

NEWSLETTER

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild Inc.



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July 13 Guild Meeting

Meeting called to order 10:00
Business Meeting
Adjourn 10:40
Announcements 10:40
Door Prizes
Bring and Brag
Guild Services

PROGRAM 11:45
Terry Soll
Creative Sewing

Upcoming Programs

- * **AUGUST**
Vickie Vogel
Tifafai - Tahitian
Applique
- * **SEPTEMBER**
Mini-Demos
- * **OCTOBER**
Fran Snay
Color with Movement

President's Corner

HAPPY FOURTH

Here it is already July. It is hard to believe six months have passed. How time flies when we're having fun.

I think everyone has been enjoying the display of quilts each month. Thank you Ethel Howey, Cut Up Bee, Sherry Allred, Mary Ruth Flores and Betty Brister. Anyone that would like to display some quilts give me a call at 684-4730.

This is the month a nominating committee is formed to recruit board members beginning January 2003. The positions to be filled are President, 2nd Vice President of Newsletter, 4th Vice President for Services, 5th Vice President for Community Out-reach and Secretary. The position of President Pro Tem still needs to be filled. Being a part of the board gives you an opportunity to help make decisions for the guild. I have found that it gives you a different feeling about the guild.

There are two quilt shows coming up in the near future. New Braunfels Quilt Show is July 26 to 28, and Apple Festival Quilt Show is August 3.

Happy Quilting
Betty Opiela



Our Welcoming Committee, Doris Patterson, Ellie Williams and Carrie Lyons make their contribution to the Auction! Hope it brought a bundle, Ladies!!! Thanks.

Guild Storage Facility Being Reorganized

It's been 2 years, now, since we moved out of the Quilt House and put the guild property (everything but the quilts) into the storage unit on Fredericksburg Road. Over time, it's gotten cluttered, our materials are placed wherever there is space at the moment and, in general, we're spilling out of the shelves that we brought with us. We'd like to reorganize the 10' x 30' space to make the materials more accessible, to organize them by program (QPC, Story Books, etc.) and to dispose of material that's no longer needed now that we don't occupy the house.

The desired outcome is new shelves that are 24" and 36" deep (except for the library, which has adequate shelving) with frequently used material toward the front (opening) and the rarely-used and odd-sized stuff toward the back. By keeping stuff off the floors and from being stashed any which way, we can also improve safety. A proposed layout of the room was briefed to program chairs at the June meeting, and will be available for general comment or question at the July meeting.

Yet to be determined is appropriate disposition for "excess" material that is taking up space we can put to better use. There are several options:

- Hold a garage sale. Pros: May generate some funds for the guild. Cons: No time on the guild calendar until next Spring. Not enough material for a stand-alone sale, would have to be a guild-wide effort similar to the one at the House several years ago. Time, labor and expense.
- Sell the material to guild members or via the newspaper want ads. Pros: May generate some funds for the guild. Cons: Most of the material is well used and would not sell for much.
- Make a donation to Youth Alternatives. Pros: Charitable giving. They have the facilities to either use the materials or sell them through their thrift store. Cons: No opportunity to recoup any costs incurred at initial purchase.

One point of consideration is that many of the items were initially donated by guild members,

and some have suggested that these items be returned to those who donated them. However, a donation becomes the property of the guild in general and to treat these items as belonging more to one person than another is contrary to that notion.

Therefore, we **recommend** the following actions be taken regarding material determined to be excess:

- Hold a silent auction at the August meeting, with items going to the highest bidder at the end of the meeting – and going home with the winning bidder at that time.
- Donate those items not sold at the August meeting to Youth Alternatives.

The following is a list of items being considered for removal:

2 floor lamps
 wicker what-not shelf
 chrome hanger display
 38 metal folding chairs (will retain 4 for use at the storage facility)
 folding tables (those currently checked out for committee use will be retained)
 desk phone
 door lock-box
 metal shelves
 TV, cart & VCR (condition unknown)
 unstable ironing boards
 quilt frame w/missing pieces (2 frames to be retained)

This issue will be discussed at the July meeting, but if you have any comments or questions, please forward them to: Mary Ruth Flores @ aagarita@satx.rr.com or Holly Nelson @ mhnel@earthlink.net.

