

I-Patch

A focus on this month.



This month.

- Guild Meetings
- Quilt Shows
- Shop Classes
- Special Events
- New News

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I-Patch is an online newsletter for Quilters' Guild of South Australia, Inc members. Sent as near as possible on first of every month to members' emails.

Focus is on the current month's events to include:

Guild Meetings

SA Guild and Affiliated groups' quilt shows and events

Member shops' new classes

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Hello Everyone!

Welcome to our evolving I-Patch Newsletter for April, a month in which so many of us will face unprecedented challenges and acknowledge that our beautiful, stable society has become ever changing, unsafe and unpredictable.

In one short month life in Australia has changed in ways that we would once have never imagined and that have impacted on our daily lives so drastically.

You would have all received an email from me two weeks ago in which I informed you that in the interest of the health and well-being of our members we were essentially moth-balling our Guild until further notice. Of course, within days, that was imposed on us by new Government regulations.

Like many organisations, we have a full and active calendar and I know that many of you were looking forward to our regular Guild meetings, Sit and Sew days, scheduled workshops, Festival of Quilts and Quilt Encounter. What will happen to these events is unknown – there are too many variables, too many unknowns. We will continue to monitor the implications of the coronavirus pandemic on our ability to hold these scheduled events and reassure you all that we will keep you informed by email, our website and our Facebook page. Our intention, if they cannot be held at their scheduled time, is to re-schedule later in the year and plans have already been made with this possibility in mind.

Your April edition of Patches will soon be mailed out to you, along with the Guild's Annual Report. Regretfully though, it may be some months before we might be able to compile the next one. Our Executive Committee is responding to this reality by adapting the format of I-Patch to become a more informative and inspiring way in which we can keep connected and ensure that we all share the same key information. With such a short timeline we weren't able to do too much with this April edition, but our new look I-Patch will be in your inbox first thing in May! One concern that I have is that some of our older members may not be digitally connected to the world and therefore may not have access to I-Patch. If you know of members in this situation, please can I ask that you print off some copies for them. We're going to use Mail Chimp, an online email distribution organisation, as it is a much more efficient way to manage the significant number of emails that we need to send out.

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May is the month in which we traditionally hold our Annual General Meeting, but for now that has been postponed. As soon as we are able, we will hold it and deal with the election/re-election of our Executive Committee and the amendments to our Constitution that we announced at the February and March Guild meetings and that will be outlined in Patches for those who were not at the meetings.

I had a restless 24 hours after sending you the email that said that effectively we were mothballing our Guild. I recognize that for so many of us, meeting up with our quilting buddies can be the highlight of our week. So out came the laptop and a new QGSA mystery quilt was born. I created a QGSA Casa Felix Mystery Quilt Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/198743408051579/about/> and announced it on the Guild's Facebook page. Members started signing up immediately!

A few hours later I received an email from Lessa saying: let's do an online mystery! How wonderful that we all love doing mystery quilts. So once the current Casa Felix mystery is finished we will start a new Facebook page and run Lessa's mystery quilt. This will be announced in as many places as Kathy Rossini can find – her marketing was so good that there are over 400 quilters signed up to do Casa Felix. If you'd like to participate, but don't have a Facebook account, the wonderful Kathy has also set up a new page on the Guild's website with all of the information and weekly clues you will need. We will do the same for Lessa's mystery. <https://www.saquilters.org.au/>

I think I can safely say for both Lessa's and my mystery quilt – please feel free to copy the clues and share them with your friends.

If you would like to contribute an article, a project, or a phone interview with the most prolific quilter in your group to our newlook I-Patch digital newsletter please send it to me at: president@saquilters.org.au

We'd love to hear from you. Collectively we have so many stories to share and there has never been a more important time for us to do so. Please stay safe, please stay connected to the outside world in these times of isolation but most importantly please be mindful of the welfare of our fellow quilters. Ring them up, Facetime or WhatsApp them. I'm writing this in government imposed self isolation, (and not in my own home!) and this morning a nearby quilter left some Brownies and cupcakes on my veranda. I can't tell you how much that made my day. It's the little things in life that count so much these days.

Stay well, stay safe
Chris O'Brien
President, QGSA

Festival of Quilts

Festival of Quilts Committee is still accepting entries for the 2020 show whenever it happens to be held. Use the extra time you have at home to finish those UFOs, one of them might be an award winner. If your quilt needs a large bag, the quilt bag pattern is on the FoQ page of the Guild's web site at <http://www.saquilters.org.au/exhibitions.htm>.

Things to Do

JELLY ROLL IDEAS

<https://www.favequilts.com/Miscellaneous-Quilt-Projects/Free-Jelly-Roll-Quilt-Patterns>
<https://www.u-createcrafts.com/free-jelly-roll-quilt-patterns/>
<https://www.fatquartershop.com/jelly-roll-patterns> Downloadable patterns. Cost involved.

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING IDEAS

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/english-paper-piecing-patterns-for-beginners-4628383>
<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/english-paper-piecing-patterns>
<https://www.favequilts.com/Paper-Piecing/English-Paper-Piecing-Tutorial-Projects>

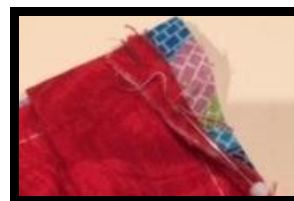
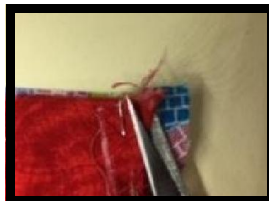
MAKING A FOUR PATCH BLOCK

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Quilting-Basics-4-Patch-Block/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajw2PqcFLs0> Spinning seams. Needs sound switched on.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JrVM8JEbFY> Spinning seams. Needs sound switched on. Hand piecing.

HINT OF THE MONTH

I'd like to show you a little binding trick that I wished I'd known decades ago – one that will make your corners look the best that they possibly can.

Hopefully you all use the flip up, fold down, mitred corner method, as shown below. If you slip a sharp pair of small scissors under that fold, along the top of the binding, and slit that fold open, beneath it you will find a tiny triangle of fabric. This is our villain. So snip it off!! Holding your scissors vertically, snip upwards, a thread or two away from your seam-line.



GIVE IT A TRY!
