

Bracebridge Modern Group Minutes

Feb. 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Bracebridge United Church

Sandi Carnell chaired the meeting with 15 members in attendance and one guest with the topic of Tools, Tips and Tricks.

Sandi welcomed the group and summarized Mary's email (There's a new fabric/yarn store in Guelph: Make1.ca. Here's a technique for a six minute circle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK4Wv1l61l0>).

Recommended Books and Websites:

Mary Reimer brought the books '[Trendy Table](#)' and '[Trendy Table 2](#)' used with her Elmira group.

Sandi and Hanne both recommend the quilting book by Jacqui Gehrig:

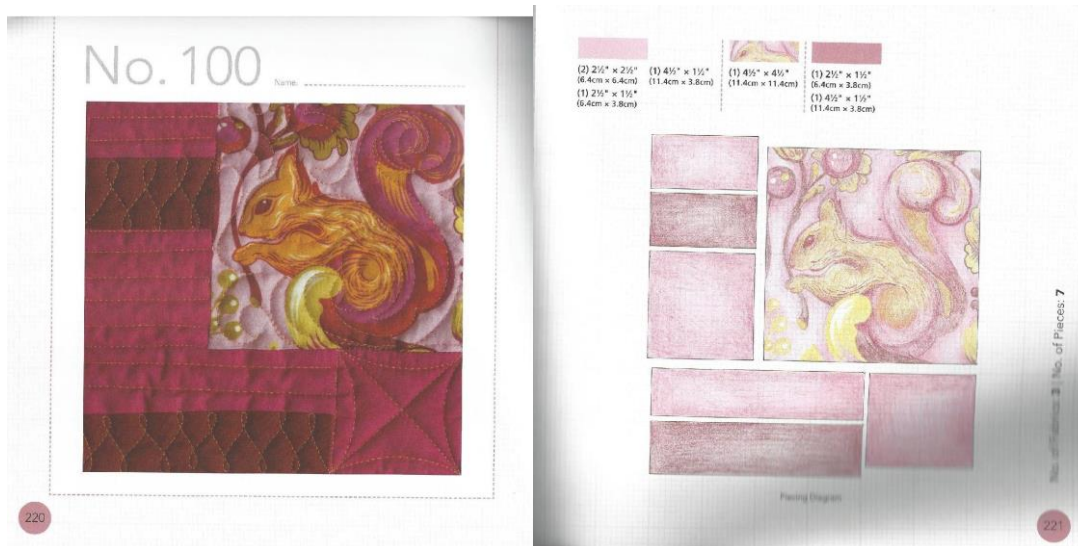
[Walk 2.0: More Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot](#)

Stella recommended the following websites: [Leah Day](#) ; [Karen Brown: Just Get It Done](#); [Laura A. Coia: Sew Very Easy](#); and [Gypsy Wife Quilt Along with Jen Kingwell](#). Check out the Gypsy Wife [pattern booklet](#) available on Amazon.ca.

Block of the Month:

Tula Pink's City Sampler - block 100.

Gillian showed her blocks.



Other Business:

Stella shared a write up for the PTQG Quilt Show: positive comments received; Halina was going to take to the quilt show meeting for review; suggestions of a MG poster with bullets were discussed; quilt registrations are being encouraged to be ready by end of April.

Tools Tricks and Tips Suggestions:

Stella demonstrated how to make bias binding (recommended as it is easier to go around corners and wears better)

Here is video from Sew Easy Sewing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXvLAHWbyXo>.

If you would prefer to read **instructions**, then go to <https://www.rockymountainsewing.com/how-to-make-continuous-bias-binding/>

Stella showed magnetic needles for burying threads (called handicap needles on the packaging).

Stella showed how to make triangle sleeve pieces from a 10 inch square instead of a regular sleeve
Here's one demonstration of hanging pockets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne2pAbAau4c>
Here's another: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB1PBQx6mgM>

Stella shared that Quilting in Muskoka store has iron-able pins with flat ends

Halina shared that she did raw edge quilting with steam-a-seam put through her printer and then fused to the fabric to save time and effort of tracing and cutting multiple times;

Hanne shared the use of Thangles for half square triangles; Thangles can be purchased from most quilt stores in any size;

Lynda shared that she has a CD that will print any size half-square triangle.

