### **Sudbury & District Quilting & Stitchery Guild**



# Thimble Pleasures

# **December 2025 Newsletter**



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Christmas Party Year End Banquet



# **President's Message:**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone!

Wow, time really has flown by, I can't believe it's already December! Time flies when we're having fun I guess!

And what a bunch of fun this month will be! With our Christmas party and lots of festivities in our own lives, I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy time with family and friends.

Everyone is welcome to share advent calendars and works in progress on our Facebook page, I love seeing all of the creativite ideas you come up with. It's so fun to grab inspiration from friends, especially at this time of year.

I will be spending this month trying to get ready for Christmas with my 3 little boys. Good luck to everyone with small people in your lives, I know it can be extra chaotic.

And to anyone babysitting small people this festive season, I recommend snuggling up and watching a movie. Our new favourite is called "That Christmas" on netflix.

Most importantly, I wish you all a safe and happy new year! See you all in January 2026!

Kelsey Gunn



## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are truly thankful to all the wonderful members who have donated items, purchased tickets, volunteered their time, and have supported us in all our fundraising efforts (fabric shenanigans).

We would like to ask our members to show their appreciation to the businesses that have generously supported our fundraising goals. While making your Santa list and shopping for your special people, please keep these establishments in mind during the season of giving. A simple note and a verbal thank-you would show them the spirit of this wonderful group and convey our appreciation for their kindness. Imagine the impact this would have on these businesses and the people who work at these establishments.

The following businesses generously donated to our organization:

Country Quilter (Pat Jacobson), Gem Sewing (Lasalle), Gem Sewing (New Liskeard), Victoria's Custom Framing, Fabricland, Dominion Sewing, Princess Auto, Staples, Canadian Tire (Regent Street), Costco, Great Lakes Pizza Co (Lasalle), The Keg Steakhouse & Bar (Kingsway), Home Hardware (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), Real Canadian Superstore (Lasalle), and Giant Tiger (Regent Street).

We have more surprises to come starting in January. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Coconut Macaroons 350 degrees Bake: 12 minutes

2 egg whites

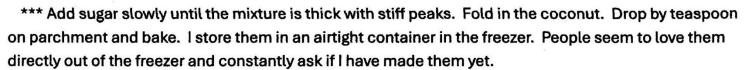
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Dash of salt

\*\*\*Beat the egg whites, vanilla and salt until the peaks form.

2/3 cup white sugar

1/3 cup unsweetened coconut



I triple batch these treats because my oven has the capacity for 5 cookie sheets. I never seem to have enough of them. In order to avoid waste, I use the yolks for different flavored spritz cookies in my cookie press. If you would like this recipe, reach out to me. (Dianne)

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season Kelsey, Shanley, Carol, Helene, Janet, and Dianne





# **Community Quilts**

Half the season is already done; my, how time flies. So far, it's been a very interesting time. We had some new patterns from Community Quilts and so many nice quilts hanging on the clothes line at every meeting. Thanks to everyone for making a difference.

We have a scrappy challenge going on, where we make a quilt using at least 500 different fabrics and we are also putting together quilts using "orphan blocks". I can't wait to see all those quilts completed.

Our next Community Quilt day is January 10, hosted by Elaine Paxton. Looking forward to the second half of the quilting season!

Diane Gaudette
Community Quilt Coordinator



Next Community Quilt Day: JANUARY 10, 2026 Hosted by Elaine Paxton

Come join us for a scrappy quilt day. We have kits ready for sewing. If you wish to use your own material, the directions are included for this project.

All measurements are in inches.

Hope to see you at our next sewing Saturday.

## Community Quilt Size 40X50 SCRAPPY

## For this quilt you need:

4.5 x 8.5 rectangle 25 pieces

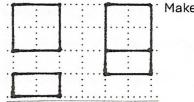
2.5 x 4.5 rectangle 50 pieces

4.5 x 4.5 square 50 pieces

Binding: length of fabric strips 2.5 wide -5

### Step one:

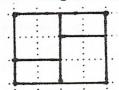
Sew together a 4.5 square and a 2.5 x 4.5 rectangle



Make 50 rectangles

Step two:

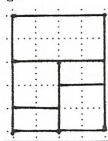
Sew together 2 pieced rectangles, rotating one of the units



Make 25

Step three:

Add the assorted 4.5 x 8.5 rectangle

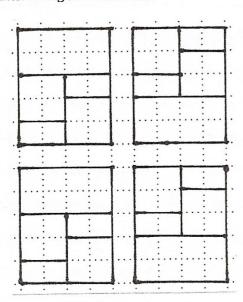


Make 25 These blocks will measure 8.5 x 10.5

Step four:

