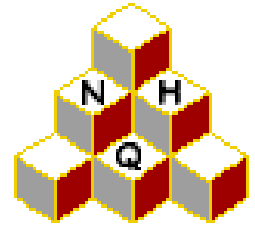


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Club News

The club has organised new badges for all members to celebrate it's 40 years.

These will be handed out at the first meeting we have this year which hopefully won't be too far away.



Mark Pickles will be coming to my house on Monday 10th May to service machines.

The cost will be £25.00 per machine. He will also be bringing fabric to sell.

If anyone would like their machines to be serviced please contact me for more details, first replies will be accommodated to a maximum number of machines he can service.

Sale of fabrics will be in the garden

Jackie



Show & Tell

I have 2 pictures of recent makes. The shopping bags were made with material from sample books of curtain material. The height chart is a panel bought from Aly's stitchy fingers.

Murizl



Not long before I left Basingstoke for Herefordshire we had a NHQ meeting where we were all to bring a UFO to show the group. The idea was that we'd all then commit to completing the project and bring it back to show again.

I'm about 18 months late, but it is now finished - nearly 4 years after it was actually started.

Chris Rowley



Here are some of my recent sewing projects . The pink one is an interpretation of a painting my son did. I thought I would have a go at making it in fabric.

Then new cushions are for the lounge and a mini Valentine quilt to go with our new mugs.

Liz Boyd





Mia's covid coin quilt challenge. The original pattern for the challenge was much smaller and all the circles were on a white background. I decided to go for colours as I actually wanted to use it as a tablecloth. I used 2.5" squares and the coins were 1.5". Each coin was applied on.

Sandra Ryan



I made this 'Monopoly' lap quilt for my daughter at Christmas. She has been living in Australia for the past 20 years. Half of the places on the board show places of her life in England and the other half are her life in Australia. It was fun to make.

Julie



Well Covid 19 has rendered my body idle and my brain totally without focus. All these months when people have created beautiful landscapes in their gardens and painted their homes from top to toe, I have achieved little. I have managed a home made card or two, some welcome to the world wall hangings for friends grandchildren but little else. I did however decide to scrap bust so spent many mindless hours cutting scraps into strips, either 2 1/2 or 1 1/2 inches wide or squares. The fact remained however, I was still storing loads of material. So.... a couple of weeks ago I decided to sew all the strips together and foundation piece the 1 1/2 strips to a piece of old sheeting about 1m x 3/4m. Another mindless task, drawing parallel lines 1in apart down the length of the sheeting. I found it quite satisfying and extremely mindless, right up my street. The finished stripy material was quite pretty and actually prompted me to use my brain. The resulting wall hanging is how it all ended up and the 2 1/2 strips provided the binding. Here's to an end to this isolation so that we can get together and exchange ideas or even JUST CHAT!!

Wendy



This is a quilt I made for Project Linus. It's a bit crinkled because I've washed it.

Angela



This is a picture of my first row robin

Anne



Round Robin

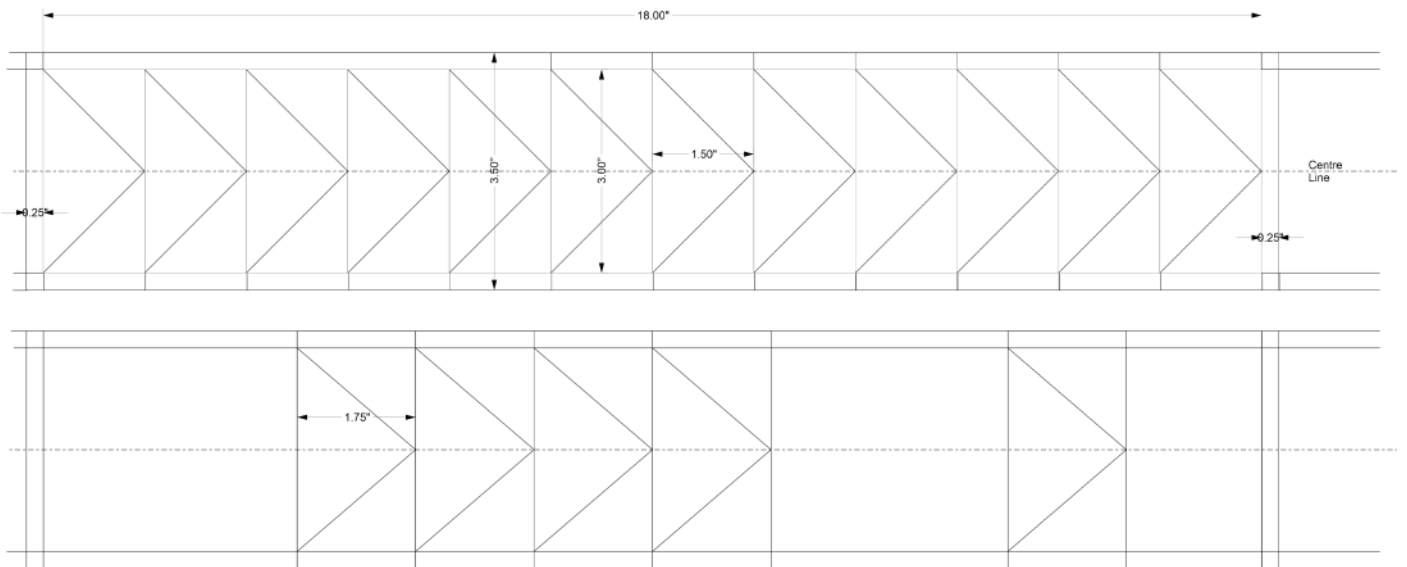
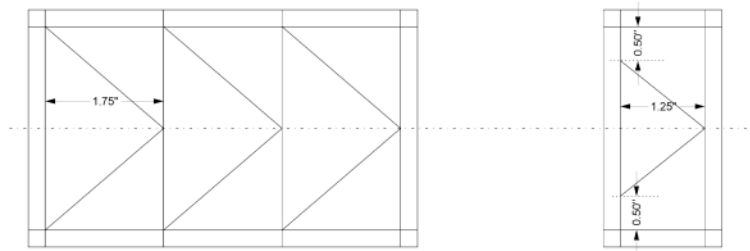
Row three

