

# Peace By Piece

**AUGUST 2019**

**AUGUST 1, 2019 QUILT BEE**

Mission del Sol Church is in the process of remodeling the community center. The community center will not be available for the August 1, 2019 Peace by Piece Quilting Bee. The church is planning to have the community center available for the September 5, 2019 Meeting.

## **The JUNE 2019 Bee Report**

During the June2019 Bee....

- 75 completed quilts were donated to AZ Blankets for Kids.
- 18 completed tops
- 100 quilt tops are waiting to become quilts to be loved by the children of our communities.
- \$45 was donated in the June Raffle.

## **Fabric Donations**

All fabric donations are welcome that are at least a 4 ½ inch square or larger in size.

## **STASH SCRAP –**

Most quilters have scrap fabric that they cannot bear to throw away but do not know what to do with it. You can donate it to PbP in the form of a Precut fabric donation.

Most of our kits are made from Precut Fabric in the following sizes -

- 4 ½ inch squares
- 5 ½ inch squares
- 8 ½ inch squares
- 10 ½ inch by 5 ½ inch bricks
- 8 ½ inch by 4 ½ inch bricks

Please cut the fabric into the above precut sizes. Just bag it by the different size precuts and bring it to the monthly meeting. It will be turned into a quilt of love.

**Teen Quilts** – PbP is fulfilling an important need for teen quilts. AZ Blankets 4 Kids has asked us to make the teens quilts larger than in the past. If you are going to work on a teen quilt at home, please consider making the quilt top 48 to 54 inches wide and 68 to 72 inches long.

**Raffle** – Make sure you bring some extra cash for the raffle. We have many wonderful items that will be available over the coming months.

**Pet Beds** – We will be collecting pet beds for Lost Out Home Shelter. We are no longer accepting scraps for pet beds.

### **Homework Requests –**

If you can help with the quilting at home or are willing to piece backs for the group, please send an email to Gala no later than the Friday before the next bee.

 Please send homework requests to [galasquilting@gmail.com](mailto:galasquilting@gmail.com)

## **EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT**

### **Quilt Borders -**

It is important to properly square your quilt prior to putting on the borders. This process starts at determining the size of your Inner borders. You will need to follow the same process when determining the size of your outer borders. If you do not have a square quilt top, your borders will end up being wavy and difficult to quilt properly.

1. Iron your top so that the seams lay flat.
2. Properly square your quilt top. Measure the quilt top as follows:
  - a. Length of quilt
    - (1) Left side
    - (2) Center
    - (3) Right side
  - b. Width of quilt
    - (1) Top
    - (2) Center
    - (3) Bottom

- c. If quilt top is more than a quarter of an inch out of square, make the following adjustments:
  - (1) Adjust seam widths and/or
  - (2) Trim quilt top to make it square.
  
3. Side Borders -Determine the size of the side borders by measuring the quilt top as follows:
  - a. Length of quilt
    - (1) Left side
    - (2) Center
    - (3) Right Side
  - b. Add up the three measurements and divide by 3. Cut your two side border pieces to that length.
  - c. Sew your side borders on quilt top as follows:
    - (1) Mark the border pieces at the quarter, center and three-quarter points using your favorite method of marking. Pressing a line at those points usually works very well
    - (2) Mark the quilt top at the quarter, center and three-quarter points using your favorite method of marking. Pressing a line at those points usually works very well.
    - (3) Pin your border pieces to the quilt top by matching the marked points easing the pieces between points.
    - (4) Sew your border pieces to the quilt top
    - (5) Iron your quilt top.
  
4. Top and Bottom Borders- Determine the size of your top and bottom border pieces by measuring the quilt top as follows:
  - a. Width of quilt
    - (1) Top
    - (2) Center
    - (3) Bottom
  - b. Add up the three measurements and divide by 3. Cut your top and bottom border pieces to that length.

- c. Sew your top and bottom borders on quilt top as follows:
  - (1) Mark the border pieces at the quarter, center and three-quarter points using your favorite method of marking. Pressing a line at those points usually works very well.
  - (2) Mark the quilt top at the quarter, center and three-quarter points using your favorite method of marking. Pressing a line at those points usually works very well.
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  - (5) Iron your quilt top.