JULY PROGRAM

Who: Terry Soll

What: Creative Sewing Center on West Avenue

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church

When: July 13th, Guild meeting program

Tell me more: Intro to one of the local quilt shops. (Terry will have just returned from Bernina U!)

June Program - Renee Bradley previews Annual Auction!

Thanks to **Renee Bradley** for an entertaining and informative preview of the 2002 Auction. All those months of “whining and begging” paid off! It must have seemed like an impossible task when she received her first donation in February, but once again the guild came through with some truly magnificent quilts, with everything from miniatures, to wall hangings and bed quilts, to vests.

With humor, style and grace Renee presented the results of countless hours of work from individual members, the guild’s bees and the QPC teams. And how stunning she looks in a vest! ☺ Although this is being written several weeks before the auction, it’s obvious this will be another successful year. While the quilts reflect the hard work of many in the guild, Renee and her co-chair **Terri Ryan** deserve our special thanks. Well done to both of you!

“SNITCHES” WANTED!

Or “Little Birds,” if you prefer. Do you know someone in the guild who has a skill or a technique that the rest of the guild could benefit from learning? The September program is **Mini-Demos**, where some of our own members share their talents with the rest of us – and we need teachers! Some of our members may be too shy to volunteer themselves, so I’m asking for your help in identifying folks.

Snitches (or Little Birds) will remain strictly anonymous! I’ll take on the task of asking your friend or mentor to volunteer *for the betterment of the guild* (how could they resist?), but they’ll be free to decline. So do your guild a favor and pass on your recommendation (name and skill or technique) to:

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Treasurer's Report May 31, 2002

	May	Year to date	Yearly Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
Auction			13,000
Bus - Houston			1,200
Dues-Membership		2,236.00	6000
Interest	46.65	233.70	780
Newsletter/Directory Ads	165.00	705.00	1,830
Other	61.39	277.69	650
Retreat - Summer	4,665.00	8,100.00	10,800
Retreat - Winter		815.00	3,300
2003 Quilt Show		150.00	
Style Show	15.00		5,750
Workshops	520.00	1,875.00	4,000
Total Income	5,458.04	14,392.39	47,310
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administration	121.63	321.83	3,600
Auction	181.00	701.00	2,500
Beekeeper/Boxes			100
Bright Hopes		165.17	900
Bus - Houston			1,200
Community Ed/Books		27.92	250
Facility	289.00	1,367.00	3,120
Folk Life Festival	10.02	10.02	15
Institute of Texan Cultures			10
Library		27.95	200
Magazines			75
Membership	1.38	10.12	220
Newsletter/DIrectory	219.65	1,403.71	4,110
Other		30.00	750
Patterns		22.09	300
Photography	17.38	83.55	385
Postage/Bulk		125.00	900
Programs	1,063.40	3,403.83	5000
QPC		246.43	500
QPM			150
Rent-Meetings	105.00	768.00.00	1,800
Retreat - Summer	2,000	2,000	10,800
Retreat - Winter	300.00	3,248.74	3,300
Sales Tax Expense		283.79	
2003 Quilt Show		520.50	3,000
Style Show	20.97	20.97	5,750
Telephone	103.28	257.95	720
Video Library			250
Welcoming			15
Workshops			3,000
Web Page		274.40	360
Total Expenses	4,433.19	15,319.97	53,280.00
Ending Jefferson Operating		\$9,227.08	
Ending Jefferson Reserve Balance		\$40,176.36	
Ending Total Guild Funds		\$49,403.44	

Karen Nanos, Treasurer

**America the Beautiful
Style Show and Luncheon
September 21, 2002**

Quilting Your Garment by Valerie Arcement

By now you are probably serious about whether or not you are going to make a garment for the GSAQG Style Show i.e. you have found a fabric that would look great as a 'whatever', you have found the pattern for the 'whatever' you want to make and are ready to dive in with your Gingers to create your masterpiece. Or we hope you have gotten at least that far! But before you cut, here are a few hints that will help you in making your garment just what you hope it will be: fit and fabulous!

