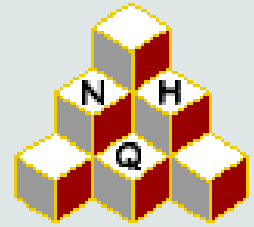


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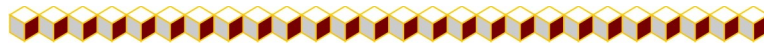
Club News

Next Meetings

January 17th – Baby quilt night

February 7th – Quilters guild new miniature quilt collection

February 21st – Sara Sullivan - talk “My hexi journey”



Baby Quilt night

We need to make a large number of quilts for the next drop off to the Frimley Park Hospital so the idea of the evening is to make up packs ready to take home and sew. We have some packs made up already which include all the fabric and wadding you need for one baby quilt except for the binding. Julie will have these at the welcome desk.

We have some quilt ideas including appliqué pictures that can be traced onto bondaweb ready to sew. We have had some donations of fabric, some in pieces, some in cut squares and some strips that can be built up to make tops. We also have a box of backings cut out with wadding that can be added to make a pack. We don't need a mass of fabric but if you have some to donate that would add variety and be much appreciated, especially novelty fabrics.

Baby quilts should be about 16" X 20" but this is just a guide and they will accept different sizes.

A few of the backings and waddings are off cuts from bigger quilts and are slightly tight so don't worry if yours turns out slightly smaller (or larger).

As we only have two hours we would like you to have a look at what we are doing as soon as you come in, so please start to join in straight away. We will have “the business section” of the meeting once everyone has settled. We will bring most of what is needed but a pair of scissors and a pen or pencil might be useful.



Your Vote

Hopefully you have all received the notification about voting for the future of our meeting times, please think carefully and let us know your vote before the 1st of February so we can then get on with sorting the rest of the programme for 2024.

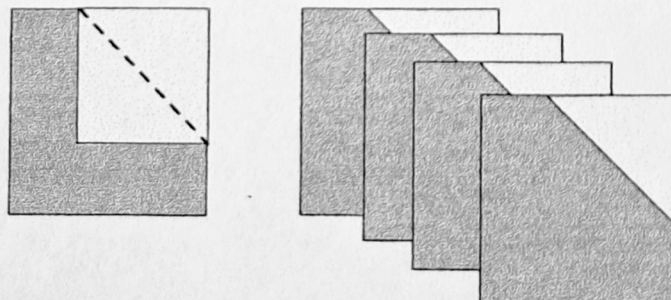


Raffle quilt

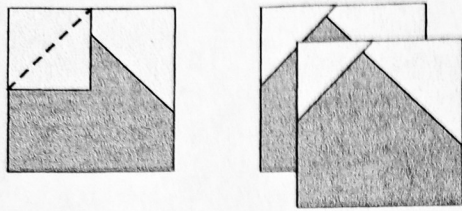
"I will be bringing in the charity quilt packs to the meeting on 17th January. I hope that everyone will be able to take at least one block to make up at home. I will bring in the attachments as well if you need to take photos as I'd really like it to be paperless but will email it if needed. We have loads of fabric left so a decision is needed for that and I'm hoping that we could perhaps make some quilts for Oncology "



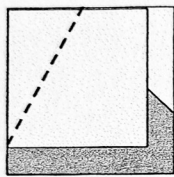
1. Working with one pile of $4 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares at a time, take one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " star point square and lay it right sides together on one of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Sew across the diagonal. If it helps, draw the diagonal line in first or make a fold to mark your stitching line. Flip the square over and press towards the light fabric. Trim the excess light fabric but do not trim the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Although this creates more bulk, it helps to keep your work in shape. Repeat by sewing a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " star point to one corner of four $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.



