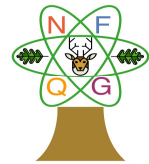


New Forest Quilt Group

Newsletter November 2018



CHAIRMANS CHAT

We hope you have enjoyed the wonderful speakers we have had, truly inspirational.

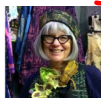
What a lovely workshop by Pam working in oilcloth. Some lovely bags were made and we all worked at great speed to keep up. Don't faint, Carol & I have actually finished ours, so not another UFO!!

Pam has included in this Newsletter details of our December meeting which should, as usual, be a great evening. Don't forget all those UFO challenges to bring on the night.

Our Exhibition is fast approaching so we will soon be looking for you to sign up to help over the three days. Without your help we cannot run the Exhibition. This is a Group project, so lots of hands will be needed to help. It should be a wonderful way to showcase the wonderful work done by the Group as well as raising money for the Air Ambulance. This is the last Newsletter this year, so we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and wonderful New Year. Sheila and Carol

Monday 5th November Meeting

Speaker - Alison Hulme



My Life in Stitches

A light hearted talk about her work. A look at how it has developed over the years and what continues to inspire her.

NFQG CHRISTMAS PARTY

**COME AND GET INTO THE
FESTIVE MOOD**

Monday 3rd December

FAT QUARTER LUCKY DIP



Bring along a Christmas wrapped FQ, put in box and take a ticket, at the end of the evening hand in your ticket and take out one FQ pressie!

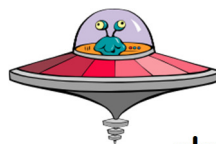
Grand Christmas Draw



Big Prizes to be won

Over 40 prizes - contributions from all our speakers and traders this year..... plus much much more.

Tickets are £1 a strip and £3 for 4 strips Bring your purses!



UFO Challenge

Remember to bring along your UFO - finished or not- small prize for all UFO's shown on the evening

It's been a very successful year for our workshops -come and get inspired from our workshop table

**MINCE PIES, CHRISTMAS TIPPLE
AND NIBBLES WILL BE SUPPLIED.**

SPEAKER SECRETARY CORNER



Autumn Days and Nights

We, Sue and I, always feel that the ending of summer and the drawing in of the evenings means that we can concentrate on sewing more - but it seems as if we have been sewing all summer - inspired greatly by some great speakers to our group. Jenny Rundle in September certainly inspired me with her vast range of beautiful quilts, not least of all the quilts made from tee-towels. I went straight home and sorted out my tee-towels and have a great one I want to turn into a quilt! Anne Hellyer dazzled us with her city scapes and town-scapes and inspired many of you regarding dying and printing your own fabrics. I feel we were so lucky to have such gifted speakers, and so different from each other.

There is a slight change to the November meeting in that we have another speaker, rather than the come and sew evening, which will now be in January. Alison Hulme is joining us to talk about 'My Life in Stitches'. Be sure not to miss it!!

Our last workshop of the year was held on 13th October and 13 participants worked with oilcloth to make

themselves travel totes, shopping totes and general use totes. It was a



great day and everyone went away with totes ready for use.



Our Bumper December Meeting will be our grand Christmas Party - PLEASE bring along your show and tell, whether it's a UFO, PIP, Phd - we want to see them all. It will be a precursor to our Exhibition when we will be showing all our work.

Remember also to bring along a gift wrapped fat quarter for the FQ exchange and your quiz brain, and your money for our Grand Christmas Draw - yet again all our speakers, workshop tutors and our traders have supplied great presents, together with many many more prizes to be won. Keep sewing - Sue and Pam

As are thoughts turn towards our Quilting exhibition Jenny found an interesting article about folding quilts in a way that saves the life of our quilts by avoiding the centre crease!

