

Peace By Piece

JUNE 2019

Summer is upon us. Many of us have vacation plans, family gatherings and a time to reflect on the first six months of 2019. Hopefully, the first 5 months have been good to all.

The summer also brings about a change in our Bee Schedule.

June 6, 2019 – Regular Sewing Bee

July 2019 – No Bee. Enjoy your free time and stay safe in all of your summer endeavors.

August 1, 2019 – Regular Sewing Bee with an emphasis on holiday quilts (Halloween and Christmas).

The May 2019 Bee Report

During the May 2019 Bee....

- 57 completed quilts were donated to AZ Blankets for Kids.
- 15 tops were sewn (8 regular top and 7 Christmas tops)
- 117 quilt tops are waiting to become quilts to be loved by the children of our communities.
- \$35 was donated in the May Raffle.

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Fabric Donations

All fabric donations are welcome that are at least a fat quarter or larger in size.

Fabric shopping totes – The committee needs fabric shopping totes like those that you collect from quilt shows, Bill's Black bags (35th Ave Sew and Vac) or Mulgreens Monthly Fun Bag. Donated bags can be brought to the June meeting.

June Meeting

The June Bee is June 6, 2019

It will be sewing as usual - Sewing tops from kits, quilting, binding and most importantly fun. The bees are a time to get together as quilters and share our quilting experiences as well as our lives in general.

There will be a group of women that will be putting together Holiday themed quilt kits. These kits will be designed using mostly non-precut fabrics. It is another type of Kit Bee that is utilized by Peace By Piece quilters.

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 ANY scraps for pet beds.

 Please send homework requests to galasquilting@gmail.com

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Education Spotlight

Piecing a quilt back

Piecing a back is not a favorite project for most quilters. There are many ways to piece backs. It depends on the fabrics that you choose and the amount of each of your fabrics. Another consideration is whether it is going to be quilted by a mid or long arm quilter or on a domestic machine.

This article is being written with the backs that need to be pieced for the larger quilts that our group donates to AZ Blankets for kids in mind.

1. Measure your quilt top
2. Determine the measurements of the finished back. If the quilt top is going to a mid or long arm quilter:
 - a. Width of back – width of top plus 6 inches (3 inches on each side)
 - b. Length of back – length of top plus 10 inches.
3. Trim off selvage edges of all backing materials
4. Determine which method of piecing. See examples for inspiration.
5. When determining the placement of your seam, please remember not to put any seam closer than 10 inches from any edge of your finished top.

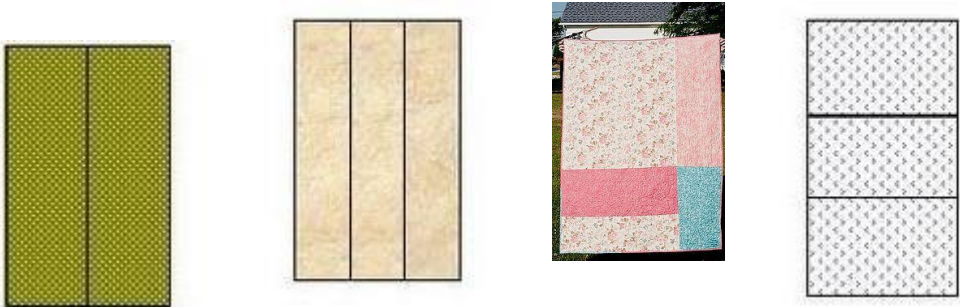
EXAMPLE OF PIECING A BACK

Finished Top 54" by 68 "

- a. Determine finished back size -
 1. Back width will need to be 60" wide (54" plus 6 ")
 2. Back length will need to be 78" long (68" plus 10")

- b. Measure backing material.
- c. Determine method of piecing remembering to keep your seam placement in mind.
 1. Vertical Seam placement for width of quilt back - Finished top is 54" wide (back needs to be 60" wide). Seam needs to be at least 13 inches from side edges of quilt back.
 2. Horizontal Seam placement for length of quilt back – Finished top is 68" long (back needs to be 78" long). Seam needs to be at least 20 inches from bottom of quilt back.

EXAMPLES -



PBP Quilt Group is in need of volunteers to help piece quilt backs on a monthly basis. If a mid or long arm quilter has to piece backs, they do not have the time to actually quilt.

Perhaps you can help by piecing backs instead of piecing a top at home.

[This service will allow our group to continue to provide larger quilts for teens.](#)

If you are willing, please send a homework request to galasquilting@gmail.com