Sew the blocks together alternating the orientation

Layout 5 blocks across 5 blocks down Size 40 x 50



# BLOCK OF THE MONTH HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### POLE DANCE TABLE RUNNER

### Requirements:

Make Half Square Triangles:

#1. Use 8 at a time Chart



24 half square triangles – (3 – 9" squares of each color)

#2. Use 4 at a time Chart



12 half square triangles – (3 – 6 ½" squares of each color)
Square all half square triangles to 4"

1 1/2" sashing – (cut 3 wof @ 1 ½")

///3" border - (cut 4 wof @ 3")

Look at the diagram and stitch the blocks as you see them.

\* I preferred to press the triangle seams to the dark side.

Then I pressed the seams open when stitching the rows to help eliminate bulky seams. You choose.

I added the sashing and border.

If at any point you need help, reach out to me.

This table runner caught my eye somewhere and I was excited to think that I could use it as a Block of the Month for November. Thinking, we could maybe play a little Table Runner Shuffle at the Christmas Party. (Then, it was brought to my attention that the expectation of having people making an entire Table Runner was not realistic). Lol (in my mind, it was totally realistic) Thank you, to all the people who ground and help me on the journey of Block of the Month.

Instead, I am offering this beautiful pattern to those who wish to keep your minds and hands busy during this holiday season. Choose any fabric. Do it for yourself or for a loved one. Funny

to keep your minds and hands busy during this holiday season Choose any fabric. Do it for yourself or for a loved one. Funny thing, I do not use table runners in my home and it did not deter me from cutting out 3! Lol Not to mention making the yo-yo ornament to match.

I have always taught my children that the best gifts you can give to someone are those that you take your time to make while keeping them in mind of what they would like and cherish. Now, I believe that the best gift is The Bone Crushing Hug that lasts way over a minute that stays in a person's heart and soul for their lifetime. Hug your way through the Holiday Season and the Entire Year because you will never know when you need your mind to recall that memory/feeling.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. Dianne xo



# Four at a Time HST Charts

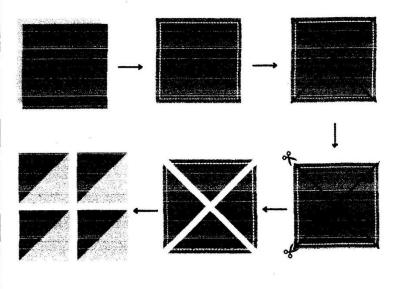
# IST: Four at a Time Method

Starting Square Cheat Sheet

Finished HST Size		Starting Square Size	
3"	3 1/2"	5 3/4"	
3 1/2"	4"	6 1/2"	
4"	4 1/2"	7 1/2"	
4 1/2"	5"	8"	
5"	5 1/2"	8 3/4"	
5 1/2"	6"	9 1/2"	
6"	6 1/2"	10 1/2"	
6 1/2"	7"	11 1/4"	
7"	7 1/2"	12"	
7 1/2"	8"	12 3/4"	
8"	8 1/2"	13 1/2"	
8 1/2"	9"	14 1/4 <sup>n</sup>	
9"	9 1/2"	15"	
9 1/2"	10"	16"	
10"	10 1/2"	16 3/4"	
10 1/2"	11"	17 1/2"	
11"	11 1/2"	18 1/4"	
11 1/2"	12"	19"	
12"	12 1/2"	19 3/4"	



# HST: Four at a Time Method



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# Eight at a Time HST Charts

# IST: Eight at a Time Method

Starting Square Cheat Sheet

Finished HST . Size	Unfinished HSTSIze	Starting Square Size	
3"	3 1/2"	8"	
3 1/2"	4"	9"	
4"	4 1/2"	10"	
4 1/2"	5"	11"	
5"	5 1/2"	12"	
5 1/2"	6"	13"	
6"	6 1/2"	14"	
6 1/2"	7"	15"	
7"	7 1/2"	16"	
7 1/2"	8"	17"	
. 8"	8 1/2"	18"	
8 1/2"	9"	19"	
9"	9 1/2"	20"	
9 1/2"	10"	21"	
10"	10 1/2"	22"	
10 1/2"	11"	23"	
11"	11 1/2"	24"	
11 1/2"	12"	25"	
12"	12 1/2"	26"	

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# **MEMBERSHIP**

As of October 01, 2025 we have 109 members. Our group consists of 94 renewed/new memberships and 15 Life Members.

