

# MEMPHIS AREA MODERN QUILT GUILD

## 2021 Outreach Projects and Instructions

**\*NEW FOR 2021\***

## TALL TALES BOOK QUILT FOR THE MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Our next outreach quilt for 2021 will be Kate Basti's Tall Tale book quilt made with paper pieced blocks. Dare we hope that we can meet in person to sew these blocks together?

## BOOK QUILT DIRECTIONS

1. Purchase the paper piecing pattern for \$1.00 at <https://etsy.me/3fF7aIz>.
2. Pick up your background fabric from one of our local collection sites listed in the member newsletter. We will all use the same background fabric to give the quilt a cohesive look. Our background color is Kona Ice Frappe. Each block takes one fat 16th (9" x 10.5") of background fabric.

Members who signed up to participate will pick up fabric tagged with their names at the collection sites they chose. Extra fabric will be provided to each site for those who have not signed up but want to make blocks.

Call the member at your closest collection site before you go to make sure they will be home. If you have not signed up, confirm that the member still has extra fabric for you.

When you pick up your book quilt fabric, please also drop off your finished blocks for the Flying Geese outreach quilt.

3. Make blocks! Here's your chance to fussy cut some fabric with images that look like book covers. Check out [#talltalesblock](#) on Instagram for inspiration. (<https://bit.ly/3cRs2KV>)
4. Cut 2" strips of the background fabric and add sashing to all four sides of each block.
5. Post pictures of your completed blocks on Instagram with the hashtags [#memphisareamqg](#), [#mamqgoutreach](#) and [#talltalesblock](#).
6. The deadline for book blocks is July 31 or our next in-person sew-in, whichever comes first.

# **\*New for 2021-Flying Geese for St. Columba**



Our favorite retreat center has been hard hit by the pandemic, so we will make a quilt for the auction at their annual Feast of St. Columba. Plans for the Feast are still tentative, but we will go ahead with our project so the quilt will be ready when they are.

Since migrating geese can often be seen and heard overhead in the fall at St. Columba, we'll be making a flying geese quilt in secondary and tertiary colors. Quilt design is by Jeanine Connor.

# FLYING GEESE INSTRUCTIONS

**Fabrics-** Quilt shop quality fabric only. Pre-wash any fabric that might bleed. Use modern fabric or solids. No traditional batiks or anything from the 70s, 80s or 90s.

**Colors- Use only secondary colors and tertiary colors** in solids and prints that read as secondary or tertiary colors. Low volume fabrics can be used for backgrounds. **No red, blue or yellow!** If you need a refresher on secondary and tertiary colors, visit <https://bit.ly/3ddTOIm> for a quick lesson in color theory.

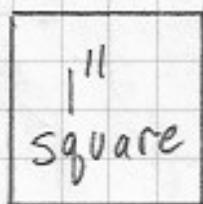
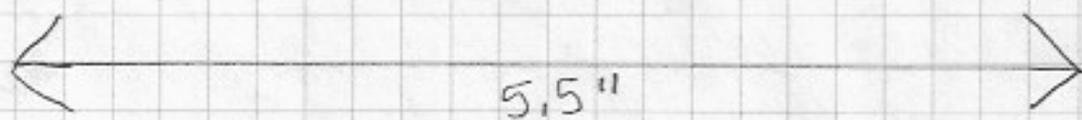
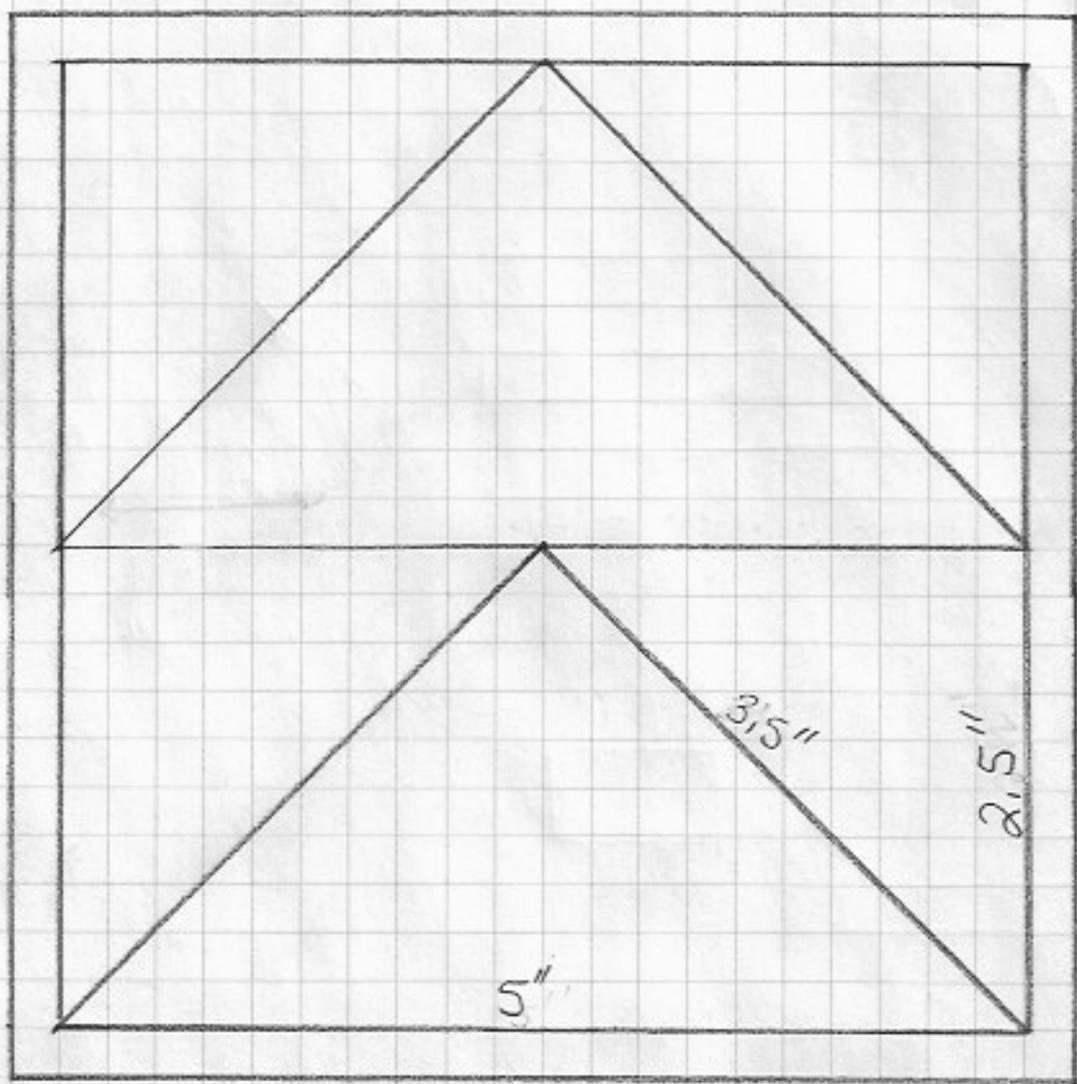
**Directions** – Use a scant 1/4” seam throughout. Use any flying geese construction method you prefer that gives you a 3 x 5 ½ unfinished (2.5” x5” unfinished) flying geese block. A tutorial with three methods and measurements can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ZiH30K>. A paper piecing pattern is provided below.