Hanne also shared that when doing strip cutting on folded fabric always begin the rotary cutter cutting before you get to the fabric fold (to ensure a straight line cut at the fold)

Dorothy showed a small straight ruler that is very helpful and the use of [mosquito forceps](#) for pulling broken needles or hand quilting (available from a medical supply store or Mary R. says a fishing supply store)

Carolyn talked about machine sewing a binding onto a quilt using 2 1/4 seam binding, using her 1/8 inch marking on her Pfaff sewing machine foot, remembering to turn and press first and machine sew both sides; Mary R. suggested using cuddle quilts to practice machine sewing binding.

Linda Speller showed her quilt top Simply Charming Modern quilt and asked the group how she might machine quilt this quilt? Suggestions were using Tula Pinks suggestions for the middle of the blocks, Look at Jacqui Gehrig's book 'Walk' for ideas, echo quilt larger squares; machine quilt using Aurifil thread in maybe a light gray shade.

Ardith shared Sharon Schamber-Perfect Straight Binding using Elmer's glue: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2hWQ5-ZccE> and asked about ideas for quilting a scenery panel of lupines.

Lynda showed small clips for binding and sewing cork items; she also places an old wool blanket under her ironing cover.

Gillian: asked for suggestions for a Stained Glass quilt she is making for Muskoka Arts using a cording; Gillian is wondering how to keep the cording from fraying and being lumpy when sewn together.

Sandi showed her new [pressing mat](#) that she bought from Amazon (\$25), made from New Zealand wool but made in China. It smelled the first time she used it, but not anymore. Sandi showed a small roller for quickly pressing seams; Titanium needles and wondered if others found that they lasted longer? Sandi also showed a great use of a golf tee to hold a matching bobbin and spool of thread together; another tip of taking Aurafil thread from off the bottom of the spool (by removing the bottom of the spool)

Stella spoke about how the Huntsville Library is updating their quilting/craft books. Contact julie.kent@huntsvillelibrary.ca with suggestions (especially Jacqui Gehrig's new book Walk 2)

Show Modern:

Mary R. showed 3 zippered fabric bags that she made for the boutique with zippered tabs- [pattern online](#).

Dorothy showed doll clothes (for American Beauty sized dolls) with Velcro on the back; she also had a strip handbag that she had made.

Hanne showed a toy bear in a sewn basket for the boutique, made of dropcloth fabric from Pinterest; she also showed a Valentine quilt and told us what not to do with blocks cut on the bias (showed us how the quilt does not hang straight), and the importance of having equal amounts of quilting throughout the quilt.

Mary Dunn showed fabric baskets that she has made for the boutique with interfacing ironed on both sides for extra stiffness.

Halina talked about 4 quilts to be sold at the quilt show, total value approximately \$2,300. Two of the quilts were shown. Linda's Starburst quilt (valued approx. \$350) using Margaret's aunt's quilt with applied raw edged stars; Wonky Tree Quilt that Carolyn machine quilted (valued approx. \$500)

Stella showed a flannel quilt made from two panels and machine quilted using her domestic machine. She also showed 2 small hexagon quilts made from hexi squares.

Sandi showed her grandson's "Shark quilt" made from a scrappy brickyard pattern with quilting done using Jacqui Gehrig's 'organic curves' and using grey Aurifil thread; SQA challenge quilt of "No Bullying" using the Gypsy Wife pattern - 52 blocks scrappy (Jenny Kingwell); 2 large shopping bags with shoulder straps, but the hardware is expensive;

Sandi's hands-on activity was to make a small modern heart quilt -please bring cut out blocks to March meeting

Thank you to Sandi for chairing this meeting.

Next meeting is on March 5th at Quilting in Muskoka Store located at 181 Manitoba St., Bracebridge

(Please note that for this meeting only, we will NOT be meeting at the Bracebridge United Church).

We will be seeing some of the new fabrics and tools that Sue has ordered for the store.

Please also remember to bring along the cut out block that Sandi gave out at the meeting to make a modern heart quilt.