

MVQG Petal Party Sew-along and Round Robin Challenge

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Goal: Create connections and build community with guild members “closer to home” throughout this year’s big sewing challenge!

How it works:

- **Join or create a small group of quilters within your region** and coordinate when and how you would like to meet and/or sew together during the challenge that is close and convenient for you! If you need ideas for locations outside of homes, let Mary Ann know.
- Each person will receive a small **challenge fabric kit** from Mary Ann. Each quilt must use a piece of each fabric in the provided kit in some way.
- During **part 1 of the challenge (January – March)**, you will determine how you will create blocks for each other to create your “center” of the quilt and start making! Be as creative as you’d like, but each quilt must have at least 1 block of each pattern in the Petal Party pattern from Angela Huffman of Quilted Joy.
- During **part 2 of the challenge (April – July)**, you will begin the round robin. Each person in the group will have a turn with each person’s quilt, adding a border or an embellishment to the quilt.
- Most importantly – **Have fun, build community, and use your imagination!** There are only 2 requirements! You can provide extra guidelines on max size or color scheme, etc. If you are being very specific, please be sure to provide the fabric. Your quilt can be any layout with any fabrics in any size.

Regions:

- A. Fairborn and surrounding areas
- B. Xenia and surrounding areas
- C. Englewood and surrounding areas
- D. Springfield and surrounding areas

Group sizes should be 4-10. There can be many groups in each region! For example, if you live in Centerville, you may be in the Xenia region, but you and others in the Centerville area can form your group and meet in Centerville! We want to allow a space for people to create community with other guild members close to home. This also makes it easier to meet up more regularly.

Contest Details:

- Minimum requirements to be eligible to win:
 - A piece of each of the fabrics provided in challenge kit must be used in the quilt.
 - At least 1 of each block from the Petal Party block patterns must be used in the quilt.
- All quilts will be displayed and open for peer voting during August meeting. Quilts can just be the quilt top or the finished quilt.
- 1 quilt from each of the 4 regions will win \$50!
- Additional prizes will be given away throughout the challenge to participants, including a full Petal Party Fabric Kit from Angela Huffman from Quilted Joy, gift cards, quilting related books and more.

Key Dates:

- January 11 – Challenge Kick-off and Social at Bethel Community Church
- February 8 – Open Sew Day for all groups at Bethel Community Church
- March 3 – Open Sew Day for all groups at Bethel Community Church
- August 12 – Show and Tell for all challenge quilts, guild voting, plus lecture and trunk show from Angela Huffman of Quilted Joy

Please note: As more group open sew dates are scheduled, we will add to the website calendar. Individual groups will be coordinated between groups and not posted to website.