



# Calico Capers Quilt Guild

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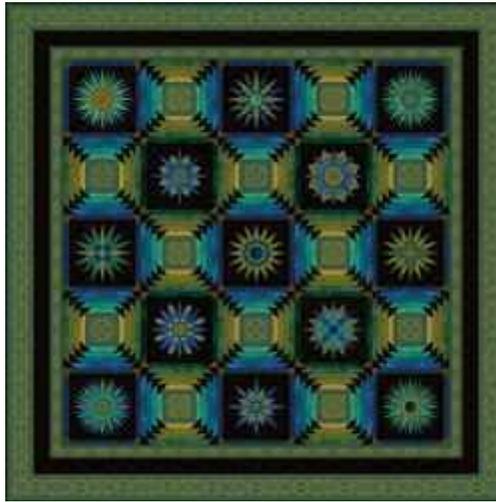
## Black Is Not the Only Dark!

How do you feel about working with dark fabrics? Do you tend to stay away or do you go right for them as a sharp background color? Jinny Beyer shares the following:

“One of my color secrets is that every quilt needs a “deep dark fabric”. And in fact, when quilters ask me to look at their quilts to help them understand what isn’t quite working, it’s often just that: the quilt has mostly medium-value fabrics and is missing a good rich, dark fabric.

I love to use black in my quilts to set off the other fabrics. But often, black isn’t the best choice. It think it’s very important to choose your dark carefully, toning it in to your color theme. That’s why my fabric collections always include a very dark fabric or two, but they are rarely entirely black! The compass

blocks in Solstice, use a very dark brown print; in Light the Way, it’s a very dark burgundy floral. Black adds a lot of drama, but it can also be too stark. To help get you comfortable and see the potential in using darks that aren’t black, JB has put together a new *Darks Sampler*—although the individual fabrics in each of the bundles vary, all are deep-darks with a hint of color.”



Go to [jinny-beyer.com](http://jinny-beyer.com) for ways that will add spark and energy to your quilt projects.



## Reaching Out BOM

The Community Outreach Committee has requested the BOM for 2014 to be traditional/traditional with a twist patchwork blocks. Each month you will be given a pattern and two color ways. You are then asked to make block(s) for *reaching out*. For each block you make & donate, your name will be added to a quarterly drawing. This BOM will continue until the end of the year and quilts will be assembled from these blocks and donated to the Salvation Army.

**Check out [www.ccqg.org](http://www.ccqg.org)—suggestions to the site are welcome. Contact Anne.**

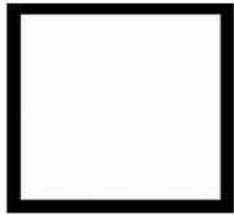
Thirty years old and never too old to try new things!!!



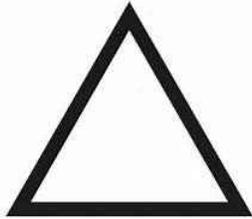


# Shapes

At a quilt show this past summer—there was a very creative visual display sharing shapes. We work with these basic shapes most every time we pick up a quilting project. Below, you will find them for review...

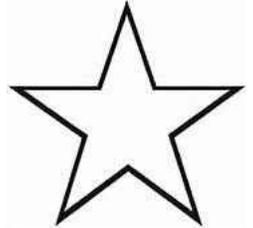


**SQUARE** has four (4) sides and four (4) corners.

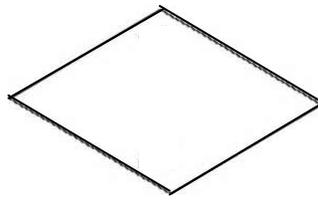


**TRIANGLE** has three (3) sides and three (3) corners.

**STAR** has five (5) points and ten (10) sides.



**RECTANGLE** has four (4) sides and four (4) points.



**DIAMOND** has four (4) equal sides.

## Four Patch

The four patch block is one of the simplest pieced quilt blocks. It is made by sewing four squares the same size together to make a larger square. Four patch blocks can be made using 2, 3 or 4 different fabrics depending on the effect you are after.

It's important to learn how to analyze and identify patchwork quilt blocks. Why? To understand how block sizes can be changed and to recognize which quilt blocks work together best.

We can categorize patchwork quilt blocks by the gridded arrangement of their patches, and refer to them with terms such as four-patch, nine-patch and five-patch. Those terms reveal how a block's grid are arranged, and once you understand how to analyze what I like to think of as quilt block 'bone structure,' designing a quilt is a breeze.

