: niagaramqg@gmail.com



Are you comfortable setting up Zoom meetings?

We are looking for someone to be a backup for zoom meetings in case our regular zoom tech Kelly T is unable to be available for a meeting. It may not be needed we are trying to be prepared. Please speak with Jo-Anne V., Or send an email to : niagaramqg@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP ~

Thank you to all who have signed up for 2025. There are 77 members, new, long distance and experienced. We hope you will enjoy some or all of the activities of the guild. Memberships are accepted during the year so if you know of someone who would like to join please have them send us an email for more information.

Speakers.... We encourage guests to our meetings. In person fee for a outside speaker is \$10 in person and online. If you know of someone who might be interested in a speaker on zoom have them contact the guild email niagaramqg@gmail.com with their name and email address so we can send the link when we receive the e transfer of the \$10 speaker fee. Spread the Quilting Love!
****Note transfers must be in 24 hours before the meeting to ensure processing time.



I inherited my mothers sewing desk and tucked away in the bottom drawer was this package of machine needles. \$0.47 cents. How old are these needles? I will keep these as a reminder of my Mom. She didn't quilt but made clothing.

I know many can relate.
Shirley B



SOCIAL CORNER:

This section is for members to let others know of events not organized by NMQG that are of interest to Quilters.

Submit items to: niagaramqg@gmail.com 10 days prior to the meeting with the subject line Social Corner. Include a contact name, phone/ email where required as NMQG will not be responsible for any part of managing the event. Please remember we post on Facebook.

Notice of a New Book On Canadian Quilting. By Judy Lyons Quilt Appraiser.

We see lots of books on Heritage Quilting from other countries. Judy has written a book which is preserving our quilting heritage. She has included below a mini review of what the book entails. To me Modern Quilting holds its roots in our past. I treasure my Great Grandma Quilt which is over 15 years old. Jo V.

With books available for sale. There will be an introduction to my book, with refreshments.

Friday, February 14, 2025 - Valentines Day Starting at 10:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Kindred Spirits Quilt Co., 211 Martindale Road, St. Catharines, Ontario
RSVP the store at 905-397-9500 (limited spacing)

My book is a 269-page softcover featuring around 85 quilts from across Canada, including local county museums. It provides detailed information about the period leading up to the Centennial year, highlighting Canadian women's patriotism during 1867-1967 through their dedication to family, craft, and country. It brings to life the vibrant stories and heartfelt efforts of Canadian women during a pivotal time in our nation's history. Each quilt featured in the book is a testament to the artistry and dedication of these women, illustrating their deep connection to their heritage and their unwavering patriotism. Spanning the Centennial year from 1867 to 1967, the book offers a rich tapestry of narratives, insights, and stunning visuals that celebrate the enduring spirit of Canada. This collection not only showcases the beauty of quilt-making but also serves as a tribute to the resilience and creativity of Canadian women who have contributed so profoundly to our cultural fabric.

Judy Lyons

Bee Hives



Kathleen O

"Are you new to our guild or miss our smaller sized meetings? ~ Try a BeeHive. You'll get to know a few more Members in a smaller setting."

8 Monthly dates:

Feb through June, Sept through Nov

Location Dr Huq Library St Catharines

February 26 11AM—2PM

Dr Huq Library

425 Carlton St. at Niagara, St Catharines

Missing a small group setting?

Join us and meet fellow Quilters.

Optional:

Lorna C tutorial:

How to Bias Bind a circular mat.

Email with Prep and Supplies to follow.



P.S. there will be shortbread.

ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

EQG Quilt Fever March 28–29, 2025 at the Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr., Etobicoke, ON - This event will feature over 120 quilts on display, a vendors market, quilting demonstrations, a members boutique, and a cafe. Cost is \$10.00

Quilts on the Seaway April 11–12, 2025- at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall, ON. This event is presented by the Cornwall Quilters Guild and includes quilt exhibits, a merchant mall, boutique, bed turning, and a tea room.

HQG "Stitches in Our Time" Quilt Show May 30–31, 2025 at the Sheridan Conference Centre in Oakville, Ontario. This event is presented by the Halton Quilters Guild and will feature a variety of quilts, from traditional to modern. (See adv next page)

Quilt Canada - June 18–21, 2025 International Centre in Mississauga, ON. This event includes a welcome and award ceremony, and the show hall will be open from June 19–21.
<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada2025>

- Become a personal member to get discounts to Quilt Canada and hotels. Support Quilting in Canada.



