

MYSTERY QUILT EXCHANGE

The Orchard Valley Quilters Guild is partnering with the Penticton Guild on a Mystery Quilt Exchange. Each Guild is providing the other with the fabric requirements so that over the summer as you travel or attend quilt shows you will be able to "stock up" on fabric. The mystery pattern we are giving to Penticton will be different from the one they are giving to us. It will be great fun to see what the finished products will be. The first set of instructions will be distributed in September.

What's a Mystery Quilt??

For those of you who don't know what a Mystery Quilt is, a quick explanation follows:

Quilters get to make units for a quilt, over a period of time — usually at monthly intervals, not knowing what the outcome is to be. You are sent the instructions a piece at a time, without having any idea what the end project will look like.

The materials list has been sent out and the first set of sewing instructions will be available in September. The instructions for making the quilt top are presented in such a way that the design is hidden until almost the very end.

The instructions for the quilt design will start by setting out what blocks will be used, and how many in which colours, and so on.

The quilter will make a given number of particular blocks, assemble them into a top and add borders, as per the instructions.

The two guilds will then get together to show each other what they have done.

Note: Penticton is sending us one pattern and we are sending them a different one. It should be great fun and very interesting to see how everyone interprets colour. There are already 24 people signed up in Penticton so we are hoping to have at least that many participating from our guild.

Should you require additional information it can be obtained from: Pat de Broekert at: patidebroeke@shaw.ca

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Instructions from Penticton for Kelowna

Lap: 40" x 50"

Twin: 80" x 90"

Background Fabric

Lap: 2.4 meters

Twin: 4.4 meters

Recommended to use 1 fabric, solid or low design tone on tone.

High contrast is the key in this design so if your background fabric is white or very light, your other design fabrics should be a mix of light, medium and dark fabrics.

If using a black or dark background, then use a good mix of bright light, medium and dark fabrics.

Design Pattern (Scrappy)

Lap: 2 meters

Twin: 4 meters

Use a good mix of light, medium and dark fabrics (see above).

Solids or small prints are acceptable, large prints should not be used as the largest size pattern piece is only 3".

First inside border will be completed using 2 1/2" strips of background fabric.

Second border will be completed using 3" tall strips of fabric cut in varying widths from design pattern fabrics.

Outside border (optional) will be completed using 5" strips of either background fabric,

Lap: 1 meter

Twin: 1.5 meters

or a fabric that co-ordinates with the colour scheme of the centre or overall theme.

If planning on using this outside border, please allow extra fabric.

Any questions please contact Pati de Broekert: patidebroeke@shaw.ca