Imagine a grid of squares -- like a piece of graph paper. Each grid can be subdivided to create more grids, but the basic framework of the initial grid doesn't change. Patchwork quilt

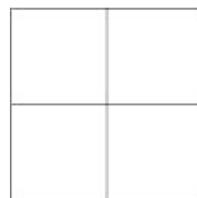
blocks are exactly the same, and with a little practice you'll be able to immediately recognize grid structure.

### What Are Four Patch Quilt Blocks?

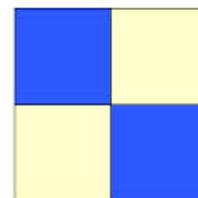
Four-patch quilt blocks are one of the most common layouts seen in patchwork quilts. They initially contain four equal squares arranged in a grid of two across and two down. The basic grid is obvious in the illustrations below.

Four patch grids in the block on the right have been subdivided, but the block's original four-patch structure is still recognizable. You'll find that most four-patch quilt blocks do have subdivided units.

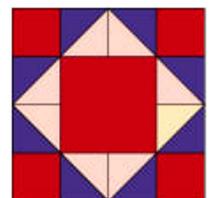
*Janet Wickell*



Four Patch Grid



Basic Four Patch Block



Four Patch w/Divisions





## I Decide To...

Someone posted this on a lung cancer support group a friend of Jane's is a member of. One surely can relate, sounds like many of the days I have! She asked that I share it with others...

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water. I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide

I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.



Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. At the end of the day:

- The car isn't washed,
- The bills aren't paid,
- There is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter,
- The flowers don't have enough water,
- There is still only one check in my check book,
- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing gotten done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

I just need to sit down for a bit and rest before *I decide to...*





## Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meetings will be held at the Trinity United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall located at 234 N. Church Street, Endeavor unless otherwise noted.

### January 6th—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- \* PROGRAM: Pincushions...tonight will take us on a stroll through the reason for and history of these 'cushions'. For member participation, we ask you to share one or more pincushions—a table will be provided for this display.
- \* *Reaching Out* BOM
- \* Show 'n Tell
- \* Hostesses

Bring your sewing kit to the meeting.

### February 3rd—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- \* PROGRAM: Caring Pillows...tonight will share with us that pillows can be more than a decorative aspect in our homes. Members are asked to bring along a special pillow or two & a short note about how it came into your possession—a table will be provided for this display.
- \* *Reaching Out* BOM
- \* Show 'n Tell
- \* Hostesses

Bring your sewing kit to the meeting.

### March 3rd—6:15 pm Snacks/6:30 pm Meeting

- \* PROGRAM: 4-Patch...tonight will show us that this block has a lot of twists & turns from it's original state. Bring along any 4-Patch projects you would like to share—a table will be provided for this display.
- \* *Reaching Out* BOM
- \* Show 'n Tell
- \* Hostesses

Bring your sewing kit to the meeting.

#### Hostesses:

Thank you for sharing your hospitality with us. We ask that you have the snacks ready for members by **6:15 PM**. We will start with this and then proceed to our meeting promptly at 6:30 pm. Doors at the church Fellowship Hall will be opened by 6:00 PM for your convenience unless you make other arrangements. Thank you.

## Something New—Something Old

You may see that you are encouraged to bring along your sewing kit to each of our monthly meetings. This kit should consist of: scissors (paper & fabric); needle; thread (dark & light); pins; pencil for marking; and small ruler.

If you did not realize, your current officer team are actually ALL charter members of CCQG. After meeting to plan 2014, it was decided that we are going to 'travel back to earlier times' of this organization. During those 'times', members always carried along their sewing kits to monthly meetings just in case there was an hands' on project.

Don't we always retain more if we actually sit down and do something more than just read about it or listen to a demo? Your officer team has decided to start out the 1st Qtr doing just that—so pack that kit and come along for the creativity!!!





## Community Outreach

The *Community Outreach Committee* would like to thank everyone that helped out with the program in 2013!!!

We accomplished so much with your help.