Halton Quilters Guild
Spring Quilt Show

Stitches
In Our Time



WHEN? Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2025

WHERE? Sheridan Conference Centre
1400 Trafalgar Rd., Oakville
(Sheridan College Oakville campus)

*SPRING MAY NOT YET BE IN THE AIR
BUT THOUGHTS OF QUILT SHOWS ARE!*

Hello, Fellow Quilt Enthusiasts

The **Halton Quilters Guild** and its members are pleased to invite you to our Spring Quilt Show which will feature a variety of quilts, ranging from traditional to modern, as well as other quilted items made by our members. There will be a Merchant's Mall, Tombola, Spool Pull and a Tea Room with an Outdoor Patio. In addition, **Judy Lyons**, a Certified Quilt Appraiser, will be on site. Contact Judy at judy.lyons35@gmail.com, should you wish to set up an appointment.

The following vendors will be featured at the Merchant Mall:

Grantham Books (St. Jacobs / Waterford) www.granthambooks.com

Hamilton Sewing (1564 Main St. W., Hamilton) www.hamiltonsewing.com

Kindred Spirits Quilt Co. (211 Martindale St., St. Catharines) www.kindredspiritsquiltco.com

Pastime Pieces (11175 Brush Line, Blenheim) www.pastimespieces.com

Quiltalious (1292 Lincoln Rd., Windsor) www.quiltalious.ca

The Cotton Harvest (220 Main St. S., Seaforth) www.thecottonharvest.com

Thimbles & Things (1282 Brodie St., Severn) www.thimblesandthings.com

Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe (327 Erie Street, Stratford) www.yeoldefabricshoppe.com

Young Vintage Fabrics (Bolingbroke Rd, Maberly) www.facebook.com/Young-Vintage-Fabrics-116521103807764/

The Sheridan Conference Centre in Oakville is an accessible facility.

Buses are welcome. Please notify us of any large group, so as to avoid delays at the door.

Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word!

Susan Atherton

Publicity, Quilt Show Committee

haltonquilters@gmail.com



MEMBER BUSINESS OWNERS



If you haven't signed up yet to include your business card in the Newsletter you can still take advantage of this opportunity for 10 months in 2025. Let our members and FB readers know where they can access their quilting needs.

Send an email, subject line "Advertising" to niagaramq@gmail.com for more information. Sylvia K

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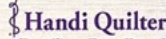
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NMQG BOM with a Twist Greek Cross Block # 5 February 2025

February Block is named the Greek Cross Quilt Block but I think of it as a Plus Block. And we all want Plus temperatures in February. Play with colour in your design. This is the half way point of the quilt along.

This is a free block pattern published by Fresh Lemon Quilts. It was part of a tenth anniversary quilt along. <https://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/journal/2021/2/5/10th-anniversary-summer-sampler-series-greek-cross>

Reminder for members completing the block of the month: Please sign the label in the Pizza Boxes to show who worked on the quilt. Signing it once for all the Dec, Jan, and Feb blocks is fine.

Greek Cross Quilt Block Tutorial

- Please note, all seams are 1/4"
- Final block size 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" unfinished
- HST = Half Square Triangle

Cut Your Fabric

Step 1. Cut your fabric according to the cutting chart below, matching it up by letter to the diagram on the right.

Corner Triangles:

- (A) Cut (2) 5" x 5" color squares (if corners are all same fabric) **-OR-** Cut (4) 5" x 5" squares (if corners are all different/scrappy fabric)

Center Cross:

- (B) Cut (1) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square
- (C) Cut (4) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

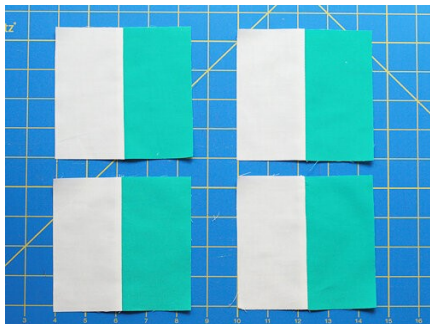
Background:

- (D) Cut (2) 5" x 5" squares
- (E) Cut (4) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