Make two matching geese and sew one on top of the other with the geese flying in the same direction.

Make four of these two-geese blocks, changing colors for each one.

Arrange the four blocks to form a square with geese flying in DIFFERENT directions. Sew together to form a larger block and trim to 10.5” square.



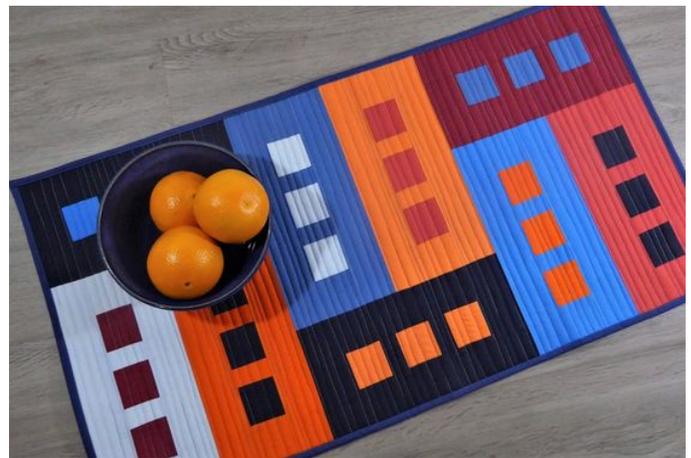


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# \*ONGONG- PLACEMATS FOR MIFA

Back by popular demand! Several members asked that we continue this project and MIFA was happy to agree.

All placemats will be distributed to the recipients of Meals on Wheels in the Mid-South.



# GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMATS

1. Placemats should measure approximately 12" x 16"
2. Placemats should be sturdy and colorfast to withstand frequent washing and drying.
3. Do not use holiday designs as placemats will be used all year.
4. **Do** use bright colors and high contrast designs. Placemats recipients are elderly and may have impaired vision. Unisex designs are best.
5. **Avoid large areas of white or very light pastels so that food stains won't show**
6. Use low-loft batting or fusible fleece so that plates will lie flat. Fusible interfacing on the top layer would be helpful, but is not required.
7. To finish, machine bind placemats OR sew right sides together, turn and topstitch.



## **\*Ongoing - Quilts for LeBonheur Patients**

LeBonheur Quilts are a perennial favorite in the MAMQG. We look forward to our annual trip to distribute love, warmth and comfort to kids on the Infant and Toddler floor at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center. This floor is for little ones who do not require the ICU but need an extended hospital stay.

We take at least 24 quilts so that we will have something for every child if the floor is full. The date of our visit is TBA.

Final collection will be at the July meeting.

Quilt Specifications:

1. Quilt size is approximately 36" - 45" square. No longer than 45" on any side.
2. Unisex designs are preferred so that there will be something suitable for everyone.
3. Wash your quilt before turning it in or bringing it to the hospital. Be sure your quilt is free of pet hair, dirt or odors.
4. Machine binding is preferred since the quilts are for small children.
5. Use colors and designs appropriate for children. If your quilt has two or more of the characteristics of a modern quilt, please add an MAMQG label on the back.