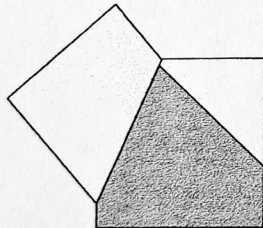
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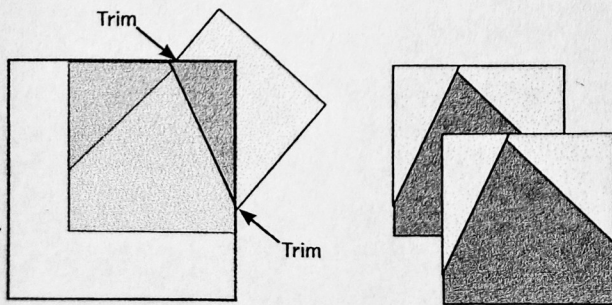
3. Take the other two squares and sew a 1½in star point square as shown. Do not sew across the diagonal on the light square as you want to create a long point. Mark a line from approximately the centre of one side to one corner and follow this as your sewing line. This line can vary, to individualize the stars.



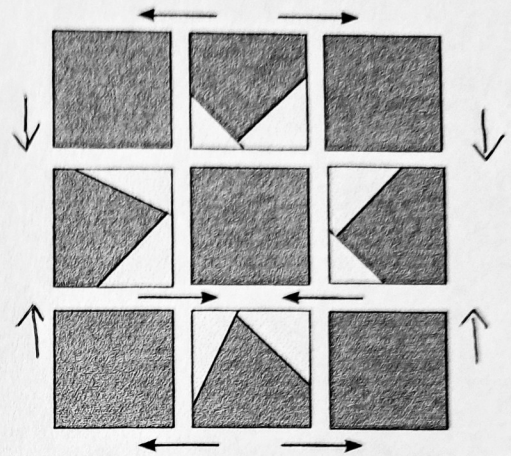
Flip the square over and press towards the light fabric as before.



Turn the square to the reverse and using a rotary cutter and ruler trim the excess light fabric from the square.