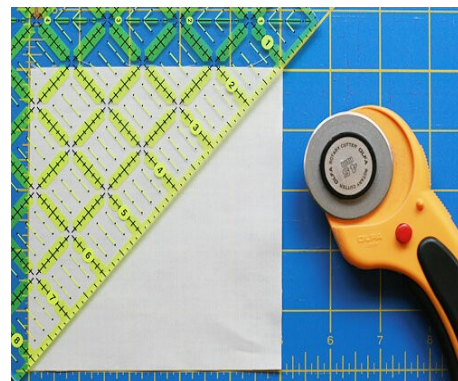
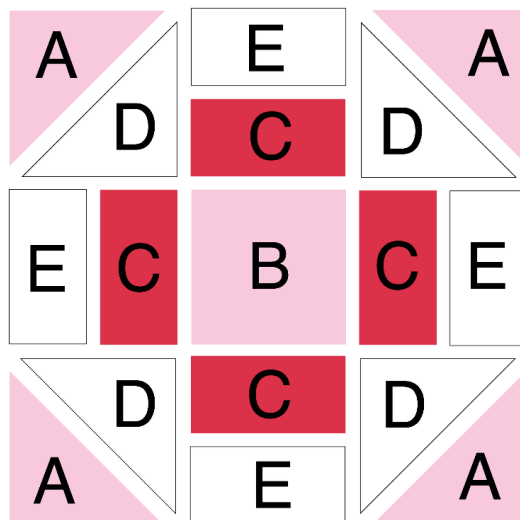
Assemble Your Block

Step 2. Place (1) Background 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle (E) and (1) Center Cross 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangle (C) right sides together.

Sew together along the 4-1/2" edge. Press your fabric to the darkest side. Repeat for the other (3) sets of Background (E) and Center Cross (C) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles.



Step 3. Cut your (2) Background 5" x 5" squares (D) along the diagonal.



If using same fabric for all corners, repeat the cut along the diagonal for your (2) Corner Triangle 5" x 5" squares (A).

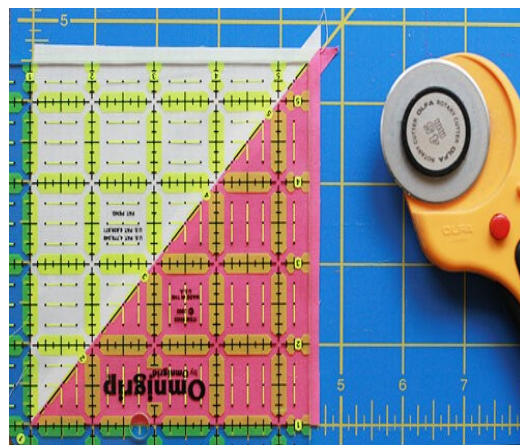
If using scrappy fabrics for your corners, repeat the cut along the diagonal for your (4) Corner Triangle 5" x 5" squares (A) and set aside one of each of the resulting half square triangles (HST). You will only need 1 of each fabric (for a total of 4 colored triangles).



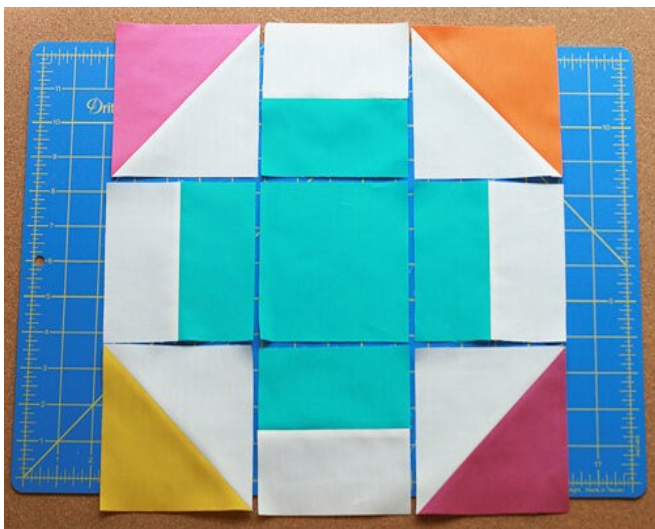
Step 4. Sew (1) Background HST to (1) Colored HST along the long edge, creating a square. Press towards the darkest fabric. Repeat with the remaining (3) Background HSTs and (3) Colored HSTs.

Step 5. Your resulting square will be slightly larger than 4-1/2" x 4-1/2". Trim your block to 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".

Tip: Using a quilting ruler, place the seam down the diagonal of the ruler. Trim at the top and right of the square.



Step 6. You now have all 9 units needed to assemble your quilt block. Lay out your units as shown and sew together the top row, middle row, and bottom row. For each row, press your seams in the opposite direction. For example, press the top row seams to the right, the middle row seams to the left, and the bottom row seams to the right.



Step 7. Sew the rows together. Press your seams open.





Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

Please complete

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*Address: _____

Street, City, Postal Code

Phone Number: _____

home cellphone

*Email: _____

Annual Membership Fee:\$50.00 received by _____

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*If you *do not* wish to have your information in a membership list provided to members please check here _____

*If you *do not* consent for publication of any photos taken of you to be used by
Niagara Modern Quilt Guild please check here _____



NMQG Membership Form

Member Name: _____

Amount Received: _____

Member in good standing until December 31, 2025 Signed:

for Niagara Modern Quilt Guild