

# SIMPLE STITCHES

Next Meeting:  
*Tuesday*  
*December 19*

**Tonight's Lesson:**  
*Cindy Lash &*  
*Caroline North -*  
*Trunk Show:*  
*Minis*

**Next Month:**  
*Christmas Party*



## ~ TRUNK SHOW ~

Be sure to bring your mini quilts,  
as we discussed last month, so  
that you can join in on the trunk  
show with Cindy and Caroline!

### 2017 Meeting/Lesson Schedule

Dec. 19 - Christmas Party

### 2018 Meeting/Lesson Schedule

- Jan 23: Long Arm Quilters Panel—Q&A
- Feb 27: Ann Fordeck—"Tiger in the Cage"
- Mar 27: Challenge
- Apr 24: Gloria Stalhut of Quilted Glo—Trunk Show & Lesson on use of wide backing and panel (items available for purchase)
- May 22: Open
- June 26: Susie Hague—Organize your quilting space
- July 24: Sacred Heart Meeting
- Aug 28: Joyce Griffiths—More ideas for using your 5" squares
- Sept 25: Garage Sale
- Oct 23: Sharon Zonker—Telling Your Family History through Quilts
- Nov 27: Doris Goins—Batting
- Dec 18: Christmas Party

### December Birthdays:

- 9 Charlotte Weller
- 10 Susie Hague
- 11 Althea Clugston
- 21 Ardean Ebert
- 28 Marilyn McWhinney
- 31 Jane Bartholomew

#### A note to new members:

*If you would like to see your name in this space, please give your birthday to Cindy Lash...no need to give your birth year! :)*

### Drawing Winners

Name Tags: Sharon Zonker & Sara Conrad

Tips & Tricks: A dollar bill is approximately 6" long—a good reference point or handy "ruler."  
-Susie Hague

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### FUN SATURDAY! ~ MARCH 10, 2018

Pam Etheridge will be teaching a lesson on paper piecing.

**If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring one yard of beautiful, "quilt shop quality," 100% cotton fabric to the Christmas party next month. This can be a full yard, or any combination of cuts (as long as it totals a yard). Be sure to wrap it!**

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## Block and 5" Square Drawing Winners

*Please remember, when your name is drawn, get your preferences to Cindy Lash (email is on the front page) ASAP so that she can get the info into the next newsletter! Thank you!*

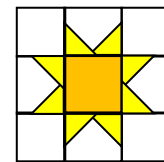
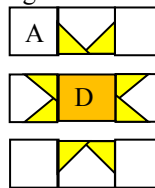
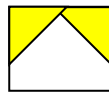
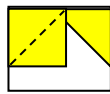
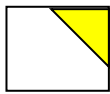
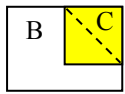
**Blocks:** Beverly Bartlett and Shari Targgart (see specifics below)

**5" squares:** Sharon Zonker—Black/white small prints or geometric prints  
Cindy Lash—Civil War prints; 2 dark and 2 light; all different

Bev would like a 10 1/2" (unfinished) Lucky Stars block in brights and white or white-on-white. You can choose to use either one bright or two in your block.

**Cut:** White (or white-on-white): A-(4) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"  
B-(4) 3 1/2" x 4 1/2"  
**Bright:** C-(8) 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"  
**Bright (same or different):** D-(1) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Sew:** Mark a diagonal line on the back of the C squares. Stitch to B rectangles as shown below. Sew into rows and then sew rows together.



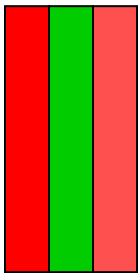
**PLEASE DO NOT TRIM BLOCK!**

Stitch on line, trim & press toward bright.

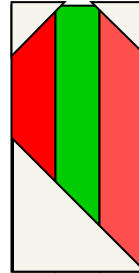
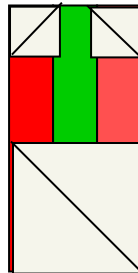
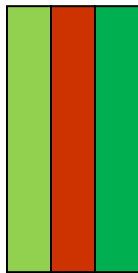
**Shari would like a Strippy Heart block in assorted Christmas prints with a white-on-white background (in a Christmas pattern, if you can find one.)**

**Cutting:** A (6) different Christmas prints 1 1/2" x 6 1/2"  
B (4) white-on-white 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"  
C (2) white-on-white 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"  
D (2) white-on-white 2" x your measurement (see step 4 below)  
E (2) white-on-white 2" x your measurement

**Piecing:** 1. Sew the "A" Christmas prints lengthwise into 2 sets of 3. If any are directional prints, please place them in their proper orientation. Press seams open. (see diagram 1.)  
2. Lay the background squares on top of the strip sets, right sides together. Using a ruler and pencil, mark the back of the squares with a diagonal line. Sew on the marked lines and press the background pieces away from the center of the heart. Trim away the excess. (see diagram 2.)  
3. Sew the two sides of the heart together. Press center seam open.  
4. Square up your block, if necessary. (Shari says, "I squared up the heart at 6" x 6 1/4".)  
Measure through the block horizontally, then cut two strips 2" x your measurement. After sewing to the top and bottom of the heart, measure through the block vertically, cut two strips 2" x your measurement and sew to the sides. Press seams away from heart. **DO NOT RE-SQUARE UP!**



1.



2. Figure at right does not show seam allowances.



Completed block