The Membership fees for the year 2025-2026 are \$35.00 until December 31; Effective Jan 01 the fees are \$15.00.

If you would like to pay your membership, you can mail your cheque (payable to SDQSG) to:

Lise Kawa, 1665 Dollard Ave, Sudbury ON P3A 4H1,

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The registration form is available on the Guild website <a href="www.sdqsg.com">www.sdqsg.com</a>, and you can pick up your membership card at our next meeting at Parkside.

I would also like to encourage everyone to purchase a name tag if you have not already done so. The cost is now \$16.00.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Lise Kawa Membership Coordinator



# **IN CLUB QUILT 2025-2026**

Hello fellow members,

We only have 1/4 of the hand quilting to go on the in-club quilt! Come join me in finishing this beautiful quilt that members quilted. Only 15 minutes to qualify for a ballot! And stay as long as you like. No need to have any experience as we can teach you how.

The in-club quilt will be set up during the two meetings on Tuesdays and on our Community Quilt Saturdays.

Bring your favorite thimble, your reader's glasses, and come join me at the quilting bee circle!

Happy hand quilting!

Louise Gosselin
In Club Quilt Coordinator





Greetings members! We are halfway through this Guild year and looking toward the Program lineup for the New Year.

Quilting 101 has completed three sessions with three more to follow on January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Self-Binding Place Mats and Coasters will be a demonstration session hosted by Susan Young on January 13<sup>th</sup> in room B at 6:30pm. Come and be shown a very slick way to back and bind place mats with the added bonus of coasters using the same technique. Sewing machines are not required for this learning session.

Preparing Quilts for Exhibition by Cathy Harnish will be the feature on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and learn how to give your quilts a polished, professional finish.

Joan Chabot will teach a beautiful positive/negative cut edge applique bag taught over two classes. Class 1 will be on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Class 2 will be two weeks later on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Sewing machines and sewing materials will be required for these classes. Joan will send out a supply list closer to the date.

The one day Wool Applique workshop to be held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Elm West Playground field house is full. If you would like to go on a cancellation list please leave your name with Tracy or me. There is a \$25 fee for this workshop which includes your kit. I will start collecting money on January 6<sup>th</sup> and I will have colour swatches available for you to make your project colour choices at that time. Refunds for cancellations will be given up to March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be a Paper Piecing event. Everyone is welcome to learn or be refreshed on this much loved technique. Tracy will teach this session and will give more materials instruction closer to the date.

With the exception of the Wool Workshop there is sign up space in all the other activities. Come out and join in on Program Tuesdays!

Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season!

Marjorie and Tracy



# 2025/2026 Guild Year

Date	Room C	Room B	Craft/ Library	Walls
Tuesday, January 13/26	Quilting 101 -Class 4 Marjorie	Self-Binding Placemats Susan Young		Yes
Tuesday, February 10/26	Quilting 101 – Class 5 Marjorie	Preparing Quilts for Exhibition Cathy Harnish		Yes
Tuesday, March 10/26	Quilting 101 – Class 6 Marjorie	Positive/Negative Applique bag Class 1 – March 10 <sup>th</sup> Class 2 – March 24th Joan Chabot		no
Saturday April 11/26	Wool Embroidery Applique – 9 am – 4pm Marjorie Location: Elm West Recreation Centre			no
Tuesday, April 14/26	Paper Piecing - Tracy			Yes

The Program this year for Guild is running the SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except December) and finishing on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The sessions will be held in Kinsman room B or in the craft room/library at the Parkside from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You may arrive at 6pm for setup and we must be out by 9pm. There are 2 scheduled Saturday sessions, indicated in green. We hope you all find classes you would like to participate in and look forward to a great guild year.

Marjorie and Tracy









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Happy Stitching!

Suzane **Newsletter Coordinator** 





### **CHOCOLATE CRANBERRY OAT COOKIES**

Oat flour & large flake oats creat cookies flavoured with vanilla, dried cranberries & chocolate chips. Yields: 24 cookies

### **INGREDIENTS:**

1 1/4 cup Oat flour

1 1/4 cup large flake rolled oats

1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 large egg

2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350•F
- 2. In small bowl mixing bowl combine the oat flour, rolled oats, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
- 3. Place butter and sugar into a mixer and beat for 2-3 minutes or until smooth.
- 4. Once butter and sugar mixture is smooth, add in the egg and vanilla and mix until combined.
- 5. Slowly add in the dry ingredients mixing continuously until the cookie dough forms.
- 6. Fold the dried cranberries and semisweet chocolate chips into the mixture.
- 7. Portion the dough into golf ball sized balls and place them onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 8. Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until desired doneness.
- 9. Remove cookies from the oven and transfer to a cooling rack.