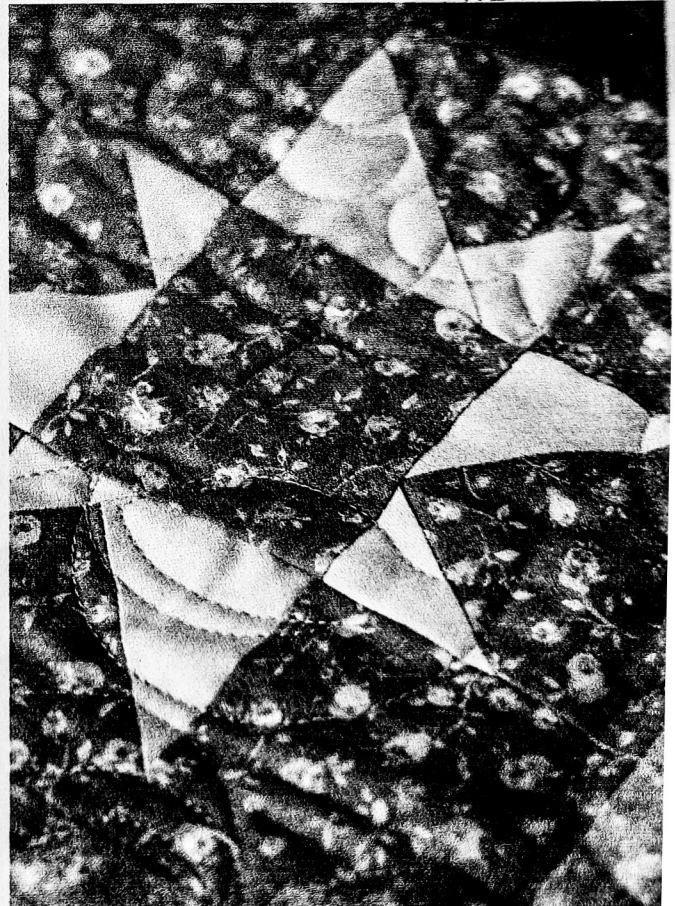


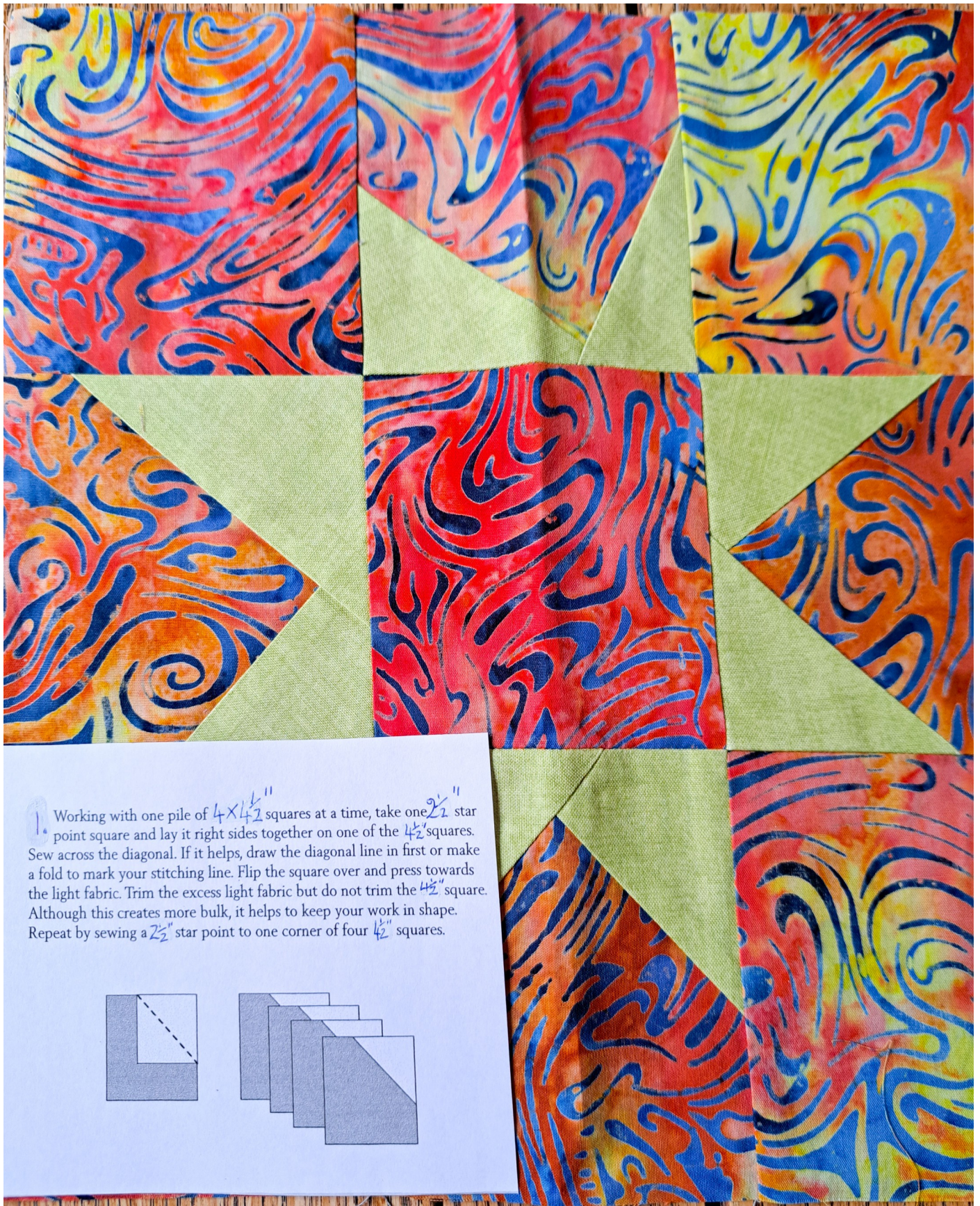
4. Take the four squares with star points and sew them together with the remaining squares from the pile as shown. Press seams in the directions shown.



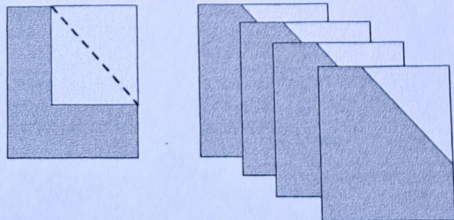
5. 'POP' THE SEAMS AROUND THE CENTRAL SQ AS SHOWN ON SAMPLE.

DO NOT SQUARE UP THE BLOCK AS WE WILL DO THIS





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Sandra



Gail Lawther workshop

March 7th Twilight silhouettes.

There are still a few places left on this workshop, please let me know if you would like to join us before the end of January.

Hilary



Challenges

The Christmas challenge for coasters went really well and we had a large number to exchange at the party.

There will be a new group challenge being issued on January 17th lets hope you enjoy this one too.



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