Laying it out for quilting:

Lay your pattern pieces out on your surface fabric and cut around the patterns approximately two inches LARGER than the pattern pieces. This extra space will be taken up with the quilting and washing before cutting out your true pattern. Outline your true pattern size with a washable pen or chalk so you have a boundary guide while sewing.

When machine or hand quilting, sew about 1-1/2 inches away from this boundary marking. Doing this will allow you to grade your seams so the bulk of the batt can be removed from the seam area and improve the fit of your garment. After the seams are sewn, you can go back over the seam area to fill in any quilting that is missing.

If you plan to machine quilt and don't think the back of your work is worthy of inquiring eyes, then use muslin, or one of your 'dogs' for the backing and line the garment when you are finished.

And whenever possible, don't put any trinkets, beads, buttons or other dangling doodads on your garment section until AFTER you finishing quilting. I speak from experience here!

Quilting it:

Whether you hand or machine quilt, you need to baste it well. I love basting spray and rarely use anything else these days, especially on small pieces like a vest, jacket or wall hanging. Smooth it out nicely from both sides after spraying and, as you sew, form a hoop with your hands splayed out to give the needle a stable, wrinkle-free place to sew.

The best thing I have found to keep the fabric from slipping under my hands while machine quilting is a pair of garden glove with the little rubber dots on the palm side. They are easy to wash and cost a lot less than the 'quilters' gloves' I've seen in the stores.

Be sure you are sitting in a comfortable chair with back support that lets you sit with your elbows at your sides while you sew. This will take a lot of strain off your shoulders. And take a break every 15 or 20 minutes while you sew. I deliberately leave my ironing board far enough away that I have to get up and walk to it.

Rev up your engine!

Clean the lint out of your machine with canned air, boat wax the surface bed to help you move the piece while quilting and adjust the pressure foot if your machine calls for it. Lower your feed dogs? Well, sometimes I do and sometimes I don't. When using a darning foot, your machine will already be in a free-motion mode and leaving the feed dog up will give you a little more control as you move the fabric sandwich under the needle. And speaking of needles, put in a new one.

Needles and Thread:

The heavier the thread, the more it will show on the surface of your piece. Mettler and YLI are good choices for strong, decorative threads. Cotton 50/3 is lighter weight than a 40/3. The first number indicates the weight of the thread and the second number is the number of strands (3ply) that are twisted together to make the thread.

If you want to use monofilament thread to make your stitching less obvious, you should put 50-weight cotton in the bobbin. Monofilaments don't like being wound up on a bobbin. Gives your machine the heebie-jeebies. As for needles, 80/12 sharp or 90/14 embroidery is best for machine quilting with cotton threads. If using rayon threads, try a 90/14. And if you are feeling really brave

and want to add some metallic thread pizzazz to your garment, be sure you put in an 80/12 metallica needle. Metallic threads are VERY temperamental when doing free-motion and can definitely bring out your dark side in the sewing room! (Don't try this in the presence of children.)

References for more information:

There are lots of great sewing technique books out there but here are a few I grabbed off my shelf to guide me in writing this article:

Fast And Fun Machine Quilting by Rodale Press.

Excellent illustrations, tips and techniques and a great thread and needle guide.

The Complete Book of Machine Quilting by Robbie and Tony Fanning. Plenty of tips and design ideas from popular quilt artists and experts.

250 Continuous Line Quilting Designs by Laura Lee Fritz. Takes you away from stitching in the ditch to new heights and ideas.

Weave It, Quilt It, Wear It by Mary Anne Caplinger.

This is probably my favorite book for garment ideas and machine quilting tips.

NEWSLETTER INPUT

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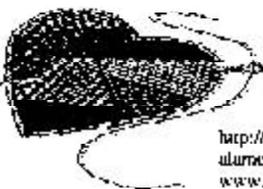
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Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.
Board Meeting, June 3, 2002

Board Members present: Betty Opiela, Ida Tyson Blankenship, Holly Nelson, Mary Ruth Flores, Karen Nanos, Roberta Haby.

