

PRYOR PATCHERS NEWS

December, 2023

Pryor Patchers Quilt Guild Monthly Newsletter

Vol. 16 Issue 12

PPQG BOARD

Tes Derringer

Becky Sloan

Shannon Baker

Kristy Howell

Debbie Thompson

Newsletter Editor -
Linda Shafer

Webmaster -
Peggy Doherty

Guild Website-
www.pryorpatchers.org



January Birthdays

- 4 Judy Foster
- 12 Kristy Howell
- 16 Connie Anderson
- 21 Kelly Cooper
- 24 Sue Putt
- 26 Jessica Page



Calling all PPQG members for this Christmas Break Sewing Project Day!
 Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 2023, 9am-?
 Mayes Co. Event Center
 (Lunch is provided by the Guild – Pizza)

This is a technique class, where we will learn a new easy technique for making a scrappy fat quarter quilt. There is no pattern and you will be the designer of your finished quilt! You can make this any size you like by adding more FQ's. The size we are making is a twin.

Supplies:

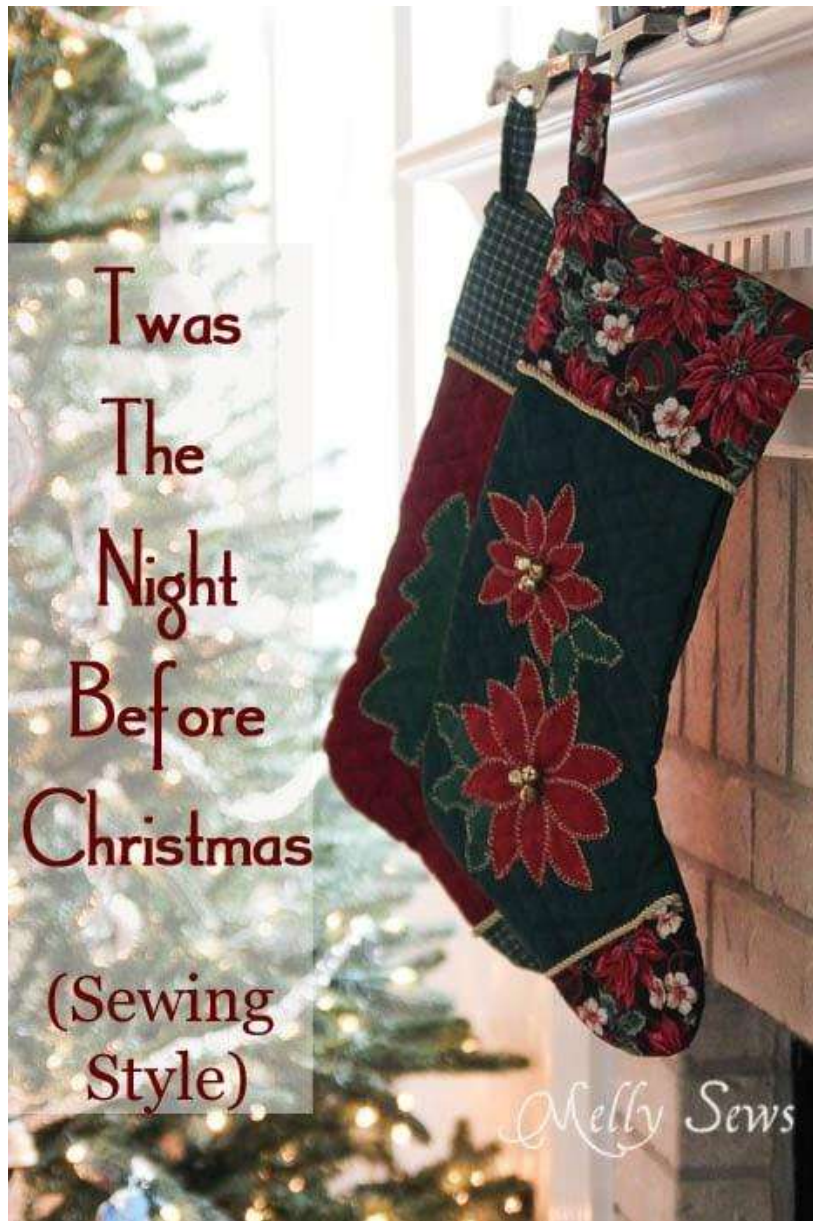
Sewing Machine in good working order. (don't forget your cord and foot pedal!)
 Basic sewing supplies - piecing thread, fabric, scissors, pins.
 Square ruler no smaller than 8"square (larger is ok) and at least a 14-inch long ruler.
 Rotary cutter & mat.
 Small iron and ironing surface. (optional - It's great to share with a buddy!)
 Fabric marker.

Fabrics:

Choose 12 Dark FQ's and 12 Light FQ's. It is important to have contrast between your lights and darks to make this effective. You can mix up the colors and the scales, but the contrast must be there. Quarter yards will also work, as well as scraps that are at least 9 inches square. Even wonder FQ's will work! You know what those are. "I wonder why I bought this FQ!"

PRE CUTTING BEFORE CLASS:

(This is very important. Come to class prepared to sew.)
 Cut 4-8 Squares from each FQ.



'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS – SEWING STYLE

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
My children were sleeping, and so was my spouse
The handmade stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

But I was not all snug in my bed
I had visions of just a few more sewn gifts in my head
A pouch for my neighbor, a cowl for my sister
A headband for my niece and a shirt for my mister...

I sat in the dark stitching merrily along,
Sipping some cocoa and humming a Christmas song
When out of my machine arose such a clatter
I took my foot off the pedal to see what was the matter
The bobbin was wound with no threads astray
The needle was new, the tension okay
There was not a stray pin to be found
But still, the machine was making a sound!
"Oh dear," I thought, as I searched desperately,
"I must find the problem to get these gifts under the tree!"
I searched and searched, finding nothing amiss
About to cry I heard a soft, "Tsk, tsk."

And what to my wondering eyes did appear?
But Santa himself and on the lawn eight reindeer.
He had a knowing twinkle in his eye,
"There, there," he said, "There's no need to cry."
"My dear," he said, "Whatever is the matter?"
"Oh Santa," I said, "I can't find the source of this clatter!
The presents won't be finished – you're already here!
I really need to start sooner next year!"
And the wise old elf patted my arm
Saying, "There's no need for alarm.
This would have happened no matter when you started
It's a result of being very big hearted.

"The gifts of handmade are not just for December
You share your crafts all year, remember?
Your loved ones know they are loved a heap
Now please call it good enough and go to sleep."
I nodded at Santa and the wisdom he said
Turned off the machine and headed to bed.
But when I awoke in the morning, what did I see?
All the unfinished gifts had appeared under the tree!
And in a box addressed to me,
Inside this note did I see
"My elves your projects completed
For they did not want you to feel defeated.
But I hope you recall and I hope you know
That all year every stitch that you sew
Clothes and comforts your family and friends
With the labor of love that it sends.
Sewing is not just for Christmas, as well you know
Sharing your talents is what makes love grow
So Merry Christmas to all, and a happy new year
Of sewing and crafting and spreading good cheer!

And to All - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!