

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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Happy Thanksgiving, quilters!

If you get this newsletter before Thanksgiving, then I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. If it comes after the holiday, I hope your Thanksgiving was a blessed one, filled with family, close friends, fun and good eats. Either way, this means that coming right up is December, one of the busiest months of the year with shopping, wrapping, last minute project finishing, parties and celebrating. It's a wonderful time of the year!

I hope you're all looking forward to our guild Christmas party. I know I am. I think it will be a fun time. (No business meeting. Yippee!) We'll have a nice meal, see our hard work delivered to those in our community that are in need, find out (finally) who wins our lovely fundraiser quilt and receive a small gift from another guild member. It's a good way to start off the holiday season.

Please, have a truly wonderful holiday season. Have a wonderfully safe holiday season, as well.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to one and all. Ces

Happy Birthday

Pat Farmer 5 Donna Holmes 15 Rheta Kirk 17
 Elaine Fox 17 David Smith 19 Barbara Phillips 23
 Sandra Riegler 28 Candace Lawrence 29

December 12th Guild Meeting
 No Business meeting

Christmas Party
 Fundraiser Quilt Drawing
 Gifts to Sr. Center
 Gift Exchange

Calendar & Notes

Dec 5	10:00 – 12:00	Board Meeting: Library Conference Room
Dec 5	1:00 – 4:00	Community Service Quilts Sew Day – Senior Center
Dec 12	2:00 – 4:30	Guild Meeting: Christmas Party

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 winter approaches please remember that the guild follows the Ashe County Schools weather schedule. If there is NO SCHOOL, there will be no guild meeting or class that day.

2019 Fundraiser Quilt: If you have tickets/money, please bring them to the December meeting. The drawing will be held at this meeting and all tickets need to be in the barrel for the drawing. Thanks

Pillowcases: Pillowcases for the Sr. Center Day Care folks are due at the December meeting. As our Christmas project this year, they will be given to the center for the Adults and Children they serve.



Eccentric Birds Block: This is the block for the January drawing.

The directions for making this block are on the next page.

Eccentric Birds

12.5" unfinished

January 2020

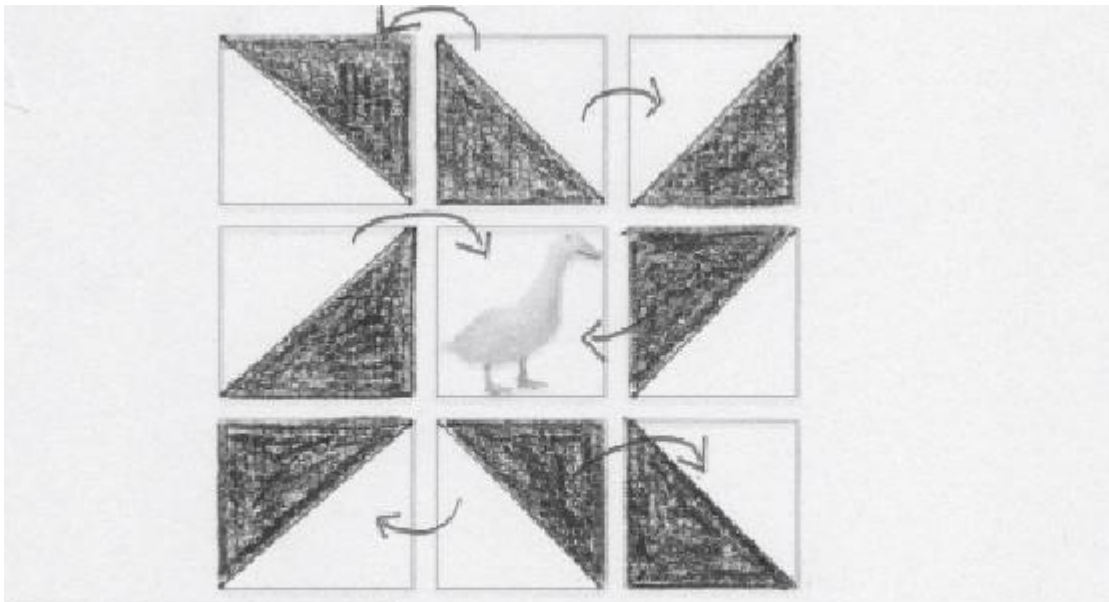
We are making I Spy Birds blocks using a traditional block called Eccentric Star

Fabric needed;

- ~ (1) 4.5" square of a printed bird fabric (W-O-W – white on white)
- ~ [4] 5.5" squares of one coordinating solid fabric (HST = half square triangle)
- (4) squares of one white-on-white fabric

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each W-O-W fabric. Place a W-O-W fabric square on a solid fabric square, right sides together. Sew parallel lines from each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line to make two HSTs. Press seam allowances to the solid fabric. These blocks are a bit oversized to ensure accurate HSTs. You must square up each HST unit to **4.5"**.

Lay out the eight HSTs and the bird print as shown. Press seam allowances in direction shown by arrows. Sew the units in each row together; Sew the rows together, pressing seam allowances toward the center,



You may wish to use the *Eight at a Time* method of making HSTs. You can find a tutorial for this method making an Eccentric Star block at <https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/eccentric-star-quilt-block.html>

When you start thinking you can thread the needle while the sewing machine is running, then you might have had too much coffee.



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