Yum Yum! Sylvie Thibodeau



Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year! Since I'm hopefully a shoe-in for your "nice" list. I thought I'd make it easy for you. Here's what I'd like for Christmas:

# Fabric!

or	. I'd especially like
(quilt shop name or website)	(quilt shop name or website)
	though a gift certificate would k
(fabric collection na	ne)
just fine too!	
Thank you, and Merry Ch	ristmas!
Love,	

p.s. If the elves aren't sure how much to buy, I'm sure the quilt shop employees would be happy to advise them! But fat quarters, snack pack pre-cuts, and even full yard cuts are always welcome!

p.p.s. Leave a fat quarter bundle of fabrics you like, and I'd be happy to sew you and the Mrs. a cozy quilt before next December 24th! Might I suggest Fabri-Quilt's Christmas Basics collection?

# **4 MORE TYPES OF QUILTERS**

# THE COLLECTOR

This quilter loves to buy fabric and may or may not actually make quilts with that fabric. If you see fabric purchased by this quilter, don't ask if they have a plan for it.

# THE ADMIRER

This quilter may not actually be a quilter (yet!) but they enjoy seeing what other quilters make. Don't worry, we will get them to make quilts eventually.

# THE NEWBIE

This quilter is just getting started and is a little overwhelmed. Don't worry, quilters are the best helpers so just ask if you have questions!

## THE APPRECIATOR

This quilter just loves to make quilts, loves to see other people make quilts, and loves to cheer people on as they make quilts.



# Give yourself 1 point for each thing you have NOT done

- 1. Cut finger with rotary cutter
- 2. Sewn blocks together incorrectly
- 3. Broken a sewing needle
- 4. Made a quilt entirely by hand
- Gotten mad at someone for using fabric scissors
- 6. Bought too little fabric
- 7. Driven past a quilt shop
- 8. Worked on a project in a waiting room
- 9. Finished only part of a quilt
- 10. Found a mistake in a finished quilt

- 11. Sewn through a pin
- 12. Quilted at 3 a.m.
- 13. Stepped on a pin
- 14. Measured incorrectly
- 15. Bought fabric that wasn't needed
- 16. Attended a guild meeting
- 17. Used a seam ripper
- Forgotten a needle in a finished quilt
- 19. Given away a quilt
- 20. Entered a quilt in a show

# Holiday stitching anyone!

# Merry & Minty

Greetings!

A stitching note: when stitching a small ornament or pincushion I add 4" (2" on each side) to finished size of design. If you are using a count other than 36 count you will need to do the math to determine linen size! Because this design will be given in four parts, I highly suggest starting in the center of your linen. This will ensure your design is centered on your linen, with appropriate allowances of linen on all sides. You can see the "Centering Arrows" on the chart, line up, falling within the reindeer...that's an easy place to start and my suggested starting place. Also take note of the amount of strands used for each color (see key below), some colors I call out for 1 strand and some 2 strands.

Thanks for joining along! Have fun & enjoy, Brenda Gervais

Fabric:	36 count, color — French Vanilla by R&R Reproductions (worked over 2 threads)	
	65w X 84h Stitches	
Size:	3-1/2w X 4-5/8h in	

# Floss Used for Colonial Knots: (strung popcorn & cranberries)

Symbol Strands Type			Number Color		
3	2	DMC	712	Cream	
•	2	DMC	3777	Terra Cotta-VY DK	
•	2	Classic Colorworks		Red Licorice	

Floss Used for Straight Stitches: (string on strung papearn, 4 stitches around Rudolph's eye, Rudolph's collar, veins in holly leaves, stripes in peppermint candy tree-topper)

Symbol	Strands Type		Number Color		
	1	DMC	611	Drab Brown	
ACCUPATION OF	1	DMC	712	Cream	
	2	DMC	3778	Terra Cotta-LT	
	1	Classic Colorworks		Avocado	
	1	Classic Colorworks		Red Licorice	