President Betty Opiela called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Karen Nanos reported that \$5,000.00 was transferred from the operating fund to the reserve fund: Reserve fund = \$40,129.71/ operating fund = \$9,227.08/ Total = \$49,356.79.

Betty Opiela reported the gift to Alpha House given in memory of Virginia Wright has been purchased. The gift consisted of 30 yards of quilt batting, 10 storybooks and several scissors. Total cost was \$85.75.

Special Events: Mary Ruth Flores reported that Helen Johnson as resigned as boutique chairperson due to family illness. Kitty Janiga has agreed to assume the position as chair and Carol Rouse will act as her back up person.

Programs: Holly Nelson reported the June program would be a review of items for the auction. Holly also will be distributing a survey asking quilters for suggestions regarding future programs and lessons.

Style Show: Karen Nanos reported that she and Janet Miller would be available at the July and August meeting to accept credit cards for anyone wishing to buy style show tickets.

New Business: Ida Tyson Blankenship and the Round Robin Vest Bee has extended an invitation to all persons interested in wearable arts to join them. The bee meets at Creative Sewing Center, 11177 West Avenue the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Ida has agreed to chair this program.

Storage: Mary Ruth Flores and Holly Nelson plan to reorganize the storage area and inventory all existing items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Roberta Haby, secretary

Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, Inc.
General Meeting, June 8, 2002

Board Members present: Betty Opiela, Lois Beauchamp, Holly Nelson, Mary Ruth Flores, Karen Nanos, Ida Tyson Blankenship, Roberta Haby. President Betty Opiela called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved as written. Treasurer Karen Nanos report is as follows: Operating fund = \$9,227.08/ Savings = \$40,129.71. Karen reported that \$5,000.00 has been transferred from the operating fund to the savings fund to increase our interest earnings. **President's Report:** 1) The gift to Alpha House in memory of Virginia Wright has been purchased at a cost of \$85.75. The gift consisted of 30 yards of batting, storybooks and scissors. 2) Two questions were submitted to the *Ask it Basket*. The first question asked if we could change our meetings to the church on De Zavala. The rent at this church is quite expensive and church members have first preference for use of the facility so it is not always available. The second question asked if we could say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each meeting. The President requested that members bring this issue up during new business for discussion. 3) Quilted Northern Bath Tissue is celebrating their 100th birthday. They will donate \$100,000.00 to the Rodney Mc Donald Houses. Quilters are invited to participate in a contest by donating 24" x 24" wall hangings to hang in these houses. Cash prizes will be awarded. Deadline for entering is July 15, 2002. Call Betty for more information if interested. 4) In the July newsletter a list of items presently in our storage area will be published. At the August meeting there will be a discussion of what could be eliminated to provide better access to usable items. **Special Events:** Mary Ruth Flores reported that Larry Beauchamp needs additional volunteers to assist with the 2003 quilt show. Please contact Larry if you are interested in helping at the show. **Programs:** The August Program will be on Tifaifai-Tahitian Applique. The Friday workshop will be on creating a memory vest—cost \$35.00. Saturday afternoon workshop will be on how to use half-square triangles, Cost = \$25.00. Call Holly Nelson to register. Holly Nelson requested that members fill out a survey that will assist her in planning programs to better meet the needs and wishes of the guild members.

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Services: Sharon McCall has volunteered to service as chairperson of Services. Thanks Sharon.

New Business: Ida Tyson Blankenship and the Round Robin Vest Bee has extended an invitation to all persons interested in wearable arts to join them. The bee meets at Creative Sewing Center, 11177 West Avenue the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Ida will chair this program.

There were 107 members present and 3 guests.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roberta Haby, Secretary

The Surveys are IN

Thanks to all those who completed the Programs Survey during the June guild meeting. I received 74 responses, which will go a long way toward helping to design programs and workshops that you want.

If you missed the meeting and want to give me your thoughts, please let me know. I can send you the survey via snail-mail or e-mail. Contact Holly Nelson at 698-7108 or mhnel@earthlink.net.



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Valerie Arcement

We hope Sharan McCall will recover quickly from shoulder surgery incurred May 31. What a way to get out of hanging those quilts at the Auction!

