

October 2023 – Program Report for Newsletter

And just like that, it's October and it's time to begin the Falmouth Fiber Mystery Quilt and the WQG 25th Anniversary Row Quilt- yippee!

2023 Sew Sisters Swap

BUT, before we get into the specifics of the sew alongs... I want to invite you to participate in the 2023 WQG Sew Sisters Swap! During our October meeting, you'll have an opportunity to fill out a Sew Sisters Swap questionnaire and take home a preference profile for a fellow guild member. Participants will prepare a surprise mug rug or trivet for their Sew Sister using her preferences as a guide. Additionally, you'll include a favourite recipe with your gift. Sew Sister Swap gifts will be exchanged at our December meeting.

If you would like to participate, but won't be present at our October meeting, please contact me at [kj_davis@live.ca](mailto:kjdavis@live.ca)

Fabric requirements for both projects are included below:

I. WQG Mystery Quilt 2023/24: Falmouth Fiber Mystery Quilt (52 x 70")

This mystery sew along will be hosted by our very own Lynn Dirusso, who also designed the piece!

The mystery sew along will span 7 months, October 2023-April 2024.

Fabric requirements:

1. Focus Fabric (medium/large scale print) – 2 yards
2. Light Fabric – 2.5 yards
3. Medium Fabric – 0.5 yards
4. Dark Fabric I – 1.25 yards
5. Dark Fabric II – 0.5 yards
6. Dark Fabric III – 0.5 yards

II. WQG 25th Anniversary Row Quilt Along (60.5 x 63.5")

It's our 25th anniversary, and I'm looking forward to celebrating the milestone with you as we construct this quilt together, row by row!

This quilt along will span 7 months, October 2023-April 2024, with a break for the month of December.

Fabric requirements*:

1. 1-1/8 yards navy blue (rows 1-6)
2. 1/2 yard red circle (rows 1, 2, 5, and 6)
3. 5/8 yard aqua circle (rows 1, 2, and 5)
4. 1/4 yard multicolor circle (rows 1 and 6)
5. 1 yard cream-and-multicolor circle (rows 1 and 5 backgrounds)

6. 1 yard cream swirl (rows 2 and 5 backgrounds)
 7. 2/3 yard cream flower (row 3 background)
 8. 2/3 yard cream circle (rows 4 and 6 backgrounds)
 9. 2/3 yard red sun (rows 3, 4, and 6)
 10. 1/4 yard aqua swirl (rows 4 and 6)
 11. 3/8 yard multicolor swirl (rows 3 and 4)
 12. 1/4 yard gray circle (rows 2 and 3)
 13. 3/4 yard green (rows 2, 3, 5, and 6)
 14. .58 yard binding fabric
- 3-7/8 yards backing fabric
69×72" batting

*Kits featuring the Emma Collection by Sherri & Chelsi for Moda Fabrics are available. Please reach out to me at kjdavis@live.ca or (506) 392-0912, if you would like to have a kit delivered to the October meeting. They are divided into individual bundles for each row, so you can access the fabrics you need easily, and get right to the sewing! 😊



Pattern for Row 1 (October):

Materials for Row 1

- 1/4 yard navy blue batik
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) red circle batik
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) aqua circle batik
- 9×21" piece (fat eighth) multicolor circle batik
- 2/3 yard cream-and-multicolor circle batik (background)

Finished block in Row 1: 12" square

Finished Row 1: 12×60"

Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

Measurements include 1/4" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

Cut Fabrics for Row 1

Cut pieces in the following order.

From navy blue batik, cut: • 36—2" squares

From red circle batik, cut: • 24—2" squares

From aqua circle batik, cut: • 3—6.5" squares

From multicolor circle batik, cut: • 2—6.5" squares

From cream-and-multicolor circle batik, cut:

- 5—2.5 × 12.5" rectangles
- 20—2.5 × 6.5" rectangles
- 20—3.5" squares

Assemble Row 1

1. Use a pencil or chalk pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of each navy blue batik 2" square and red circle batik 2" square.
2. Align a marked navy blue batik square with each corner of an aqua circle batik 6.5" square (Diagram 1). Stitch on each marked line; trim seam allowances to 1/4". Press navy blue triangles open to make an aqua center unit. Repeat to make three aqua center units total.
3. Using marked red circle batik squares and multicolor circle batik 6.5" squares, repeat Step 2 to make two multicolor center units (Diagram 2).

