

# Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



## JUNE 2025

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**NMQG Meeting**  
**JUNE 12, 2025**  
**@ 7:00 - 9:00 pm.**

**PROGRAM:** Annual Garage Sale and Vendor Demo Sale

### **Niagara Modern Quilting Guild Meeting Dates 2025**

**June 12, 2025,**

**July 10, 2025 – “Quilts & Shenanigans”**

*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*

### **Executive Members**

President - Stephanie B  
VP/Membership - Jo-Anne V  
Continuity Officer - Sylvia K  
Treasurer - Pat S  
Secretary - Carol L  
Program - Donna Z, Tracy M

### **Non-executive Members**

Bee Hives - Kathleen O  
Quilting Kindness - Kelly T  
50/50 - Carol L, Donna Z  
Photographer - Janet T  
Newsletter Editor - Shirley B  
Membership Sign in Desk - Elizabeth L

### **Presidents' Message**

Dear Quilting Friends,  
We are halfway through 2025 and our June meeting is going to be a lot of fun with our Vendor Demos and our annual Garage sale! I hope you all have been gathering your gently loved but no longer needed / wanted items for the garage sale. All proceeds from the garage sale donations will be going to a local food bank.

### **Please note:**

- No Zoom for June General meeting. In Person only.
- Reminder to bring donations for Garage sale.
- Remember to **bring cash** to shop the Vendor Demos sales and Garage sale.
- No sew and tell due to garage sale.

We will be having signups for the two upcoming workshops; Jo-Anne's Ice Dying in August, and Jennifer Holden in September.

Also, in June we will be hosting the second Sew-Day to explore more Modern Quilting elements and this will be held on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Trillium United Church in St. Catharines. I will be holding an informal discussion and presentation ZoomBee on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to prepare for the Sew-Day. Hope many of you will be able to attend the Sew-Day as it is open to everyone!

Wishing you all happy and fulfilling moments of modern quilting!  
Cheers, Stephanie



**ANNUAL MEMBERS GARAGE SALE  
AND  
VENDOR SHOWCASE**



**June 12th Meeting**

Are you looking around for items for our **Annual Members Garage Sale**?  
Please donate sewing and crafting related items you feel that you no longer need or have use for and are willing to donate for charity.

All items left over and not taken home will go to a local charity in the Niagara Region.  
All monetary proceeds from the garage sale go to a food bank in the Niagara Region.  
The garage sale items cost is by free will donation.

**PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHEQUE**

*Thank you to you our members for your continuing generosity for this fundraiser.*

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**PRESIDENTS CHALLENGE DUE AT THE JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

Stephanie's Presidents Challenge Issued at the May Meeting was "**Curves**".

There is no zoom meeting or workshop on this technique this month.

Go to the Modern Quilt Guild site and use your membership to look under member resources for the links below or just put curves in the search box on the resource tab.

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/viewdocument/fresh-quilting-episode-212-curved>

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/viewdocument/itty-bitty-curves-curvelets>

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/viewdocument/sew-all-the-curves-with-jen-carlton>

There also many Curve videos on You Tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INsnyjD2Avk> Rob Appel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Trqij2tync> My Sewing Room

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zSXu46991s> Tiny Orchards Quilts

Be adventurous! Be Bold! You do not have to be perfect. Quilting is supposed to be fun!



By Amy Smart



by Red Pepper Quilts

## Zoombees

### Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

#### Sew and Chat with Tanya

Friday, June 27, 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)

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](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com)

## Zoombees

### **Mondays with Anastasia**

6:30 - 8:00 pm – June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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!

## QUILTING KINDNESS

Over the next couple of months we will be labeling all the wonderful quilts you have brought in and distributing them.

If you still have kits, set up a machine outside on your deck and don't miss any of the lovely weather. I always feel I should be outside rather than in my sewing room and realized working outside gives great light and no guilt!

Keep them coming so we can make people happy and cozy when the weather cools.

Sylvia K

## **BeeHive**

### **Kathleen O**

You're invited to our quilty community.

Wednesday, June 25, 10am - noon

Dr. Huq Library 425 Carlton St., St. Catharines

Bring: Your smile, questions, a friend, Sew 'n' Tell

Optional project: Floral-all supplies included but bring hand sewing needle & thread (neutral colour) small scissors.

Coffee is available in the Lobby.

There will be Shortbread.

Questions? : Attention KathleenO -

[niagaramqg@gmail.com](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com) **Smile...**



## Technical Help For Meetings

Technical help for meetings includes set up of microphone, connecting to the Meridian Center system to connect zoom speakers. Knowledge is required to do so. This is to help the executive to run meetings in January and February online also. It is not a board position. It may only be for back up needs at the meetings in case of illness or other circumstances. Please consider if you have had some skills in this area helping out. Zoom is the major way speakers near and far are using. Zoom is here and we need to adapt. Stuff happens, help be part of the solution. Contact Jo Vandermeij at: [niagaramqg@gmail.com](mailto:niagaramqg@gmail.com)



## “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:** niagaramq@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.

## ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

**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.

## BUY TRADE SELL

**Tatting Shuttle** – Free to good home, originally owned by a Nun. Please see me at the next meeting. Shirley B

## QUILTING DOCUMENTARIES

I have recently watched two documentaries on quilting that if you haven't seen, you might find interesting. Shirley B

**The Quilters:** Men in a maximum security prison, designing, sewing and quilting to donate to foster children. Highlighting the positive impact the quilting program has on the inmates.

**Women Quilters of Gee's Bend:** Souls Grown Deep is dedicated to promoting the work of Black artists from the American South and supporting their communities by fostering economic empowerment, racial and social justice, and educational advancement. Amazing women sewing quilts for generations in Gee's Bend, Alabama.  
Go to: <http://www.soulsgrowndeep.org>

## Recruiting Quilt Canada 2025 Team Leads

Team Lead volunteers assist CQA/ACC with various areas of the conference, before and during the event.

These include:

1. Concurrent Shows Team Lead
  2. National Juried Show Team Lead
  3. Setup and Take Down Team Lead
- Merchant Mall Team Lead

These positions can be filled by an individual or by a team of two people.

See the [Job Descriptions](#).

Ready to apply? Go to:

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada2025>

## BUS TRIP TO QUILT CANADA

This trip has proved so popular that more than one bus is going.

**Call 905-322-2712** to book your spot on the bus.  
Ps. If you are a CAA member, have your number /card handy.



## NMQG Ice Dyeing Workshop

**Ice Dyeing** is a form of dyeing fabric with Procion MX Dyes on prepared for dyeing natural fibers like cotton (and others). Ice is placed on top of the prepared fabric either scrunched or manipulated in folds or with resists (ie: shibori) the dye is sprinkled on the top of the ice. When the ice fully melts, and the dye is set the fabric is thoroughly rinsed and a pattern of split colours from the dyes creates a pattern on the fabric.

Facilitated by Jo-Anne Vandermey

**Zoom Class** Theory will be on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM and should last 1 hour. This allows us all to understand the basics of Dyeing fabric with Procion Dyes before the workshop.

**Hands on Workshop** to be held on Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM (The class may finish earlier). Held at Jo-Anne Vandermey's Home. (Beamsville) Bring your own lunch and snacks. The workshop is free for Members of the NMQG.

**Supply Costs:** \$20.00 for supplies.

Kit materials will be supplied so that everyone has the best chance for results to be optimum and equal. This will include dyes, ice and fabric. Other class material used such as containers for ice dyeing or reusable items to be returned to Jo-Anne Vandermey post class. Members need only to come to class in old clothes and be ready to dye.....

Also Included: Teaching notes in PDF form pre-class for the zoom lecture.

**Workshop Class Maximum Number: 12**

I have been dyeing with Procion MX dyes for at least 8 years. I have taught many classes using dyes to dye solid colours, ice dye, indigo dye and eco print. In fact, I have been teased that I live to "dye" another day. I hope this is a fun day of learning and experimenting.

Any Questions please email [niagaramgg@gmail.com](mailto:niagaramgg@gmail.com)

## *Improv Quilting Workshop With Jennifer Houlden on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>*



*At Trillium United Church*

*From 9am-3pm*

*Cost \$50*

*Non refundable*

*Please bring your own lunch*

*Coffee and tea will be provided*



Sample of dyed fabrics

## Member Business Owners

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# June Block of the Month

## – The Final Block!

The Equinox block is taken from the Modern Quilt Guild Website resources. This is for MQG members only. It will teach some skills about repetition and add in the idea of coping strips using the strips added to the finished four block unit. The sashing around the block can be oversized to make the block 12.5 inches squared up. This is what is done sometimes to improve blocks to make them the same size.

In this block the paper piecing should result in 5.5-inch squares, so it is very accurate. Measure the block when printed. It should be 5.5 inches. You will need 4 copies to make the block.

This block will require coping strips. This block was chosen to teach you a bit about paper piecing and coping strips. Remember if your blocks are not quite to size at times you can use a sashing to make “coping strips”

(See this link that explains coping strips by On Point TV on You Tube.)

Paper piecing on the MQG Website

## ABOUT THE BLOCK

The latest Block Study design is Equinox by Lou Orth, a member of the Oxfordshire MQG. This block is a beginner-friendly paper piecing design with lots of versatility and potential. Bonus quilt patterns for Warbler and Riverside are available at: [modernmonthly.com](http://modernmonthly.com).

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Read through all the instructions before beginning.

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Width of fabric (WOF) is assumed to be 40". For efficiency, cut the largest units first from the WOF strips.