Sunshine thought for July (Please allow me to butcher a quote from Mark Strand.

You can find the original on the internet):

Threads dangle from the corners of my mouth.

There is no happiness like mine.

I have been making a quilt.

NOTE: Whenever you have something that should be in this column speak to Valerie at our meeting, call her at 349-4456 or e-mail to arcement@swbell.net

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AUGUST PROGRAM:

Mark your calendars for August 9th and 10th, when we'll have another guest speaker to educate, motivate and inspire: Vickie Vogel

Vickie learned to quilt from her grandmother when she was a little girl, and became re-interested in the late 1970's. Currently, she designs paper-foundation miniature patterns for Patchwork Plus, teaches at the Quilters' Cottage in La Grange, Texas, and lectures and gives workshops throughout Texas and Colorado. Her quilts have won awards at shows throughout Texas. She is also a writer and, if there were time, she would practice law. She belongs to the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild (where she serves as President), Quilters' Guild of Dallas, and the Scrappy Ladies Quilt Guild (in Colorado).

Vickie and her husband, David, live in the country with their 3 dogs, 3 cats and a few contented cows. Jackie Asbill (Patchwork Plus) is her sister and Kristi Grigsby (The Quilters' Cottage) is her niece, so quilting is very much a family activity.



Friday, August 9

What: Memory Vest Workshop

Where: Cavender Buick
(I-10 @UTSA Blvd)

When: August 9th (Friday), 9:30am – 4:00pm

How much: \$35.

Registration opened at the guild meeting on June 8th
Take Grandma's crochet, embroidery, lace, tatting, etc. and turn it into a vest that would make her proud. Just because parts of it have deteriorated beyond use, doesn't mean you can't turn it into a work of art! 6 Hours

Just in time for the Style Show!

Saturday, August 10

What: Lecture on Tifaifai – Tahitian Appliqué

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church

When: Guild meeting program

What: A Gazillion Blocks Workshop

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church

When: Immediately following the guild meeting

How much: \$25

Registration opened at the guild meeting on June 8th.

Have you ever noticed how many blocks you can make from half-square triangles? This workshop teaches a variety of shortcut methods of making half-square triangles with lots of ideas for how to use them. 3 Hours

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BRINGIN' AND BRAGGIN'



Lois Reeh showed us her shining stars at the June meeting.



Lauri Evans and Angela Knaack with the "keep warm at night" quilt for Lauri's son in Alaska.

2002 EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 13 Guild Meeting
Creative Sewing
- July 26 to 28 New Braunfels Quilt Show
- August 3 Apple Festival Quilt Show
(Betty Brister - (830) 460-7313)
- August 9 Workshop
- August 10 Guild Meeting - Vickie Vogel
Workshop
- August 30 to Sept 1
Fredericksburg Quilt Show
- September 2 Labor Day
- September 14 Guild Meeting
- September 16 Yom Kippur
- September 21 Style Show
- October 11 Fran Snay Workshop
- October 12 Guild Meeting - Fran Snay
Workshop
- October 27 End of Daylight Saving Time
- October 31 Halloween
- November 2 Houston Bus Trip
- November 9 Guild Meeting - UFO Auction
- November 11 Veteran's Day
- November 28 Thanksgiving Day
- December 14 Guild Meeting - Pot Luck
- December 14 & 15 Christmas In The Country
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Lytle, TX
- December 25 Merry Christmas!!!!



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BLOCK

PARTY

July, 2002

“Cat Daze”

This month we will stitch up these cats in a flash!

Background - 6 1/2" squares plaid, checks, or geometrics

Any color, all cotton.

