

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



January 2025

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

PROGRAM:

JANUARY — 9, 2025

Our speaker will be Karen Brown from Just Get it Done Quilts—

Topic: **"Be the Best Quilter You Can Be"**

If you know people who would like to see Karen speak they can send an email to niagaramqg@gmail.com with their email and information plus a \$10 guest fee to receive a zoom link.

JAN./FEB. MEETINGS WILL BE VIA ZOOM ONLY!

Niagara Modern Quilting Guild Meeting Dates 2025

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

Meeting January and February on Zoom (inclement weather)

January 9, 2025. Zoom, link will be emailed to members
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



Presidents' Message

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! As we step into this new year, it's amazing to reflect on the journey of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild. As a founding member of the NMQG, I've seen our guild grow and expand, try many new ideas, and develop such a well-rounded community outreach program! From our humble beginnings in 2014 at the Quilt Canada exhibit at Brock University to the tremendous success of our Quilt Expo last year, we've truly come a long way and it's impressive to see all that we have accomplished under the amazing leadership of the past 10 years.

Taking on the role of president is a significant responsibility, but I'm committed to honouring our guild's founding mission: to teach and promote modern quilting. With many new members joining us after our Quilt Expo, we have a wonderful opportunity to revisit the basics and inspire both new and seasoned quilters to explore new techniques, ideas, and simply create!

Here are a few initiatives I'm considering:

Goals and Initiatives

1. **Workshops and Sew-In Days:** Hosting regular workshops and sew-in days to cover everything from foundational skills to advanced modern quilting techniques.
2. **Challenges and Competitions:** Hosting friendly competitions to push creative boundaries and encourage experimentation.

I'm eager to hear your thoughts and ideas on these initiatives or any other suggestions you might have. Thank you for your support and confidence. Let's make this year one filled with creativity, learning, and beautiful quilts!

Happy Modern Quilting!

Cheers, Stephanie B

Happy New Year NMQG

We hope you enjoyed your holiday.

2025 - the New Year is always a fresh start for some. And it is for your Executive Board too! We just wanted you to know that we have been working behind the scenes and news will continue to come to you via email for all things NMQG!

On Monday the newest edition of the **Newsletter is coming out with the zoom link for January 9th, 2025 first Meeting of the year! Karen Brown will be our guest speaker and will share a talk called "Be The Best Quilter You Can Be"** . Question time should be fun! Save up all your questions you would like to ask. Attached to Monday's Email there may be a few attachments. *Also if you know people who would like to see Karen speak they can send an email to niagaramqg@gmail.com with their email and information plus a \$10 guest fee to receive a zoom link.*

"Show And Tell"! For January and February we are fully on Zoom . Send your latest finishes for 2024 or for you who are ahead of the game those done in 2025!

Note: Send a jpeg picture (s) to the niagaramqg@gmail.com with the subject line Show and Tell! NO later than January 7th.

Finally we like to support our fellow guilds. The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild is delighted to be hosting Janice Reimer via Zoom on Monday January 27, 2025 at 1:30 pm. Janice is the winner of Quilt Con's Aware of Excellence in 2024 for her work Anechoic see details below on Page 4.

See you online January 9th @7pm!

Jo Vandermey for NMQG

Zoom Etiquette Reminder

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Please be aware that if your sound is not muted other will hear all sounds in your background.
4. Also, if your camera is active others will see what you are doing.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Show and Tell will be put in a power point slide show. When your pictures come up and your name is announced, 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.

Zoombees

Sew and Chat with **Tanya**

January 31, 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)

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

Friday—January 31

Friday—February 28

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

Zoombees

Mondays with **Anastasia**

6:30 - 8:00 pm -

January 6, 13, 20, 30, 2025

-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!

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

Do you have information for the next guild newsletter or any other guild correspondence?

Please send to: niagaramqg@gmail.com address and it will be forwarded to the appropriate email so we can insure as smooth as possible flow of information.

“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.

Sale of Gift Items at December Meeting



Thank you to all who did a bit of Christmas shopping at the December meeting.

I am happy to report that we raised \$150 for the Westview Centre4Women.

A transfer was sent to Westview and they were very thankful for the further support from the guild.

Jo V



Example of Kawandi Quilting.

