

Ashe County Piecemakers' Fat Quarterly

Sharing the Art of Past, Present, and Future Quilting

Meeting at the Ashe County Senior Center on Ray Taylor Road 2nd Thursday of the month 2:00-4:00

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Hi Everyone, Here we are in the midst of Autumn - already. Summer has gone, and Old Man Winter has just rolled over in bed hoping to catch a few more winks before he has to show his face. Hopefully he'll hit the snooze alarm several times before he gets down to business.

We are looking forward to seeing Christmas decorations coming in this month for the annual TreeFest. It is wonderful to see the many talents of our guild members displayed in public, letting folks know that we are here, we are creative, and we care. Bring your Cool Tools to the November meeting and share how they help you with your projects. Learning from each other is what it's all about. See you at the meeting,

Brenda



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Guild Meeting: Nov 14

Program: COOL TOOLS

Drawing: plaid OR dotted fabric

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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Community Service Quilts: Our quilt supply could use some additions. Keep in mind that we donate quilts at our December meeting to the Senior Center so we need to replace those to be ready for needs during the winter months. Keeping some on hand for fire victims is a sad but necessary part of our charity work. Guild labels are available at meetings and in the supply closet at the senior center.

State Parks: Quilts that are hanging at the State Park will be returned at the November guild meeting. It doesn't matter if quilts have been displayed before. Visitor turn-over keeps the quilts "new." Please bring small quilts (36") to the November meeting for Carol to take to the State Park for the winter.

Christmas Ornaments for the Guild's Christmas Tree at the Arts Council are due at the November meeting.

Pillowcases: Ann Becker will lead a free pillowcase workshop November 15 at the Senior Center. Standard size pillowcases are being made as gifts for 77 adults and children being served by Ashe Services for Aging.

Sew-N-Tell: If you are bringing items for Sew-N-Tell, please sign in when you arrive with your name, pattern name, and/or brief description of your item/items. This will be a big help in assisting our secretary. Thanks.

The Mountains are Calling: This is the new name for our quilt fair. By keeping the name the same every year, it will cut down the cost of signs/banners for publicity.

Christmas Tree Ornaments: Christmas ornaments for our TreeFest tree are due by the November Guild meeting. Set up and decoration will occur on November 23rd, and removal of ornaments on December 21st. The reception will be held on Friday, December 1st at the Arts Council.

Christmas Guild Meeting: The December meeting will be a celebration of the Christmas Holidays and socialization with each other. There will be no business meeting. However, we will have a potluck meal FIRST, followed by Sew N Tell, gift exchange (explained at the November meeting), donations to the Senior Center, raffle quilt drawing, and perhaps some games (time allowing.)

Quilting Tips

If you have pin basted your quilt together, you must remove the safety pins as you approach them. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to stitch over a safety pin. Not only does stitching over them make them difficult to remove, but it's dangerous! You could easily break your needle, sending a fragment of the needle into your eye.

If you are quilting a large project, such as a bed quilt, be sure you have a large surface to the rear and to the left of your machine to help you support the weight of the quilt. These large-size projects are very heavy and can easily pull your machine right off the table and onto the floor!

(I set my ironing board up in such a way that it helps to hold the quilt on my left side.)

Prepare any quilt larger than 36 inches x 36 inches for quilting by rolling it as follows.

Lay the basted quilt on the floor and roll the two sides towards the center, leaving a 12-inch swath of quilt unrolled, as shown in Figure 1. This is where you will begin machine quilting. Secure the rolls with safety pins or bicycle clips.

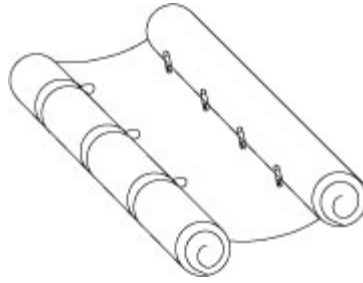


Figure 1: Rolling and securing the quilt.

You can find bicycle clips at the sporting goods store and at some quilting stores. Bicycle clips are flexible metal rings with a small opening. They hold your pants leg against your body while cycling so that your pants don't get caught in the bicycle chain

Bicycle clips function the same way on a quilt. Just think of the rolled edges of the quilt as the "leg" and put the clip over this rolled leg, holding it securely in place.

Calendar & Notes

Nov 7	10:00-12:00	Board Meeting in the library conference room
Nov 7	1:00 – 4:00	Community Service Quilts Sew Day
Nov 14	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: No Fool's Tools: bring non-quilting tools you find handy for quilting
Nov 15	time?	Pillowcase workshop with Ann Becker in Classroom 1 - free
July 23-25	SAVE THE DATE:	The Mountains are Calling – ACPQG Quilt Fair at Ashe County High School

Please remember to silence your phone during meetings to avoid distractions. Thanks!

Workshop: Boutique Sew Day Wednesday at 10:00 at the Senior Center – Classroom 1 (beginners welcome)

**High Country Doll-makers Club – 2nd Saturday of the month - contact Adrienne Sherrow for location as it varies:
336-858-0096 adrsherrow@gmail.com**

Community Service Quilts – 1st Thursday of the month - 12:30 to 4:00 (beginners welcome)

Critters: (Knitting and crocheting) – The Critters have joined forces with the Crafters at the library. They meet the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 – 12 in the library Conference room. Call Library for information.

Classrooms: When a classroom is mentioned for a class/workshop, it is at Ashe Services for Aging – site of our guild meetings.



As you can see, I am in need of "filler" for the newsletter. If you have an article/story you would like to see included, please send it to me at wolfpackers@embarqmail.com. Thanks.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE