

Peace River Quilters' Guild

Brown Bag Challenge



GUIDELINES TO PARTICIPATE

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE DECIDING TO PARTICIPATE

Each January, participants bring at least 4 fat quarters of cotton quilting fabric in a brown bag. The Brown Bag Coordinator collects the bags, keeps track of whose is whose, and distributes them back to the participants. The participants have until the Holiday Luncheon (1st Friday of December) to make something lovely for return to the original owner of the fabric. It's fun to find out who you made something for and also fun to get something made for you!

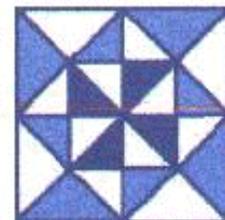
1. Place at least 4 Coordinating Fat Quarters and Maximum of 8 yards of **Cotton Quilting Fabric** into a bag. Put your name on the bag and bring to the Brown Bag Coordinator by the January business meeting. (You might want to keep a small snip of your fabrics or take a picture so you don't forget what you turned in).
2. Scraps and Sheets are **NOT** acceptable forms of usable fabric. Please do not include them. Please make sure all materials are clean and free of any odors.
3. On the First Friday in February, you will receive someone else's fabric, contributor unknown to you. The coordinator of the challenge will keep track of where the fabric has been distributed.
4. During the next 10 months you **MUST** make something with the fabric you have received. You can add to the fabric but you **MUST** use a recognizable piece of each fabric that was in the bag. You can make anything...a wall hanging, place mats, lap quilt, tote bag, whatever your imagination dreams up.
5. Bring your **FINISHED** creation to the December Holiday Luncheon (1st Friday) in a gift bag. We'll have a show and tell, and everyone can claim their prize!

Please keep in mind that we are lucky enough to have all different skill levels in our guild. The purpose of this project is to be challenged, to use colors and fabrics that maybe we wouldn't normally pick to use for ourselves or just to try out a new technique. Don't expect to receive a blue ribbon winner but do expect to have a great time. Not only don't you know whose fabric you have, you also don't know who has yours!

Please remember that this is a **COMMITMENT**....if you take home a bag you **MUST** return a **FINISHED** project. **YOU** have ten months to complete it and **YOU** get to decide how hard and how big a project you do.

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INSTRUCTIONS UPON RECEIPT OF FABRIC

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR PROJECT

1. This is a Challenge! That means it may not be easy. You may hate the fabric that you get—that's part of the challenge. Don't let it throw you—make something beautiful out of that ugly material! That's what we do!
2. If you wash the fabric before, during, or after your project is complete, please keep in mind that some people have allergies to irritants found in detergents. Wash in plain water only.
3. You may need to add fabric to your project--There's not a lot you can do with just 4 fat quarters, so plan on adding more if needed—and try to use fabric of equal or greater value. Don't go cheap!
4. You don't have to make a quilt--it can be a tote bag, table runner, etc--as long as you use a recognizable piece of each piece of fabric that you receive. If your request is for a community quilt, it's got to be a quilt—and 36" x 45" is the standard size.
5. You may get lots of material—don't worry. You don't have to use it all, only a recognizable piece of each—just be sure to return any unused fabrics to the original owner along with the project that you make!
6. Make something that you would love to receive. You will be showing your completed project to the guild—make it something you will be proud of.
7. Attach a label so the original owner knows who it is from. If they have requested a community quilt, attach a label from the community quilt committee.
8. When you finish your project, please let me know. It would be nice if you would complete it earlier than the night before the December luncheon. A prize is given for the first one finished, and the last one finished gets the Brown Bag Block Of Shame! Don't let it be you!
9. If you need assistance with your project, please contact me as soon as possible. I can solicit assistance on your behalf or help you myself, but I need to know early enough so that there is time to get it completed. There are plenty of ways to contact me—if you can't reach me—you're not trying—and remember, I don't work well under pressure—please don't wait until the last minute!
10. Please know that this Brown Bag Project is a commitment. You cannot say you will do this in January, and then in November, decide that you don't feel like it. You have someone else's fabrics and the entire Challenge depends on everyone getting their project completed.
11. I will be sending nagging emails, phone calls, letters to you during the year if I don't hear that you are complete --expect it! Providing a status during the year prevents a nagging phone call from me.
12. On Holiday Luncheon day in December (1st Friday), bring in your completed project. Keep it covered in a gift bag (don't show anyone), let the check-in table know you're there, and hold on to your project until your name is called. You will then present your completed project to it's original owner and receive your completed project back (If you can't make it to the luncheon, please arrange for someone to present and receive your completed projects and please let me know who that is—preferably someone who is not participating in the Brown Bag already). Be prepared!
13. I'll be listening!! I love to tell the funny stories that happen during the Brown Bag Challenge all year!
14. Have fun--while it is a challenge--it is still supposed to be fun!! Enjoy!

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