

The Round Robin ~ Our New Adventure in Quilting

Starting in February, we will begin work on our new voluntary project.

First, here is a general description of a **round robin** quilt for those who may not have heard of them. *It's a quilt that is made by a group of quilters and is a variation of friendship blocks. To start, everyone makes her own block for the center. The blocks are passed to the next person in the group who will add the first border. Then the next quilter adds the second. This usually continues until there are four borders that have been sewn by four different quilters. The quilter who made the center block then gets the quilt top back to keep and finish.*

The "owner" will make a block for the center. It is up to her to decide if it is square, rectangle, on point and what size to start with. The quilt will belong to the owner to do with what she wants: further embellish, add other borders, finish off however she sees fit.

There are rules for each border but, if your group decides to alter them, they may do so by consensus. There will be more info as you sign up for the project.

Center square done by "owner" (needs to be done for April exchange)

1st border must include half square triangles

2nd border must be appliquéd

3rd border must include a square or squares

4th border must include a point

Whatever your group decides to do is fine. These are suggested borders.

We will be starting on this in February, with the groups exchanging the first Tuesday on even months - Feb, April (exchange the center square), June, August, and October with the final exchange being in December. This is another project that you will not see the work in progress until you get it back at the end.

As you ready your project, figure out a container to be passed along; if there should be fabric included or if the border designer has the freedom to choose. You may set certain standards.... Colors you do not want used, a theme you want repeated or any other things you feel are important (signatures, journal included to record thoughts and progress). We will offer a sheet you can fill out with specifics.

As always, if you take on this challenge, it will be fun, taxing at times, but fully rewarding. This will be another of those learning experiences that we love. You are committed to abiding by the deadlines.

We are asking interested people to let us know if they want to participate. You should work on forming your own groups of 5 or whatever number you decide. Those not in a group will be put together.

Come join us.....it will be fun! Be part of our new adventure.

Jean Stenberg and Joyce Ketterling