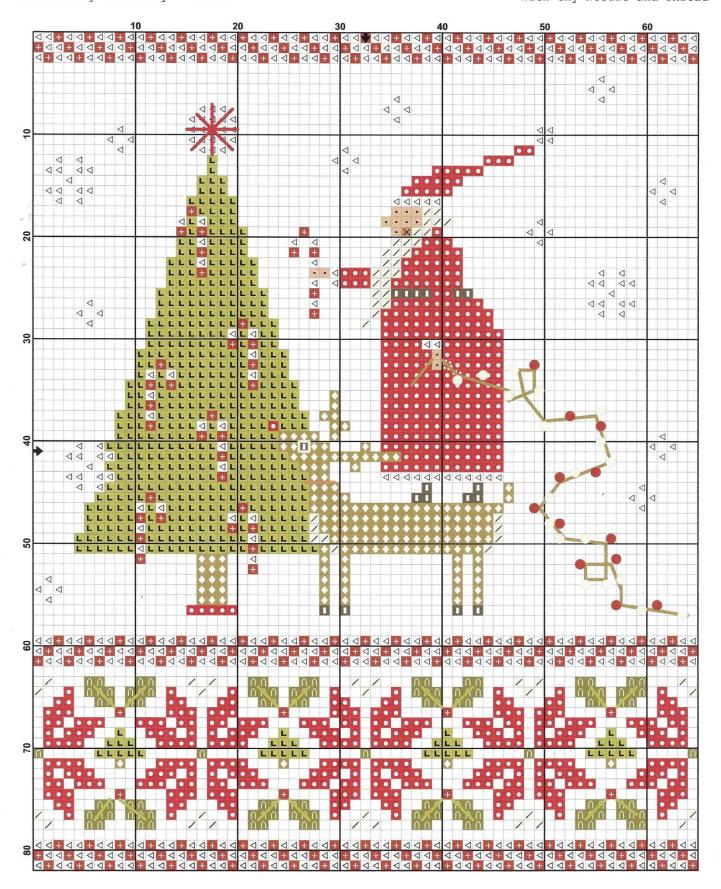
Floss Used for Specialty Stitches: (on Christmas tree for texture)

Strands	Type	Number	Color
1	Weeks	2197	Óscar
	Strands 1		Strands Type Number  1 Weeks 2197

### Floss Used for Full Stitches:

Symbol	Strands	Туре	Number	Color
	1	DMC	611	Drab Brown
/	2	DMC	712	Cream
+	1	DMC	3777	Terra Cotta-VY DK
X	1	DMC	3 <del>77</del> 8	Terra Cotta-LT
•	1	DMC	3779	Terra Cotta-UL VY LT
$\triangleright$	2	DMC		Blanc
	1	Weeks	2197	Oscar (732)
	1	DMC	3021	Brown Gray —VY DK
L	1	Classic Colorworks		Avocado (733)
0.1	1	Classic Colorworks		Red Licorice (3830)





# The kits are going fast!

If you would like to participate, Please Contact:
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<a href="mailto:langloism004@gmail.com">langloism004@gmail.com</a>
705-566-7939



# "50 Years of Change" Quilt Block Challenge 2026 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

You are invited to design a quilt block based on the IPM Theme, "50 Years of Change".

Quilt block challenge kits include: two 10" squares, one 6" square. Individual fabrics may be added to the Quilt block, but must include the supplied fabrics. Blocks are to be 12 ½" unfinished.

Background colour is to be white or white on white, no cream or shimmer.

Submitted blocks will be made into quilts and accessories that will be on display in the Quilt Tent.

1st Prize: \$75 2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$25

# Mail or deliver by Feb 15, 2026, to:

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# BREAKING NEWS

- Gem Sewing Sudbury has signed another 5 year lease.
- Our online store has some upgrades! You are now able to search fabric in categories.
- We are committed to adding to your crafting needs and are starting to bring in slow stitching supplies and threads featuring Needle and Thread Emporium!!!





Coming to Gem Sewing's CHRISTMAS online store just in time for Christmas!

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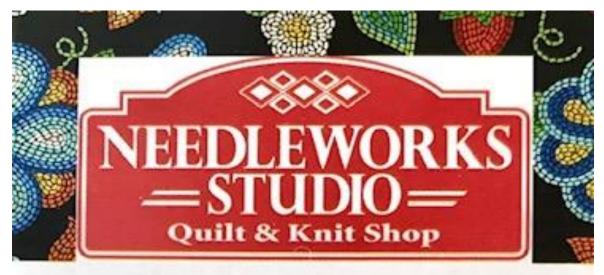
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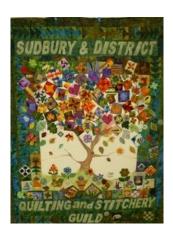
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