

MATERIAL GIRLS of the Program Team PRESENT:

Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter June 2011

SUMMER QUILTING: OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Start small: Make inchies & plus size inchies. What is that you asked? They are 1" square (plus being 1 ½") embellished however you please. What to do with inches embellish bigger projects, of course (such as journals, name tags, refrigerator magnets or even a focal "bead" on a necklace. These small projects don't require a lot of fabric so cost will be minimal. Decide to make an art wall quilt. In case you're not sure you will be completely pleased make it a size that can be used for AlzQuilts and donate it. They will auction it off for a good cause; it may not fetch much, but every bit helps.

Twist on your tradition: Use your favorite block in a new way; turn it on point or embellish the seams with embroidery or beads; use textured fabrics or silks. Do up your favorite block in different sizes like 4", 8" and 12" for a simple project with a different look. Use stabilizer where necessary.

We Dare You: To make that project you always wanted to but haven't been brave enough to try. Take an adventure onto a new avenue or state of mind and creativity. Research your project and pick a friend's brain for knowledge regarding this new endeavor. Free yourself, find yourself and express that which is within you by building on your ideas, and identifying the themes that resonate with your soul. Remember: As long as it is pleasing to you, it's is successful.

No one will know: If it is really awful no one has to know. Keep it bury in amongst you U.F.O.^s Maybe, just maybe a few years down the road you will find it and be on a new page of quilting projects, in which it can be cut up and incorporated. If not then you'll be able to look at it and laugh at yourself. Live and Learn. You only fail if you when don't try.

Thoughts Forming in My Head: Play with paints, dyes, trinkets, threads and of course fabrics and threads. You don't need a game plan just start cutting and sewing and let the fabric tell you what it wants to be.

*Some information in [Handy Dandies for the Adventurousome Quilter](#) may have been obtained from the websites listed in the [Wickedly Wonderful Websites](#), and is intended to encourage quilters to explore those links.

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Wickedly-Wonderful-Websites

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Pretty <http://cheryl.thisbe.org/Patterns.html>

Journal instructions <http://www.craftstylish.com/item/2100/make-a-string-quilted-journal>

Journal instructions <http://sewmesomethinggood.blogspot.com/2010/09/how-to-make-patchwork-quilted-journal.html>

Strip Fabric <http://www.marcusbrothers.com/blog/?p=63>

Information <http://raggedclothcafe.com/2007/02/02/using-commerical-prints-for-meaning-in-art-quilts/>

Pretty http://www.sue-nickels.com/beatles_quilt.html

Pretty <http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/>

Pretty <http://www.caroltaylorquilts.com/>

Pretty <http://www.doodlepress.com/>

Pretty <http://www.annfahl.com/>

Pretty <http://haendi.wordpress.com/2008/02/29/caryl-bryer-fallert-great-quilter-great-website/>

Quilt pattern <http://empirebom.blogspot.com/2009/04/sugar-stick-quilt-part-1-of-3-sept-2009.html>

Machine quilting <http://blog.quiltivate.com/main/machinequilting/>

Kaleidoscope picture for inspiration

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jcanen57/sets/72157594454612734/>

Check out the extensive lists on the left side <http://handquilting.blogspot.com/>

Neat stuff <http://www.quiltersfancy.com/>