### Materials

#### Large Scraps

6 or 7 different Fabrics (the pattern shows one optional colour in the left lower corner.

(You can do this but you don't have to.)

In the pictured block Peach, Fuchsia, Black, Cream, Rust, and Grey is used.

#### **From the Peach fabric, cut: ••**

6 squares 3 ½". Cut each in half along one diagonal for paper piecing Sections 2, 3 and 4.

2 rectangles 1 ⅛" x 10 ¾"

2 rectangles 1 ⅛" x 12" •

4 rectangles 1 ½" x 7" for paper piecing Section 6.

#### **From the Fuchsia fabric, cut: •••,**

1 square 3 ½". Cut in half along one diagonal for paper piecing

Section 1 of one Template. One triangle will not be used.

#### **From the Black fabric, cut:**

2 squares 3 ½". Cut each in half along one diagonal for paper piecing

Section 1 of three Templates. One triangle will not be used.

#### **From the Cream fabric, cut:**

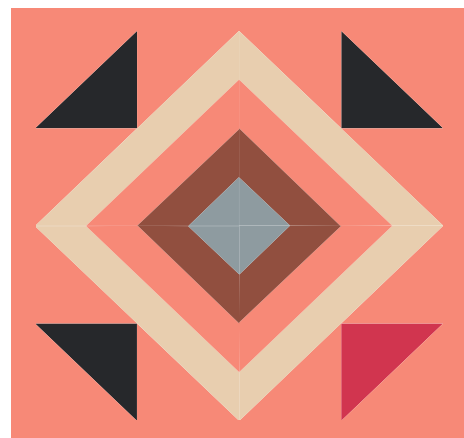
4 rectangles 1 ½" x 8" for paper piecing Section 5.

#### **From the Rust fabric, cut:**

4 rectangles 1 ½" x 5 ½" for paper piecing Section 7.

#### **From the Gray fabric, cut:**

4 rectangles 1 ½" x 3 ½" for paper piecing Section 8.



## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This block is constructed using paper piecing, and basic knowledge of paper piecing is assumed in these instructions.

Sew the pieces together in the order indicated on the templates.

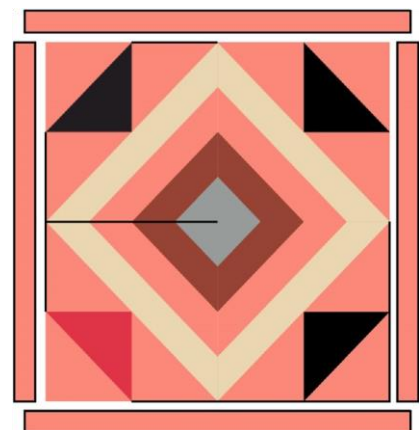
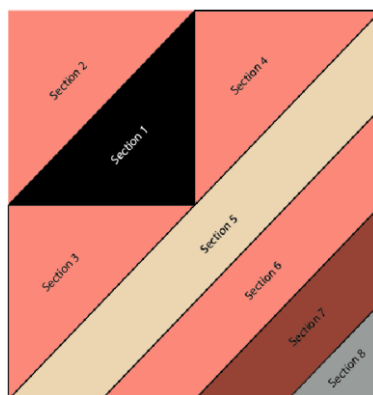
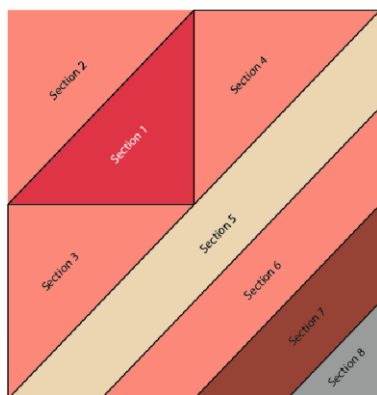
Trim seam allowances to ¼" as each new piece is added. Make four copies of the template at 100%.

With a pencil, mark one sheet as Template A and the other three as Template B to help differentiate them.