Kawandi quilting is a hand-stitched, appliqué-style quilt making technique that originated in Western India and Pakistan:

Photo: BanuSlowMade Crafts on Etsy

BAY OF QUINTE MODERN QUILT GUILD:

From: **Nina McCannell** <ninamccannell@gmail.com>
Subject: Janice Reimer Presents - Piecing It Together:
Exploring design and lessons along the way via Zoom
Monday January 27, 2025 at 1:30 PM ET

To: Hello Everyone,

The Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild is delighted to be hosting Janice Reimer via Zoom on Monday January 27, 2025 at 1:30 pm. Janice is the winner of Quilt Con's Award of Excellence in 2024 for her work *Anechoic* (see photo). Our guild would be most appreciative if you would pass this information on to your members.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite for \$10.00 plus the Eventbrite fee. Here is the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/janice-reimer-piecing-it-together-exploring-design-tickets-1108600386599?aff=oddttdcreator>

Nina McCannell on behalf of the Program Committee, Bay of Quinte Modern Quilt Guild



Membership Renewals:

We have had a great response for renewals for 2025 so far. But we still have a few of you to hear from. January 31 is the deadline to continue to receive emails from us and your Modern Quilt Guild membership will lapse as well. Please go to our link to membership on our website. It will take you to the page to renew. Scroll down and fill in our form. We confirm your information in our system with this. Niagara Modern Quilt Guild Then e transfer the \$50 renewal fee to: niagaramqg@gmail.com

Our \$50 membership fee includes all in person and zoom guild meetings, access to the Modern Quilt Guild Online and all its benefits, weekly member facilitated, Zoombees, Beehives, sew days, and more.

If circumstances have changed and you know you won't be returning this year, could you please let us know? This helps with our planning and budget. Any questions or concerns please contact niagaramqg@gmail.com subject line: Membership

Membership List: A new membership list will be sent in January to all 2025 members. Please be aware that new membership lists may be emailed during the year. Old lists should be deleted or destroyed. This list is for members personal use only. We do not give out membership information without an individual's permission.

ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

EQG Quilt Fever: March 28–29, 2025 at the Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke, ON. This event will feature over 120 quilts on display, a vendors market, quilting demonstrations, a members boutique, and a cafe.

Quilts on the Seaway April 11–12, 2025 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall, Ontario. 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.

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.

Bee Hives



Kathleen O

WEDNESDAY, January 29th

Thorold Library 14 Ormond N
Wed. January 29 - 11:30-1:30 PM

A casual gathering of Quilty Friends. Let's talk about some ideas for 2025.

Modern trends.

Hand sewing? Sashiko? Embroidery? Ribbon Embroidery? Kawandi? Machine sewing?

Projects are optional. Come for a visit. Come for the Shortbread. Bring a non-Member friend.

Questions: KathleenO
niagaraMQG@gmail.com

Smile...



QUILTING KINDNESS

As a result of your hard work, 14 quilts and a bag were delivered to Port Cares to assist in their Christmas program.

Consider the idea below to keep those fabulous quilts coming!

*If we each bring a quilt top or finished quilt, to the **March** meeting we will be on our way to another giving year.*



We recently received this quilt top from a member (and thank you very much) and realized it would be a great way to use up scraps as they come along or to clear up a pile. Choose a basic colour then add your scraps, any size you like. You will have enough for a quilt top in no time! You can bring it in to a meeting and the committee will kit it up and put it out for finishing.

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 niagaramqg@gmail.com for more information.

Sylvia K



TheBobbinRobinShop.com

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Precuts - Widebacks - Kits

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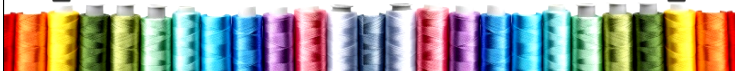
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Your Order Will Be Brought To The Next Meeting For Pickup



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A black and white illustration of a small bouquet of flowers with several buds and leaves.

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NMQG BOM Block of the Month with a Twist. Block # 4 January 2025

This month's block might be hard for some. Improv can be a scary word. You have to release your perfect points and step out of your comfort zone. For some this will be amazing! No rules! Well some but not as many. There are two ways to do this design. Traditional but improv or the half pineapple version. January can be a cold dreary month. You are welcome to try out the technique from your own fabric stash. And then make your guild member block. Embrace your wild side!

From MQG <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/resource/improv-pineapple-log-cabin-blocks/>

A fun way to do a traditional block using improv skills. Use either design.

Improv Pineapple Log Cabin Blocks

Skill Level: Confident Beginner

The log cabin block is ripe for modern reinterpretation and modern quilters have seized that opportunity.

The traditional pineapple log cabin is up for a modern redo as well. The pineapple log cabin block is typically paper pieced, but this modern version is free pieced with stitch and flip triangles creating the signature triangles that characterize this block.



Log Cabin Block (Pineapple Version) 12.5" unfinished block size
Improv Pineapple Log Cabin Block. When you've learned the technique, you'll be able to make a **Half Log Cabin** version as well.

Getting Started:

You'll need your cutting mat, rotary cutter and your standard piecing supplies.

Fabrics: Grab some scraps and give this block a try. We chose primarily solids in analogous colors for our blocks with one hint of print just for fun!

You'll need a handful of strips from 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" wide. Make sure you have some at least 14" long. For the triangles, you'll need 8 or more square scraps from 4" x 4" to 6" x 6". These will be cut in half diagonally to make your triangles. The block requires 4 triangles for each round of logs you choose to add to your block.

