



Celebrate QUILTING!

hosted by the
Rocket City Modern Quilt Guild

What is "modern" quilting?

Modern quilting emphasizes innovation and originality, prioritizing design over perfecting techniques and creating identical copies. This approach grants modern quilters the freedom to express themselves and shape their vision of modern quilting.

Some common characteristics of modern quilting include:

- Bold use of color
- High contrast and graphic areas of color
- Improvisational piecing
- Minimalism
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- Expansive negative space
- Alternate grid work
- Modern traditionalism (reimagining traditional blocks using other modern quilting elements such as asymmetry and scale)

It's important to note that this list is not exhaustive and does not limit what can be included in a modern quilt.

Many modern quilters incorporate elements from earlier generations, combining practices from modern, traditional, and other styles to create unique pieces. Examples of this include pictorial or social commentary quilts and the use of recycled or upcycled materials. It's exciting to see where modern quilting will take us next!

Speakers

presentation area

- 9:35 am Welcome
Amanda Conger, RCMQG President
- 10:00 am Presentation: Alabama Authors Quilt
Tiavalya Befecadu
An award-winning, self-taught, textile artist, Tiavalya will discuss the importance of embracing Black culture and women's voices through art.
- 10:20 am Presentation: Temperature Quilt
Diane Lyles
Diane will discuss the process and inspiration behind her "Path to Sixty" quilt displayed as part of the MQG Temperature Quilts exhibit at QuiltCon 2022.
- 10:40 am Presentation: Quilts in Fashion Show
Enjoy this spotlight on quilted coats, bags, and more!
- 11:05 am Community Sharing Circle
Share a quilt or quilted item that you or a loved one made with the community
- 11:50 am Thank You & Prize Drawings
We will announce the winner of the Scrappy Spectacular contest and draw for the winners of the door prizes.

Activities

registration table

9:30am -11:30am

Door Prizes

Complete your free entry ticket for the door prize drawing.

Scrappy Spectacular

Purchase tickets to guess the number of scraps in the jar. The person with the closest guess wins the giant jar of scraps AND the showcased quilt. (\$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets)

main room

10:00am - 12:00pm

Community Supply Swap Table

Come browse our free swap table. Pick up supplies for your next project or share supplies with others.

Make A Coaster

Try your hand at hand quilting a coaster to take home.

Mini Quilt Gallery

View mini quilts from the collections of RCMQG members

Selfie Station

Snap a photo to share with your friends!

Who is Rocket City Modern Quilt Guild?

Rocket City Modern Quilt Guild is the Huntsville based chapter of the national Modern Quilt Guild. We aim to help our members learn new skills, do good in our community, and make new friends.

We hold monthly meetings and sew days, an annual retreat, a variety of workshops, and events like this one! We sew quilts in support of our local St. Jude's affiliate clinic at Huntsville Hospital and pillowcases for the children in the North Alabama Fostercare system.

We meet both in person and over Zoom. We invite you to join us for our upcoming events:

General Meeting

September 19th, 5:30 pm social time, 6:00 pm start
In Person: Community Room of the Publix at Airport and Whitesburg
Zoom: <http://bit.ly/RCMQGzoom>

Sewcial Saturday

October 14th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Zoom: <http://bit.ly/RCMQGzoom>

Through the end of the year, guild membership is available for a discounted rate of \$15.75

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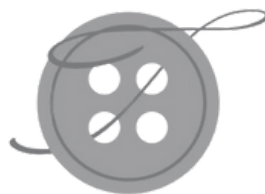


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Quilt a Coaster

1. Gather your materials

Select a prepared "quilt sandwich", needle, and thread. You will also need scissors and (if desired) a marking tool.

2. Thread your needle and tie a quilter's knot.

Measure a piece of thread about the length from your wrist to your opposite shoulder. Cut at this length, thread your needle, and tie a quilter's knot, as shown in the Knot Tutorials.

3. Plan your quilting pattern

Decide where you want your quilting lines to be. Use marking tools to draw your lines, follow a design on the fabric, or estimate placement as you go.

4. Secure your thread

Push your needle into the quilt sandwich, and bring the point up and out where you want your first stitch to be. Tug on the thread until the knot "pops" into the quilt sandwich.

5. Quilt

Take regular stitches along your desired lines. You can "load" stitches onto your needle by rocking your needle in and out of the fabric several times before pulling the needle and thread all the way through. In this case, the needle will preview your stitches.

6. Adding thread (if needed)

If you find that you do not have enough thread, use a combination of a slip knot and a double knot to add additional length

7. Tying Off

When you reach the end of your desired stitching, use a quilter's knot to secure the thread and again, "pop" the knot into the batting.

what is a "quilt sandwich" ?

A "quilt sandwich" is a common name for the three layers of a quilt before it has been quilted. This is prepared by layering your backing fabric (right side down), then your desired batting, then your quilt top (right side up). For larger projects, these layers are held in place by basting with thread, bent safety pins, or spray adhesive.

This keeps the layers from shifting until the quilting is completed. Instead of basting, the coasters have been prepared by stitching around the edges to hold the three layers securely in place.

Knot Tutorials

Scan the QR codes for each step to see a video tutorial.

1. Starting: Quilter's Knot

This video shows how to tie a quilter's knot onto your thread before you start to stitch.



2. Continuing: Slip Knot & Double Knot

This pair of knots is used to add thread in the middle of a line of stitching.

3. Finishing: "Pop" the knot

This video shows how to tie a quilter's knot at the end of your line of stitching and how to "pop" inside the quilt.



Check out youtube for lots more tutorials!

Notes

additional resources

Supplies



The MQG

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Thank you!



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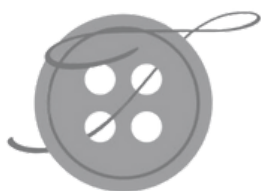
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