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

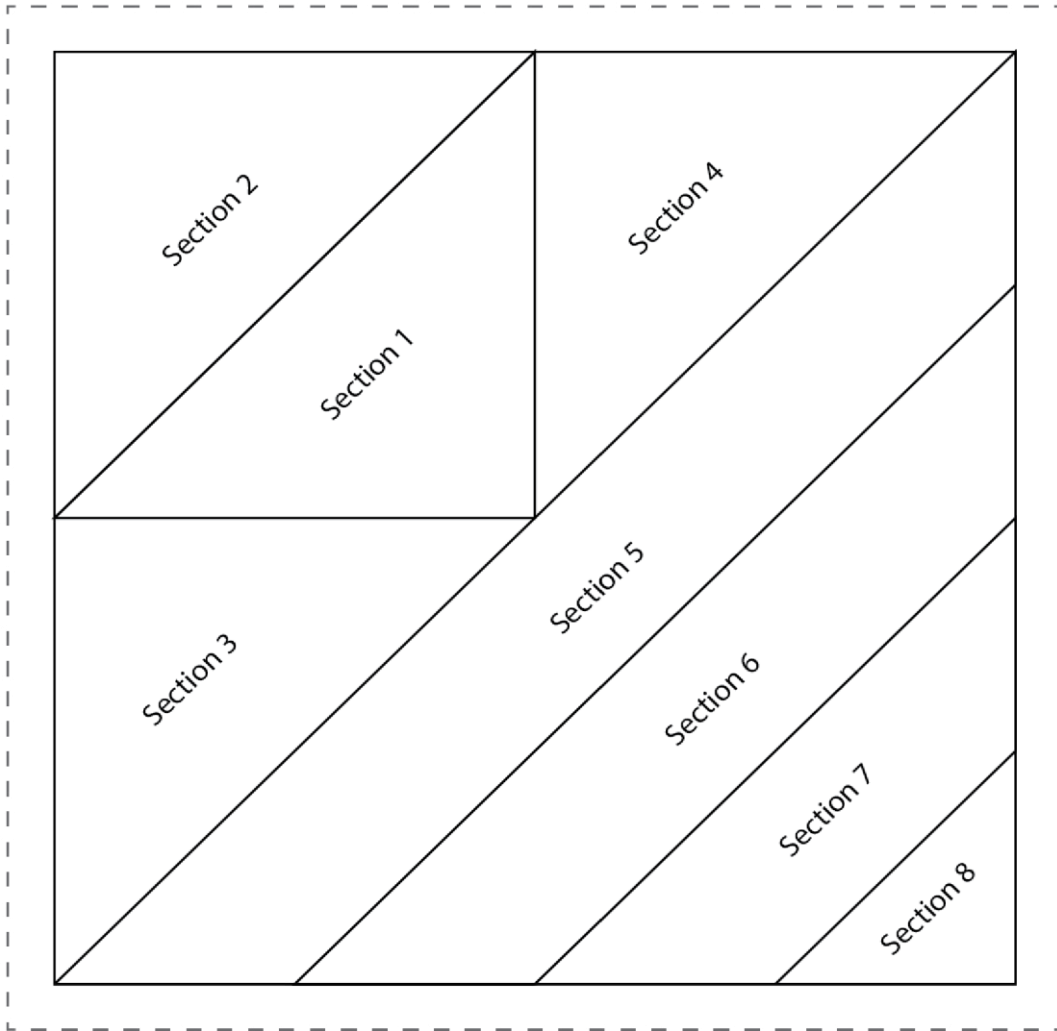
### BLOCK ASSEMBLY

1. Paper piece Template A, placing the fuchsia triangle in Section 1 and a peach triangle in Section 2. Sew, trim and press the seam where the two fabrics meet. Then place and sew another peach triangle in Sections 3 and 4. Sew, trim and press the seams where the fabrics meet. Then, one at a time, place and sew one cream rectangle to Section 5, a peach rectangle to section 6, a rust rectangle to Section 7 and a gray rectangle to Section 8. Trim the unit to the dotted line of Template A [Figure 1].
2. Paper piece one Template B, placing a black triangle in Section 1 and a peach triangle in Section 2. Sew, trim and press the seam where the two fabrics meet. Then place and sew another peach triangle in Sections 3 and 4. Sew, trim and press the seams where the fabrics meet. Then, one at a time, place and sew one cream rectangle to Section 5, a peach rectangle to section 6, a rust rectangle to Section 7 and a gray rectangle to Section 8. Trim the unit to the dotted line of Template B. [Figure 2].
3. Repeat Step 2 to make two additional, identical Template B pieces.
4. Sew the A unit to the B units, as shown. Note the orientation of each Template. Press the seam [Figure 3].
5. Sew the 10 ¾" peach strips to the left and right edges of the block. Press. Sew the 12" strips to the top and bottom of the block. Press. Remove the paper now, if desired, or wait to remove the papers after the block is sewn to other blocks.
6. The block will measure 12" square.

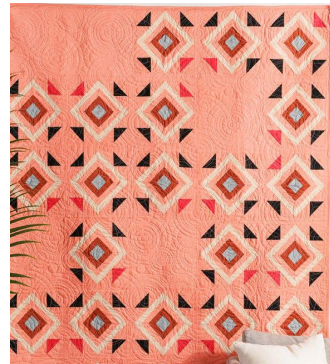


# EQUINOX TEMPLATE **Print 4 copies**

This is a 5.5" block. When Printed it should measure 5.5" Make sure you printing settings are set correctly



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Member in good standing until December 31, 2025 Signed:

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