1. We started out with the Memorial Quilt for the Marquette County Veterans' Memorial fundraiser.
2. Finished up and donated Cranberry Sparkle to the Oxford Public Library fundraiser.
3. We moved on to making lasagna quilts for our quilt bank. We made over seven tops! They have been disbursed as follows:
  - \* Guardian Angel Project
  - \* Nathan Gerbitz Benefit
  - \* Endeavor Beautification Committee Silent Auction
4. Two doll quilts & small sail boat quilt to Operation Santa.
5. Raffle Quilt 2014, was laid out and sewn together & getting ready for quilting.
6. The year ended with the completion of over 40 wheelchair/walker bags made from the "busy blocks" made in the last two years. Thanks to all the "busy block" patterns in 2012 & 2013, there was a great supply for this project. Tentatively, the committee is looking to distribute these bags at the end of January or early February.

In process and nearing completion...

7. Themed banner to donate as a 'thank you' to the United Church of Christ, Endeavor.
8. Badger Paws Sidelights made from leftovers (blocks found in storage from our 2007 Thrivent Marquette County Outreach) which is earmarked for donation to Budda Box.

2014 is looking to be another great year for Outreach!!! We will continue to make quilts for the quilt bank using the donated fabric we still have left. There are THREE large totes of fabric to work our way though.

At this point, what we may be in need of is large yardages of fabric for backings of the tops we will be making this year with *layer cake stash*.

Another outreach project for 2014 will be the making of a crib-size quilt for the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo. The committee was able to purchase some cute animal fabric on sale this fall and the construction of this quilt will begin sometime in January. Our goal is to have it finished by early spring so that they are able to display it and start the sale of raffle tickets for the drawing in the summer.

Stay tuned as plans are already underway for what will be happening with Outreach 2015!!!

### Dates for 2014 Outreach Workdays

Although they are all Tuesdays, they vary as to which week they are in due to schedule concerns with the center. We are grateful to have this lovely space to work in—making the changes was not a problem.

- January 14, 2014
- February 11, 2014
- March 18, 2014
- April 22, 2014
- May 20, 2014

We will be at the Endeavor Community Center and have the room reserved from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The committee knows that some of you are unable to make it to the workdays but would like to still contribute to our outreach program. There are ways in which you are able to help by doing some things on your own at home that would be a great help. We need people to quilt tops, bind quilts, and cut fabric for upcoming projects. If you are interested in doing something at your own pace and in the comfort of your sewing space, please feel free to contact a committee member.

THANK YOU!!!

Your Community  
Outreach Committee 2014





## Quilt Show 2014

Mark your calendars for our 2014 Quilt Show. We are waiting for our paperwork to be approved for the Oxford Public Grade School for use of their gym located on Franklin Avenue for Saturday, October 4th from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. Setup will be Friday, October 3rd in the PM.

A special display of *Do You See A Four Patch?* Will be featured because of the year 2014. The focus will be on #4 and 4-Patches in this section.

The committee would also like to display some of your quilt projects from guild sponsored workshops since our last show—there will be a few to chose from as we had the opportunity to have some great teachers these past two years. Plus other projects you have to share are welcome.

There will be no quilt auction nor shop vendors but the 2014 show will hold a few new features. The Moundville HCE will be teaming up with us again with their baked goods; treats and luncheon.

So continue to put your finishing touches on those quilted items and ready them for our show October 4, 2014.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!

Your Quilt Show Committee

## Coming Your Way Soon...

Tentative plans are underway at the Moundville Methodist Church variation of *Prayers & Squares*. This organization consists of many individual chapters around the world. We were contacted by a member of UCC to help get the word out. As plans come together, our CCQG membership will be made aware of them should you so choose to participate.

*Prayers & Squares* is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Unlike many other groups that make quilts for charitable causes, the purpose of *Prayers & Squares* is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts.

The idea behind these prayer quilts is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt.

Through *Prayers & Squares* many quilts have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer and AIDS patients, for adults and children facing surgery or personal crisis; for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of prayer.

To read up more on this outreach, check out <http://www.prayerquilt.org/>

## \$8 Specials

Sign-up now—these are the first of the New Year! Samples of the projects will be at our monthly meetings for your viewing.

Once you sign-up and make payment, your supply listings will be given out. Contact a CCQG member for details.

**January 23rd** *Playing with 4-Patches* 9:30 am –3 pm

**February 26th** *Fibonacci Sequence* 9:30 am—3 pm

**March 13th** *Bargello Tablerunner* 9:30 am—3 pm

These sessions will be held at the Community Room at the 1st National Bank, Montello.

