

Covington Quilt Guild

The Travelling Suitcase

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Who is eligible to participate:

All current members of the Guild. We encourage everyone to participate. This continues our Guild's purpose of Share and Learn, and connection. Even if you are a new quilter and wonder if you should sign up, the answer is YES!! We know the Guild has accomplished sewists and some who are new. It does not matter. There are lots of people who can and will help others, when asked.

Timeline:

February:

- Register for one or more of the exchanges and complete the attached form (one for each exchange). Send it to Bobbie at nwquilter@comcast.net.
- Create a box / suitcase for each exchange you have entered.

March:

- Gather your supplies (fabric, etc.).
- Include a copy of your form in each box / suitcase (in folder so others can easily find it). Also, any additional guidelines you want to add; e.g.,
 - if you want to stick to a certain color palette (fall or summer colors, Asian, brights, etc.).
 - if there is / are color(s) you do not want used (browns, blues, etc.).

- if there are certain fabrics you do not want used (do not use 30's fabric or muted shades, etc.).
- if you have a theme (Vintage Christmas, star blocks, country, Washington State, etc.).
- if the sewist can add fabric to those in the suitcase or if you want them to only use the fabrics in the suitcase and
- any other information to help the sewist complete their task within your parameters.
- Make your starting block (as appropriate).
- Make a tag for luggage / box.
- Make a Quilt Label for your quilt. Ask everyone who works on your quilt to sign the label. You might want to add a Pigma pen for them to use (Pigma pens do not run).
- Start a small journal and add it to your box / suitcase. Be sure and put your name, phone number, and address on the first page. You can attach your enrollment form to the inside cover. You can add a note to the quilters working on your project. Ask each sewist to add a note about what they added to your project. This ensures that whatever they did is not repeated by a subsequent sewist. Also, each sewist can add any additional thoughts they may have in a note to you.
- Consider putting some gifts in the suitcase for the people making your blocks / rows / borders. These gifts do not need to be elaborate: something you made, a package of needles, a little book, nail file, tea / hot chocolate packets, etc.
- Consider putting a disposable camera (yes, they still sell these) in the box / suitcase. Ask each quilter to take a picture of themselves with the blocks / rows / round they made. If you do not want to put a camera in your box / suitcase, ask each quilter to take a picture and print it out to add to the project.
- Also, please remember that the rotation is not a secret, if you need to contact the original person to ask questions, please do so. And remember, that you can reach out to other quilters, if you need some ideas.

April:

- The rotation starts on April 1, 2021 and travels every two months to a new sewist:
 - June 1, 2021,
 - August 1, 2021,
 - October 1, 2021 [note this person will have three months],
 - January 1, 2022,
 - March 1, 2022).
- It is the responsibility of the person who has the suitcase to get it to the next person – on time, please. In fact, if you get done with your task early, feel free to contact the next person and arrange to get the suitcase to them early. On June 1, 2022, the suitcase will be returned to the owner.

Three (3) Options:

1. *Blocks* –

- a. Originator:
 - i. Determines the measurement of their unfinished blocks.
 - ii. Determines how many each sewist will make (2? 3?).
 - iii. Originator can determine what kind of blocks they want; e.g., all star blocks, all pineapple blocks, 9-patch variation, any variety, etc.
- b. Each sewist should note what they did in your notebook. For each subsequent sewist, please do not repeat any block pattern used before the project reaches you.
- c. Rotation is as follows:
 - i. April 1, 2021
 - ii. June 1, 2021
 - iii. August 1, 2021
 - iv. October 1, 2021 (this person has 3 months due to holidays)
 - v. January 1, 2022
 - vi. March 1, 2022

vii. May 1, 2022 – the box / suitcase goes home to originator.

2. **Row by Row** --

a. Originator:

- i. Determines height of each row or can give a minimum and maximum each row should measure; e.g., at least 8 inches in height to a maximum of 14 inches, etc.
- ii. Determines the width of each row; e.g., 36 inches, 44 inches, etc.
- iii. Determines the theme for their rows, e.g., Christmas, Washington State, Animals, etc.
- iv. Can determine what rows they want or just give the theme and let the sewists choose. For example:
 1. Christmas –
 - a. stockings,
 - b. nutcrackers,
 - c. candy,
 - d. ornaments,
 - e. snowflakes,
 - f. Christmas trees, etc.
 2. Washington State –
 - a. sky,
 - b. mountains,
 - c. trees / forests,
 - d. water / lake,
 - e. houses,
 - f. people,
 - g. flowers, etc.
 3. Sewing –
 - a. pincushions,
 - b. scissors,
 - c. irons,
 - d. sewing machines,
 - e. quilt blocks, etc.

4. Advent –

- a. star of Bethlehem,
- b. animals,
- c. shepherds,
- d. wisemen,
- e. gifts, etc.

5. Farm –

- a. animals,
- b. barns,
- c. pasture,
- d. haystacks,
- e. planted fields, etc.

6. Flowers – different flower for each row, etc.

- b. Each sewist should note what they did in your notebook. For each subsequent sewist, please do not repeat any pattern / row used before the project reaches you.
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3. **Round Robin** –

- a. Originator:
 - i. Sets parameters for their quilt; e.g., colors, fabrics (batiks, no batiks, 30's fabric, no 30's fabric, etc.,).
 - ii. If the originator has a certain place they intend to put this quilt (a wall hanging to fit a certain wall), be sure to include size parameters.
 - iii. Creates a starting point. It can be a block, square or rectangle, a panel, etc.

- iv. Determines if they want certain borders; e.g., square in a square, triangles, applique, paper piecing, diamonds, etc. Or if they want the sewist to determine what they want to do as the next border.
- b. Each sewist should note what they did in your journal. For each subsequent sewist, please do not repeat any technique used before the project reaches you.
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2021 Traveling Suitcase Project
Enrollment Form

1. NAME: _____

2. PHONE NUMBER: _____

3. ADDRESS:

4. CHOICE (Please complete a form for each choice):

- ☐ Blocks
- ☐ Row by Row
- ☐ Round Robin

5. GUIDELINES:

a. THEME (if any): _____

b. SIZE RESTRICTIONS (if any): _____

c. SPECIFICS:

- i. If blocks, what specific blocks do you want, or anything goes.

ii. If row by row, what rows do you want:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

d. COLOR / FABRIC CHOICES: _____

e. COLOR / FABRIC RESTRICTIONS: _____

f. ANY OTHER GUIDELINES YOU WANT TO ADD: