



# And sew on...

## WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

- Name tag
- Block party block
- Show-and-Tell
- Food for potluck  
(officers also drinks)
- Gift for gift exchange
- Canned goods for food pantry

## RETREAT

Nine of us had a great time at our Fall Retreat the end of October. The Spring Retreat will be May 18th - 20th at Victorian House Retreat in Weatherford. If you are interested in going, I need your deposit as soon as possible. Ten people are currently signed up and the maximum is twelve. If more than twelve are interested in attending, I will start a waiting list in case someone cannot come after they have signed up.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

## BIRTHDAYS

**SHIRLEY LEWIS**  
DECEMBER 15

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## QUILTER'S GUILD OF GRAND PRAIRIE

Founded July 5, 1993

Our Guild has been formed to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to perpetuate high quality of excellence in quilting and to be a gathering place for people with a common interest.

## NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 5, 2011

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

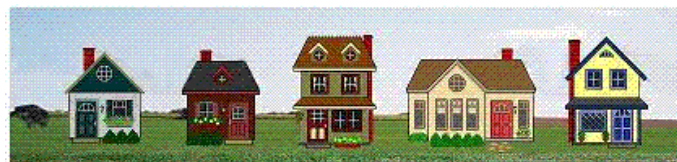
When this newsletter arrives, we will all be getting ready for Christmas and the New Year. I have enjoyed being President of the guild and look forward to the new slate of officers taking over in January. Our new president, Jane Lamb will do a wonderful job and lets all give her our help and support. So everyone have a Merry Christmas and get all our UFOs done before the New Year starts.

Sincerely,

MARTY STATEN

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance .....	1234.25
Ending balance .....	1234.25



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## JOIN US

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S. W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, TX. All visitors are welcome (ages 10 and up).

# CALENDAR

## 9TH ANNUAL JEFFERSON QUILT SHOW

January 27-29, 2012  
 120 East Austin Street  
 Jefferson, Texas  
 Admission: \$5/Adults  
[www.jeffersonquiltshow.com](http://www.jeffersonquiltshow.com)

## "STARS HIGHLIGHT THE 30S"

Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show  
 February 24-25, 2012  
 McAllen Convention Center  
 700 Convention Center Blvd.  
 McAllen, Texas  
[www.rgvqg.com](http://www.rgvqg.com)

## 'TRI-COUNTY QUILT SHOW "PIECEFUL MOMENTS"

Tri-Country Quilt Guild  
 March 2-3, 2012  
 Berry Center  
 Barker Cypress RD  
 Cypress, Texas  
[www.tricountyquiltguild.org](http://www.tricountyquiltguild.org)

## "IN FULL BLOOM"

Quilter's Guild of Dallas  
 March 9-11, 2012  
 Dallas Market Hall  
[www.quiltersguildofdallas.org](http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org)

## SHADES OF TEXAS QUILT SHOW

The Crossroads  
 to Texas Quilt Guild  
 March 30 - 31, 2012  
 3601 South W. S. Young  
 Drive  
 Killeen, Texas  
[www.cttquiltguild.org](http://www.cttquiltguild.org)

## CELEBRATE AMERICA!

The Woodlands Area Quilt Guild  
 April 13-14, 2012  
 Legends Sports Complex  
 602 Pruitt Rd, Spring, TX  
[www.waag.org](http://www.waag.org)

# MINUTES

- President Marty Staten called the meeting to order with 16 members and 1 visitor, Dianna Darbey, present.
- The minutes of the October meeting were approved with one correction – Nancy taught one of the classes, not Margaret.
- Grace reported no activity with our bank account. The balance is still \$1,234.25.
- We have one birthday this month, Janice Overton on November 23rd. Janice was not present but will get to pick her fat quarter next meeting.
- Michelle Rodriguez reported that there will be no more workshops this year. She also announced that there are already 8 people signed up for our May retreat to be held in Weatherford on May 18, 19, & 20, 2012. Nine ladies attended the retreat in October and a wonderful time was reported by all.
- Michelle also reported that the star block project was very successful with Moda receiving many more blocks than they anticipated.
- Grace has given 4 more of our string quilts to Soldiers' Angels and will give the quilts to different groups as they are turned in to her.
- Debi and Sue Taylor made the block of the month and will decide

who gets them. Next month's block is the Texas star and Debi also hopes to have instructions for assembly of the blocks into a top at the December meeting.

■ Shirley, representing the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for 2012:

- President – Jane Lamb
- 1st VP – Michelle Rodriguez
- 2nd VP – Elisabeth McMahon
- Secretary – Sue Heard
- Treasurer – Debi Cypert.

The slate was elected by acclamation.

■ Door prizes were won by Shirley, Nancy, and Lillie.

■ Those participating in show and tell were Michelle, Sue Heard, Margaret, Elisabeth, and Sue Taylor.

■ Next month we will have our traditional Christmas pot luck with officers also bringing drinks. We will install the 2012 officers and then play 'pass the present'. Everyone is urged to bring non-perishable food for the GP Food and Clothing Co-op.

■ Following our program – the naming of quilt blocks – the meeting was adjourned.

SUE HEARD

## 2011 QUILT GUILD OFFICERS & BOARD

President .....	Marty Staten (972-642-4640)
1st VP .....	Shirley Lewis (972-262-5640)
2nd VP .....	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Treasurer .....	Grace Norris (972-264-3307)
Secretary .....	Sue Heard (972-602-0449)
Historian .....	Open
Block Librarian .....	Open
Membership .....	Janice Overton (972-264-3472)
Newsletter .....	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Publicity .....	Carol Franklin (972-264-5656)
Special Projects .....	Open
Hospitality .....	Shara Hill-Scheibner (972-606-8329)
.....	Janis Hill (972-660-5138)
Stitch Groups .....	Grace Norris (972-264-3307)
Door Prizes .....	Jeri Bush (972-263-8734)
Parliamentarian .....	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Block of the Month.....	Debi Cypert (972-262-1233)

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## Quilt Blocks of the States - Texas



### Texas- 12" Quilt Block

The next block in our State Quilt Block Series is **Texas**. This block depicts the Texas Star pattern and is quite easy to master. There are "set-in seams" in this block and I have included the "Set-in Seam How to Instructions", just a click of the mouse away! The centre circle is appliqued into place after the remainder of the block has been pieced.

To print out the A, B, and C templates [Click here.](#)

To print out the Set-in Seam How to instructions [Click here.](#)

Here's a black and white map for easy identification of templates and their location



### Cutting Instructions



Light Fabric (White):

- cut four 3 7/8" squares

- cut one 6 3/8" square cut diagonally twice to make 4 half square triangles.(D&E)



Medium Fabric (Red):

- cut four B templates(seam allowance already included)
- cut four C templates (seam allowance already included)



Dark Fabric (Blue):

- cut one A template onto light weight cardboard The fabric will be cut out later.

**Sewing Instructions:**

**Step 1:** Cut out all of the pieces required (except A), according to the template map above and lay them out on your work surface

**Step 2:** Sew a B piece to a C piece to make a BC unit. Do likewise with the other BC pieces.

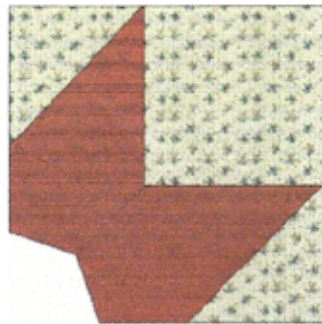


**Step 3:** Following the Set-in Seam How to Instructions, set in an E piece between the B&C shapes.(see diagram)

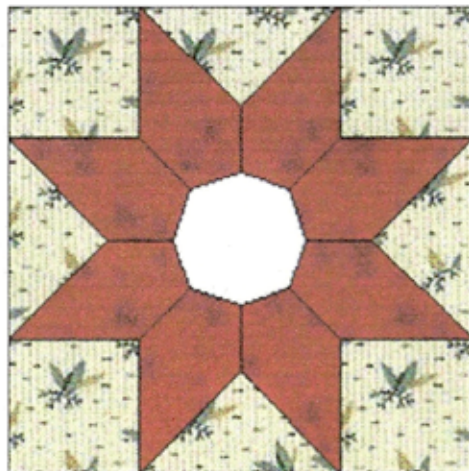


**Step 4:** Do the same to make the other three BCE units.

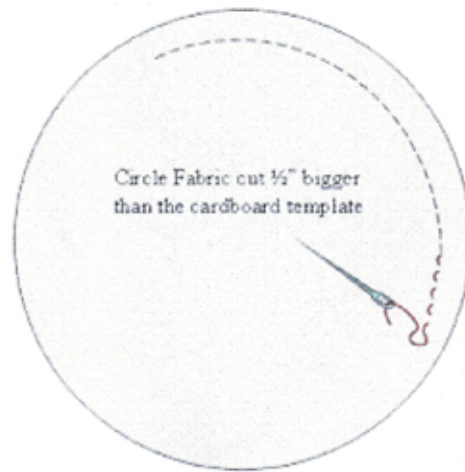
**Step 5:** Following the Set-in Seam How to Instructions, set in a D square piece to create a corner.(see diagram)



**Step 6:** Do likewise with the remaining corners. You will now have created a block with the centre piece missing. A gentle press with a hot iron will help the block to sit flat ready for the centre piece to be applied on.



**Step 7:** Place the cardboard A template onto the wrong side of the Dark fabric and draw around the circle. Cut out the fabric 1/2" outside the line. Using a needle and doubled thread (knotted at the end), stitch a running stitch around the fabric circle about 1/4" outside the drawn line. Place the cardboard A template onto the centre of the fabric circle and gently draw the thread to pull the fabric circle tightly around the cardboard template. Using a hot iron, press the fabric over the card template. Gently release the stitches slightly, and take the card template out of the fabric shape. Re-press the circle to keep the circular shape. Use a fine needle and single thread, applique the circle to the centre of the block making sure that all the raw edges of the B&C units are covered by the centre piece.



Congratulations. Your block should measure 12-1/2" on all sides. It will measure 12" finished size when it is sewn into a quilt.

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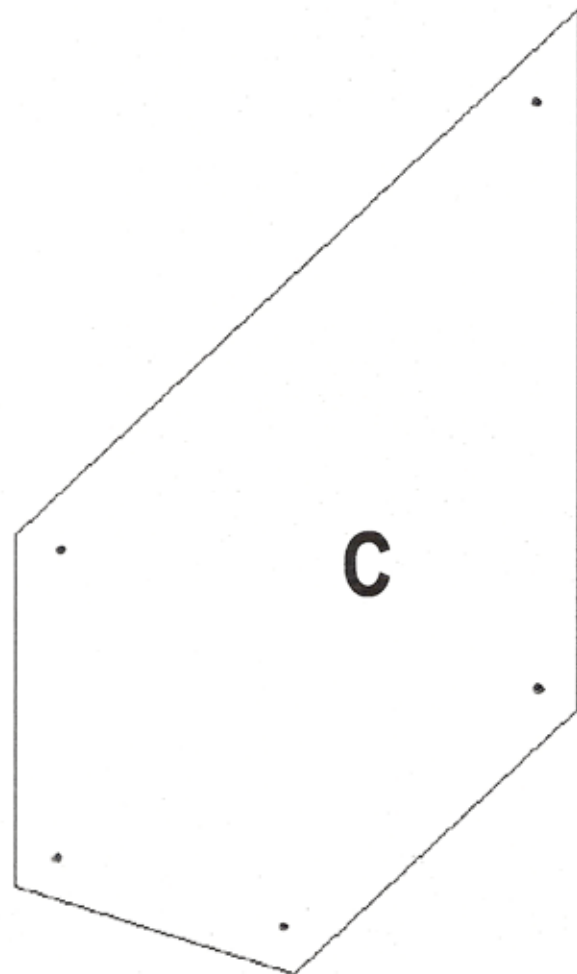
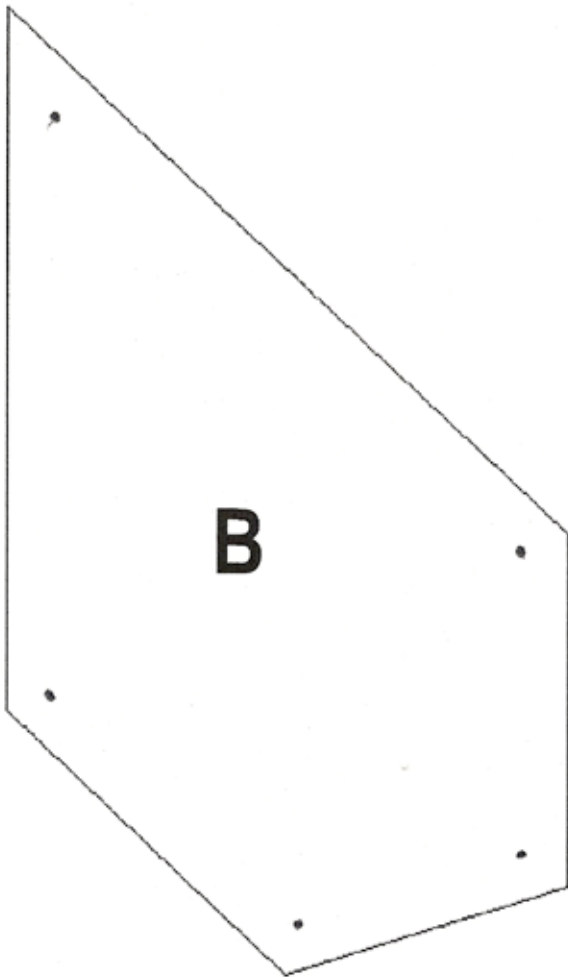
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# Templates for Texas 12" Block

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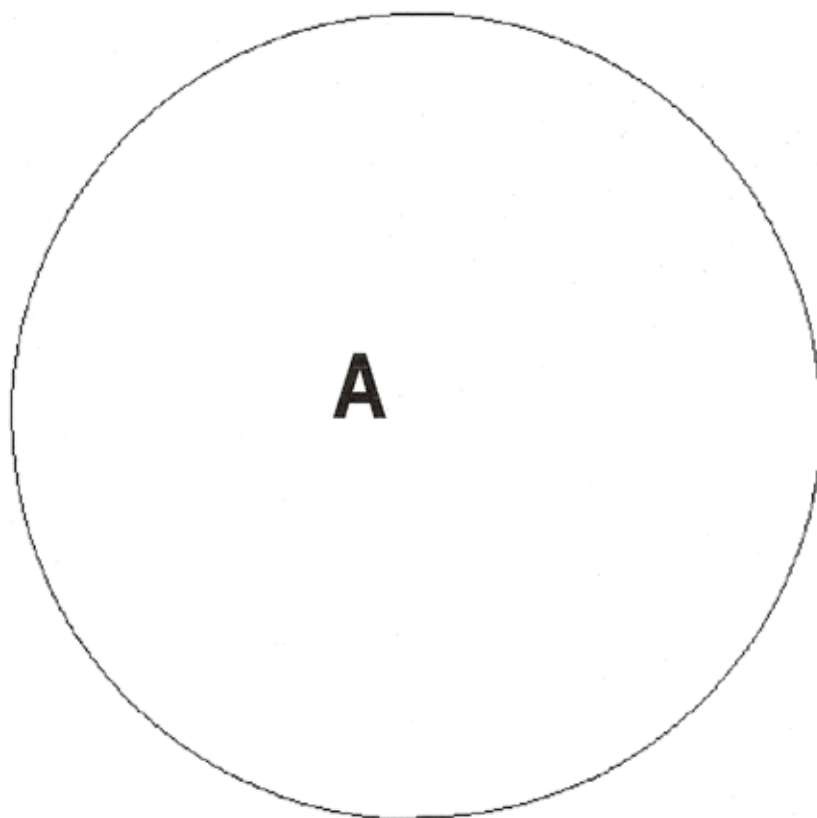
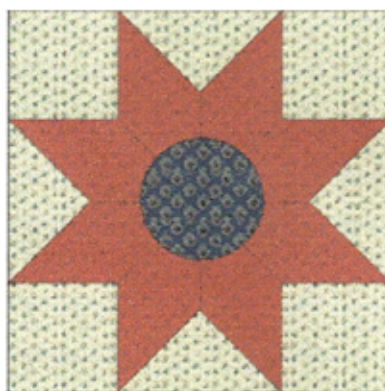
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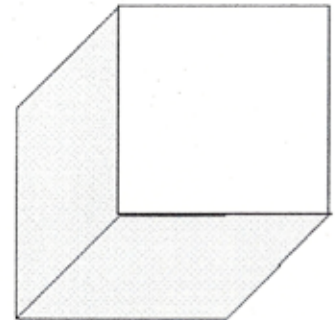