4. Align a marked navy blue batik square with one corner of a cream-and-multicolor circle batik 3.5" square. Stitch, trim, and press as before to make a blue unit A (Diagram 3). Repeat to make 12 total of blue unit A. Using red circle batik instead of navy blue circle batik, repeat to make eight of red unit A.

5. Referring to Diagram 4, add marked navy blue batik squares and marked red circle batik squares to indicated corners of cream-and-multicolor circle batik 2.5 × 6.5" rectangles to make six each of blue units B and C and four each of red units B and C.

6. Referring to Diagram 5, lay out four blue A units, two blue B units, and two blue C units around an aqua center unit. Sew together A units in pairs. Press seam open. Then join pieces in each horizontal row; press seams open. Join rows; press seams in one direction. Add a cream-and-multicolor circle batik 2.5 × 12.5" rectangle to bottom edge to make a blue block. Press seam toward rectangle. The block should be 12.5" square including seam allowances. Repeat to make three blue blocks total.

7. Using red units and multicolor center units, repeat Step 6 to make two red blocks.

8. Referring to Quilt Assembly Diagram, join blue and red blocks to make Row 1; note rotation of red blocks. Press seams in one direction.

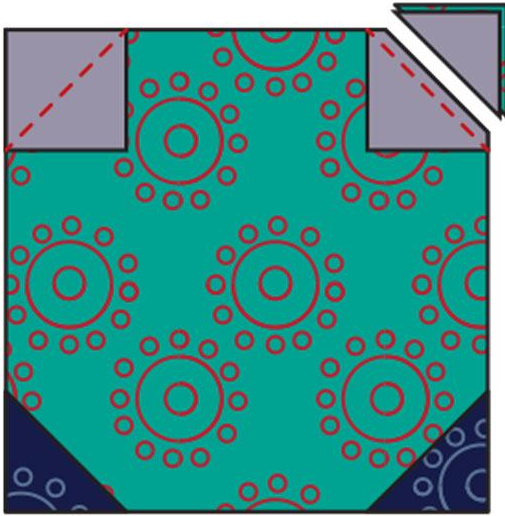


DIAGRAM 1

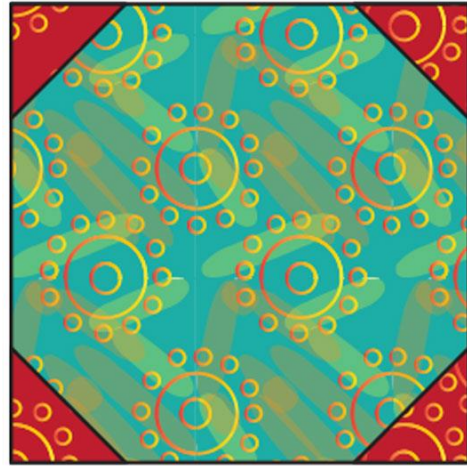
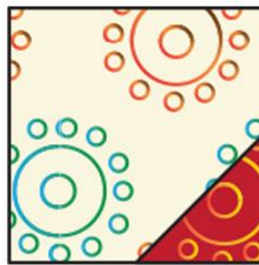
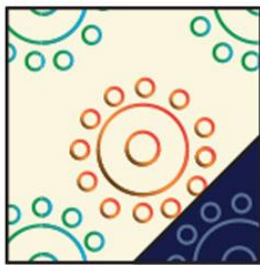


DIAGRAM 2



Unit A
DIAGRAM 3



DIAGRAM 4

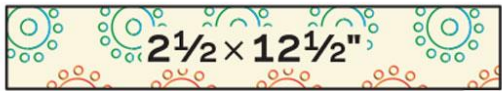
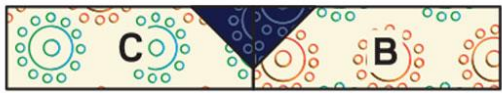
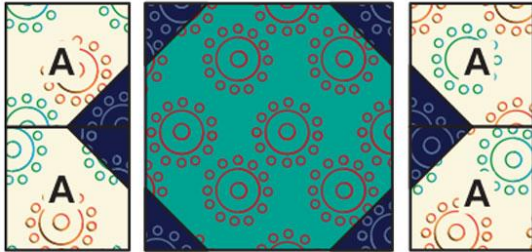
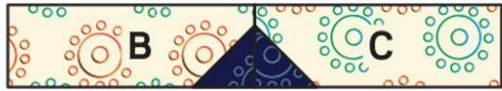


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