This row is flying geese, there are several ways of making these and you can do them in any method you like but I prefer to make them with foundation piecing. You could have them all the way round or as I have done with a few placed between plain lengths of fabric. This row is 3" high (finished).

They do use up more fabric than you think and although I like to think of the change of fabric on mine as a design feature I actually ran out of the plain blue so please check your fabric quantity carefully. I am on a mission at the moment to use up my stash and not buy any fabric unless it is really needed to go with what I have already and as it is also difficult to buy fabrics at the moment I have tried to design this in a way that can use small amounts of fabric. Flying geese look just as effective made in many different fabrics as they do in the same ones all round. Have fun playing with a layout until you come up with one you are happy with, that works with what has been done so far and with fabric that you have.



I have done some diagrams for foundation piecing but please use another method if you prefer. I haven't tried to explain how to piece these as most of you will know how and if not I think looking at a video on the internet would be much easier to understand.



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Foundation piecing diagrams.

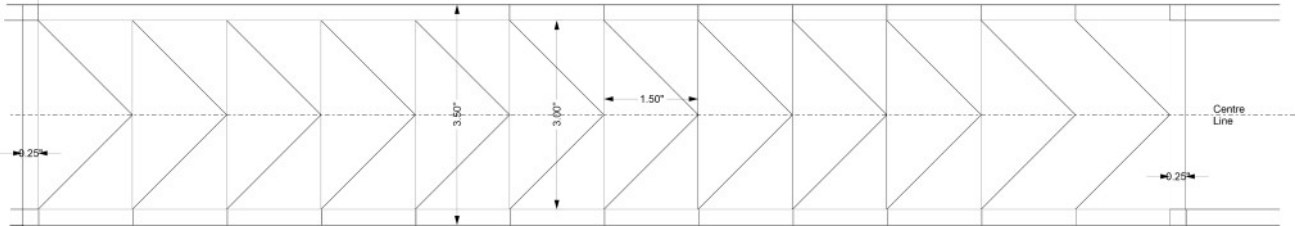
The width of the block you have so far should be 18 ½” but it could vary slightly so measure each side before you draw out geese and adjust it to fit each side if necessary.

18” (excluding the seam allowance) allows for 12 geese @ 1 ½” wide on the first two sides and 16 on the next two if going all round.

Doing the geese @ 1 ¾” wide reduces it to 10 needed on each side but would be ½” short on the length however I found it was easily rectified by adding a smidgeon to each one or having a fatter one of 2” at each end. You would need to add a square in each corner as the geese would not fit.

You could add extra interest by adding in some “baby” geese but these would have to be made separately and then joined in.

These diagrams are just a guide, please do this round in a way that suits you.



Draw out each side on your foundation paper to match the size of the block and adjust to fit if necessary. Do opposite sides first (either top and bottom or sides whichever you prefer) the next two sides will be longer to incorporate the corners and can be more geese or just squares.



Good advice

Lockdown is making me stir crazy, so it's important to talk to someone you trust. I was discussing this with the microwave and toaster.

I didn't mention it to the washing machine because she puts a different spin on everything. I couldn't share it with the fridge because he's been acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out by saying: 'The situation isn't that pressing and all the wrinkles will be ironed out.'

The vacuum cleaner was unsympathetic and told me: 'Just suck it up!'

The fan was optimistic and gave me hope it will soon blow over; the toilet looked flushed, but didn't say anything when I asked it's opinion; the front door knob told me to get a grip; and, guess what, the curtains told me to pull myself together.

All good advice

Doris



Newsletter Contact

In these times where we aren't meeting it is even more important that we get together with our marvellous quilts, ideas and tips and our News Letter is the place to do it so please let me have all your news, photos of your work (jpg preferred)

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