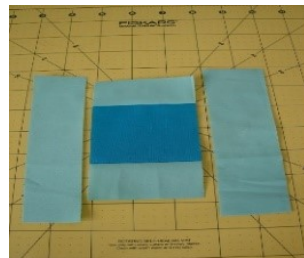
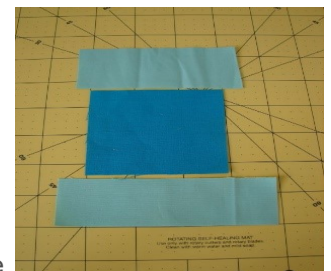


Making the Block:



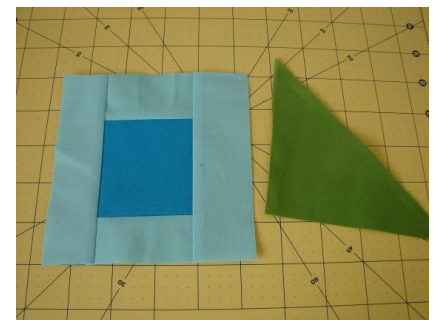
Cut a center. It can be any four-sided shape. Feel free to make it skewed if you desire.

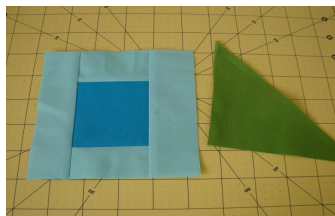
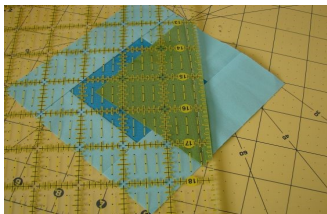
Logs are sewn to the center courthouse steps style, sewing logs to the top and bottom of the center first and then to the sides. Cut two strips a bit longer than your center. Sew the strips to the top and bottom of the center. Press seams away from the center.



Trim the top and bottom logs even with the sides of the center. Cut two more strips a bit longer than the sides of the center. Sew to each side and again press away from the center. This will complete one round of logs.

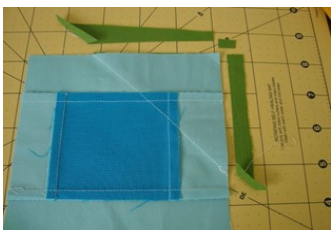
Cut two of your square scraps in half on the diagonal to create 4 triangles. The size of your triangles will depend on the width of the strips you use. The wider the strips, the larger the triangles will need to be.





Place a triangle across one corner diagonally. To make sure your triangle will cover the corner when sewn, do a test flip. To test, pin or hold the triangle on the seam line, flip the triangle over to see if it covers the corner. If not, adjust the position or choose a larger triangle. Sew a 1/4" seam along the diagonal of the triangle. Flip the triangle and press.

**Varying the placement angle and how far the triangle is in from the corner will alter the look of the block. Note how the triangle in the picture above is placed so that it will overlap the center when sewn.



Turn the entire block right side down and use your ruler along the straight edge of the block to trim the excess triangle fabric. Turn the block right side up, flip the triangle back and trim the excess fabric underneath. Repeat this process three more times to add stitch and flip triangles to each corner of the block.



Start the process again by adding another round of logs. Remember to sew strips to the top and bottom first and then the sides. Logs can be of any width you chose and feel free to angle them if desired.

When the next round of logs is complete, it's time to sew the stitch and flip triangles to each of the four corners. Varying the angle of the triangles will add interest to your block. Notice how the triangle is placed so that when sewn will overlap the triangle in the previous round.



To speed up the process, sew triangles to opposite corners, flip the block over and trim instead of sewing and trimming one triangle at a time. Continue the process adding rounds of logs and 4 stitch and flip triangles until your block reaches your desired size.



Pineapple Half Log Cabin Block Option

Our block has a center, four rounds of logs and 16 stitch and flip triangles.

To make the half log cabin variation: sew logs to the top and right sides of the center. Then add a stitch and flip triangle to the top, right corner. Continue the process as many rounds as desired, adding a half round of logs and then a stitch and flip triangle for each round.

There are so many possibilities to explore with this block. What would it look like if the



triangles didn't overlap, or if there were triangles added to every other round of logs or maybe triangles added to only one or two corners? Have fun and do some experimenting. We'd love to see some improv pineapple log cabin quilts!





Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

Please complete

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

Street, City, Postal Code

Phone Number: _____

home cellphone

*Email: _____

Annual Membership Fee:\$50.00 received by _____

Cheque ____ Cash ____ Etransfer ____ to : niagaramqg@gmail.com

*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

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NMQG Membership Form

Member Name: _____

Amount Received: _____

Member in good standing until December 31, 2025 Signed:

for Niagara Modern Quilt Guild