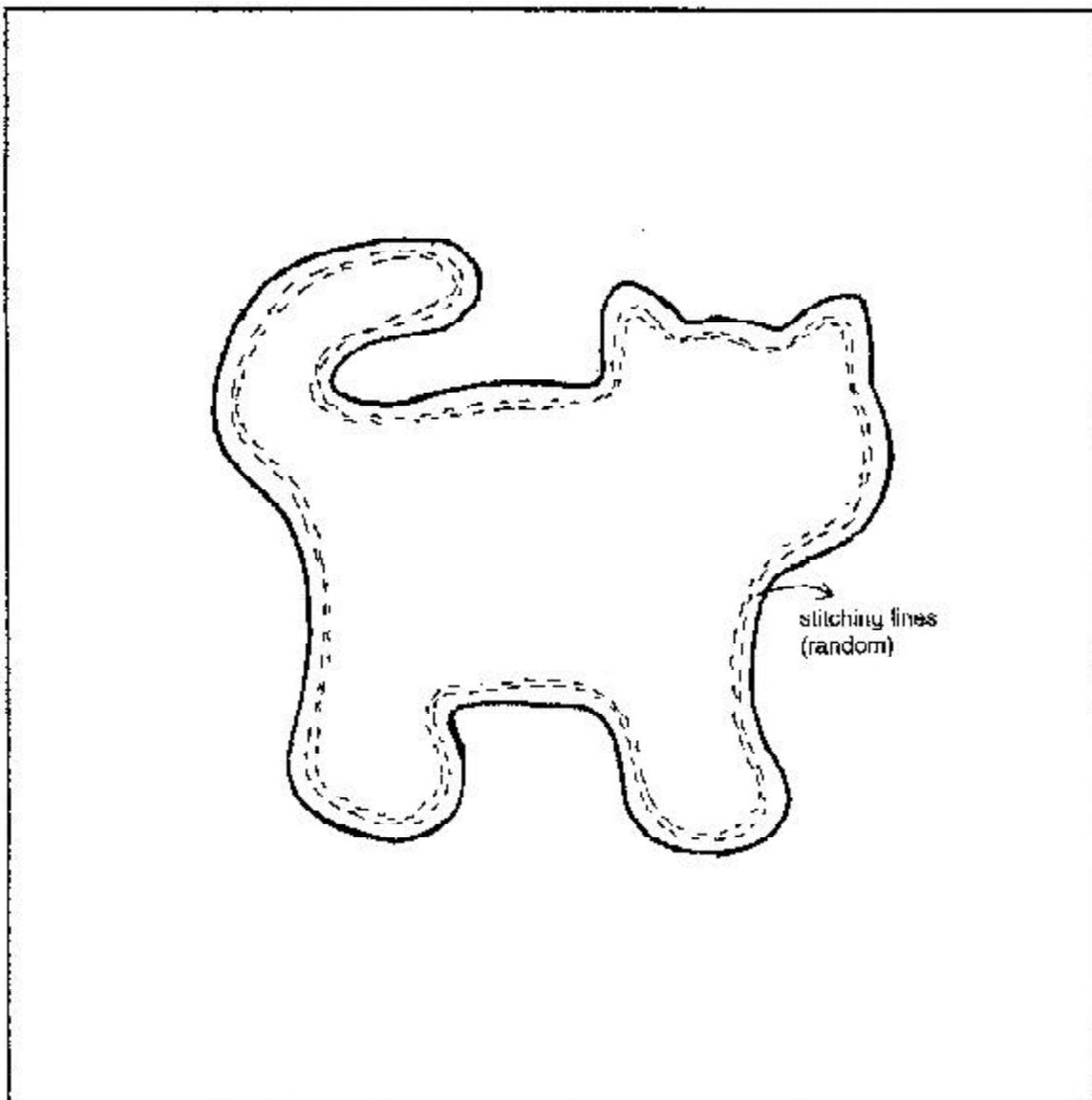
CATS - cut out by outline in any contrast cotton fabric.

Stitching is straight-line by machine, 1/8-1/4" inside the cut edge.

When washed it will be a frayed edge.

Make lots—pin your name on paper to each, then maybe you'll

Win lots of these dazey-cats for your next quilt!



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July Schedule

WEARABLE ARTS

Not currently meeting. Needs a new chair

JULY 8 - BOARD MEETING

7:00 pm, 3402 Clearfield

JULY 13 - GUILD MEETING

10:00 am Trinity United Methodist Church, 6800 Wurzbach

JULY 8 - QPC-PM

7:00 pm, at Mary Ruth Flores, 8752 Rochelle Road, 694-6059

JULY 25 - QPC-AM

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