Folding Quilts on the Bias -
AGAINST THE GRAIN - By Anne Fahl

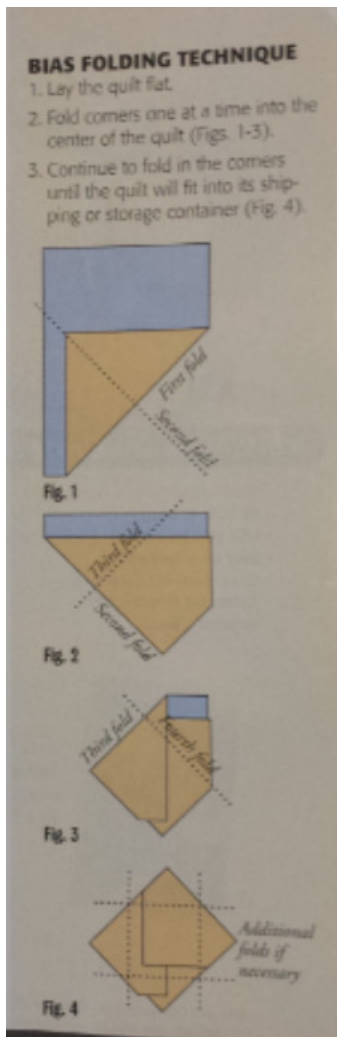


Bias Folding Technique

Fig.1 Lay the quilt flat

Fig.2 Fold corners one at a time

Fig. 3 Continue to fold in the corners until the quilt will fit the containers/shelf



An added note from the author mentioned that at first the folding technique might seem awkward, but keep trying. 😊

Exhibition Countdown



.....7 Months to go

(26th - 28th May 2019)

Just a reminder that the categories are :

'General Quilts' for hanging

'Ruby Challenge' Quilts
(maximum size 24" x 24")

'Scrappy Quilt' Challenge

Items made in NFQG
workshops

Display of smaller items such
as cushions, bags, table runners
etc



As you can imagine as we move towards May next year we will be looking for as much help as possible. Please don't be shy about coming forward to help. We would love this show to be a great success but we cannot do it without your help.

Dates for your diary

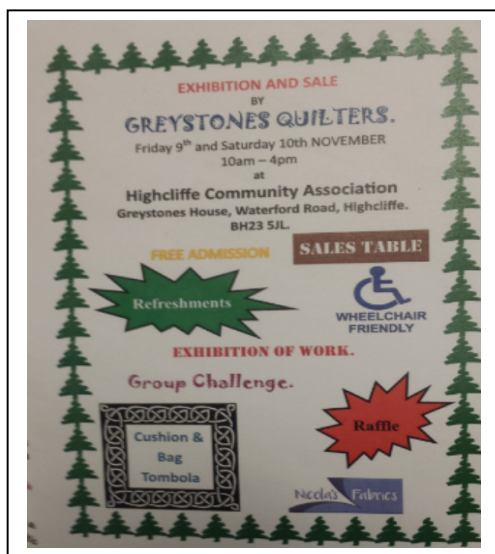
Please check before attending

6th November Fabric and Craft Sale
Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall
2- 4pm

9th and 10th November

2018 Greystones Quilters exhibition
At Highcliffe Community Centre,
Greystones House, Waterford Road,
Highcliffe, BH23 5JL.

18 Nov CADArts Xmas Craft Fair
at Hoburne Naish Holiday Park,
New Milton



Fabric bowl



If you would like to make one,
you will need
2 x 5" squares of contrasting
fabric
1 x 5" square of wadding
Place the wadding down on a
flat surface. Place one square
on top with the right side
facing upwards, then place the
other square with the wrong

side facing upwards. Make sure
all straight edges are aligned
and pin together. Stitch around
the outside of the square using
a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and leave a 1.5" gap
on one side for turning.



Clip the corners and
then turn out the right way
through the gap. Poke out the



corners and press.

Topstitch around the outside
using a $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance and
enclosing the gap in the lining
as you sew. Press.

Using a marker, mark a $2 \frac{1}{2}$ "
square in the middle of the
tray. Stitch along the marked
square to form the base. Press.



Fold the corners as shown in
the photo below. Using two
strands of embroidery thread,



make a couple of
stitches $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in from each
corner.

That is all there is to it. Such a
simple project and would be a
fun item to make for friends
and maybe the exhibition! You
could also fill them with small
gift items like chocolates and
wrap in cellophane for a fun and
useful gift item.