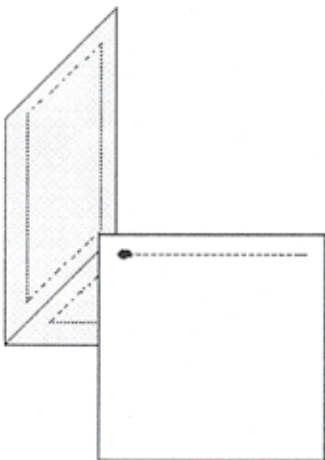
## How to Series with Judie Bellingham

### How to Set-in Seams

Sometimes you may find that some blocks are not simply put together with straight seams or in rows. Some patterns require the pieces to be set-in or sewn in two steps. Let's look at the set-in square between two diamond shapes.



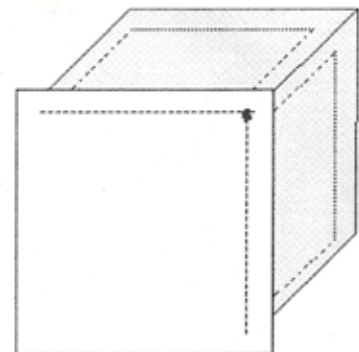
There are two steps in the set-in seam process. The square is stitched into its place by first stitching one square seam, then whilst keeping the needle in the down position, changing the fabric position and stitching the second square seam.



The first step when sewing this set-in square between two diamond shapes is to pin one side of the square on one side of the star point, with right sides together and matching the corners.

Start sewing from the outside and sew towards the centre of the diamond shape. When you reach to centre point, keep the machine needle in the down position, still situated in the fabric.

The second step is performed whilst keeping the needle in the down position, still situated at the centre point in the fabric, turning the fabric piece around to the adjacent side of the unit and pin to the next diamond shape, matching seams.



Continue to stitch along the second star shape on the stitching line, commencing from the centre to the outside edge.

# DECEMBER PROGRAM

December 5 is the date of our next meeting. We will have a pot luck dinner...please bring a dish to share. We always seem to have a good variety of food without assigning something, so bring what you wish. Officers should also bring drinks. I have the plates, cups, etc.

Our program will be a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. The gift should be quilting related. That could include things such as Thangles (triangles

on a roll), cutting tools, books, decorative items, patterns, fabric, etc. Use your imagination for something fun or different. I will read a story and we will pass to the left and/or right while we sit in a circle.

In the spirit of the season, we will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the food pantry.

We will also have installation of officers for 2012.

SHIRLEY LEWIS



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