

Program Ideas for Quilt Groups

1. Scrap Quilts - Demonstration
2. Crazy Quilts – Demonstration – Go over hand embroidery stitches
3. Round or Row Robin – need rules
4. Block of the Month or Sampler Quilts – a workshop – “you won them – what now?”
 - bring in quilts made from BOM blocks they’ve won or block exchanges
 - show different ways they can be put together
5. Woven table runner demonstration
6. Demonstrate new or old gadget someone has tried and liked
7. Trunk show from different shops or group members
8. Pass a list around – see what people want to do and see if they’re willing to help or organize and deliver program
9. Projects for pre-cut fabric - charm squares – 5 inch squares, layer cakes and jelly rolls.
10. Demo on mesh tote bags
11. Mistake month – everyone bring in some of their mistakes (in colors, holes, square-up-ness – etc.) - Oops – If I could do it over – this is what I would change – or I’ll never do this again.

12. Small or short demos - maybe a few at a meeting (not round robin style)
13. Give small prizes for various reasons
14. Sampler quilts – have everyone bring in one or two that they have done. Like from a Quilt Shop - \$5.00 quilts
15. Themes for show and tell – Examples:
 - Quilts from members of family
 - Quilts from the Past – Quilts made by your mother or grandmother or great-grandmother.
 - Reproduction quilts – civil war, 30's, 50's sample
 - Block of the Month Quilts
 - Challenge Quilts
 - Round or Row Robin Quilts
 - Block exchanges
 - Christmas or Holiday Theme Quilts
 - First Quilt
 - Last Quilt Completed
 - Favorite Color or Line of Fabric Quilts
16. Project: Design Box - 16 inch NEW Pizza boxes – glue batting or flannel or felt to the top of the box.
17. Mystery Quilt
18. Do your own Row or Round Robin – patterns given at each meeting for next row or round.

19. Demonstration on Sashing and Borders
20. Attend workshop or visit a quilt guild meeting as a group
21. Hands on Quilting Tips and Tools – discuss various tools that a quilter should have ready for the last minute invitation to a quilting event.

Examples:

- Box for Tools
- Various Rulers
- Rotary Cutters
- Stiletto
- Small Cutting Mat
- Thread Cutter/Lanyard
- Seam Ripper
- Magnets
- Bobbin Holder
- Different Scissors
- June Taylor Cutting Ruler
- Hemostat
- Graph Paper
- Thread Organizer
- Lint Roller
- Dye Catchers if you pre wash

22. Share books – quilting patterns – quilting related fiction or non fiction
23. Hanky Quilts – Demonstration on using hankies in projects.
24. Fat Quarter exchange – Bring fat quarters each month for a member of the group – “her” choice on fabric – until everyone has received fat quarters – must have sign up so everyone who receives also gives.
25. Birthday block – in your birthday month you receive a block of your choice and color - must have sign up so everyone who receives also gives.
26. Strategies and encouragement to finish UFOs.
27. Day long work sessions to work on your own projects or UFOs – check local community rooms at banks they are usually perfect for an all day work shop.
28. Charity quilts – keep to lap or crib size and encourage everyone to do at least one a year using appropriate fabric for group to receive quilts (babies, children, adults, veterans, etc.)
29. Demonstration on appliqué techniques
30. Demonstration on raw edge appliqué
31. Celtic design quilts

32. Group project – pick a pattern and everyone uses their choice of fabric and color.
33. Machine quilting – on your sewing machine
34. Introduction to long arm quilting – at shop that rents time on a long arm machine – to see if you would be interested.
35. Hand piecing and hand quilting
36. Demonstration on Rulers – how to use them and why so many square rulers.
37. Block of the Month – everyone who does the block has a chance to win all the blocks – consider a year long theme – baskets, 9-patches or use a book – Underground Railroad, Pioneer Blocks, etc.
38. Exchange charm squares, fat quarters or other sizes of fabric – have a theme – Prime Colors, African Prints, Reproduction, etc.
39. Get acquainted games or activities – Bingo, Introductions, etc.
40. How to make a T-Shirt Quilt

41. Demonstrations or group work sessions on:
 - Quilting techniques
 - Placemats
 - Aprons
 - Pot Holders
 - Dish Cloths and decorated towels
 - Pillow Cases
 - Table Runners
 - Tissue Box Covers
 - Bags and Totes
 - Baby bibs
 - Baby Quilts
 - Pin cushions
 - Travel Tissue Holders
 - Glass Cases
 - Check Book Covers
 - Decorated T-Shirts
 - Weighted thread catcher with pin cushion
 - Sewing Tools Holder
 - Needle Cases
 - Fleece Blankets
 - ETC – Use your imagination

42. Speakers on various subjects.

43. Summer Picnic

44. Christmas Party

45. Other celebrations to have food.