## Cheshire Quilters' Guild 2017 Block of the Month

GOALS are to build our expertise by:
(1) increasing the difficulty of the blocks as the year goes along and
(2) highlighting a particular skill or technique each month.

## General Guidelines \& Commentary:

O Blocks will not be collected this year. Do what you'd like with your blocks. Make a quilt and donate it to one of our projects, give it away as a gift for Christmas or another occasion or keep it for yourself. It is your choice.
O Each month bring your block(s) to the guild meeting and add it
 to the display of blocks so we can all see the eye candy. The monthly deadline will also help you complete this project by the end of the year.
O The full sampler with consist of 9 blocks given out December 2016 - August 2017. Instructions for the setting and borders will also be provided in September 2017 through November 2017 to provide you time to finish your quilt before the end of the year.
O A wall hanging, wheelchair size quilt or large lap quilt can be made depending upon whether you make 1 or 2 of each month's blocks.
O Fabric requirements will be provided for each block (if you are doing scrappy) and the yardage for the entire quilts (if you want to use a collection).
O Instructions will be provided for 3 " and 9 " finished blocks. Full quilts using the provided setting will be:

- Approximately 20 " x 25 " for 3 " blocks - quite challenging; consider hand piecing
- 45-1/2" x 45-1/2" for 9" blocks - wheelchair quilt
- Approximately 57 " x 72 " for 2 of each 9 " block in an on-point setting - lap quilt
O Diagrams will be shown in gray tones. You will need to pick your own color scheme. The gray tones will give you an idea of the placement and constrast of fabrics.
O Have fun and enjoy the year's journey.


O Bonny and Jan (or both) are both available via phone or email to assist.
O Videos of each month's installment will be available at www.catdenmountainquilts.com

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## Schedule of blocks and skill/technique:

December 2016: \#1 - Indian Hatchets - slice and insert
January 2017: \#2 - Hourglass - 4-patch and HSTs
February: \#3 - Propeller - 9-patch
March: \#4-5 Blade Dresden Flower Fan templates and appliqué
April: \#5 - Around the World - curved piecing
May: \#6 - Flower Petals - Curved piecing or appliqué
June: \#7-Basic New York Beauty - curved piecing and foundation paper piecing
July: \#8 - Hexagonal - EPP and appliqué
August: \#9-Cock's Comb - square in a square
September: \#10-Quilt center including sashing and setting triangles, if needed
October: \#11 - Inner border and flange
November: \#12 - Outer border and eyelash binding


Fabric Requirements for Full Quilt
(Assumes borders are pieced.)
These fabric requirements are estimates. You may want to get a little extra to allow for practice/problems.

| Block Size \& Setting | 3" blocks on-point | 9" blocks | 9" blocks onpoint | Use of fabric: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Project Size | 20" $\times 25$ " | 45-1/2" $\times 45-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 57 " $\times 72$ | Months - Parts |
| Fabric 1 | $1 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | $1 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | $3 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | 10 - Sashing |
| Fabric 2 | 1/2 yd | $3 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | 2 yd | 1-8 - Block backgrounds, 10 <br> - Setting triangles |
| Fabric 3 | $1 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | $5 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | $3 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | 1-5, 7-9-Blocks, 12 Eyelash binding |
| Fabric 4 | $1 / 4 \mathrm{yd}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{yd}$ | $7 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | 1, 2, 4-9 - Blocks, 11 Flange |
| Fabric 5 | $3 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | 1 yd | 1-1/2 yd | 1-9 Blocks, 11 Inner border, 12 Eyelash binding |
| Fabric 6 | $1 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | $3 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{yd}$ | 1-3, 6-8-Blocks |
| Fabric 7 | $3 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | $5 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$ | 1-1/2 yd | 10 - Cornerstones, 12 Outer border |
| Backing | $2 / 3 \mathrm{yd}$ | $2 \mathrm{yd} \mathrm{w} /$ diag seam | 3-3/4 yd w/ horz seam | Backing |

Month 1: Indian Hatchets (provided December 2016; share January 2017)

Indian Hatchets uses a slice and insert technique. Each unit will be made slightly oversized and then trimmed to the size needed. As shown, this block uses 5 fabrics: Fabric 2, Fabric 3, Fabric 4, Fabric 5 and Fabric 6.

Fabric needed: Be sure each piece is cut correctly. Accurate piecing starts with accurately cut pieces.


|  | 3" blocks on-point | 9" block | 9" blocks on-point |
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| Fabric 2 | $8-2$ " 2 2" squares | 4-5-1/2" $\times 5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares | $8-5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares |
| Fabric 3 | $2-1-1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 2-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ rectangles | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangle } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangles } \end{aligned}$ |
| Fabric 4 | $\begin{array}{\|l} 2-1-1 / 4 " \times 2-3 / 4 " \\ \text { rectangles } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangle } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangles } \end{aligned}$ |
| Fabric 5 | $\begin{array}{\|l} 2-1-1 / 4 " \times 2-3 / 4 " \\ \text { rectangles } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangle } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangles } \end{aligned}$ |
| Fabric 6 | $\begin{array}{\|l} 2-1-1 / 4 " \times 2-3 / 4 " \\ \text { rectangles } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangle } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 7-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { rectangles } \end{aligned}$ |

Piecing Instructions for 9" block(s) (3")
Note: Watch carefully as you stitch to maintain your accurate $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam. Take it slow so that the seam is stitched straight without any wobbles.

1. Slice each Fabric 2 square in half along one diagonal, keeping the triangles from each square together.
2. Stitch a Fabric 3 rectangle between a pair of Fabric 2 triangles.
a) Center a Fabric 3 rectangle along the diagonal of one Fabric 2 triangle and stitch.
b) Center another Fabric 2 triangle on the other side of the Fabric 3 rectangle and stitch.
3. Press the seams toward the Fabric 3 rectangle.
4. Trim the unit to $5^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}\left(2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}\right)$.
a) Center the diagonal of your ruler over the rectangular strip, making sure that the unit size of 5 " $\times 5^{\prime \prime}\left(2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}\right)$ is on the unit before trimming two sides.
b) Rotate the unit $180^{\circ}$, line up the ruler on the trimmed edges at $5^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}\left(2^{\prime \prime} \times 2 "\right)$ and trim the remaining two sides.
5. Repeat steps $2-4$ with the remaining rectangles.
6. Sew four units together as shown to make a $9-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 9-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}\left(3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}\right)$ block. Press and furl the seams.
