



# Simi Valley Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## Hello Fellow Quilters!

I hope that everyone is well!

With a little extra time on our hands, it is nice to be able to create or complete new quilts and sew, whether it be face masks or other items. Please keep sharing what you are working on!

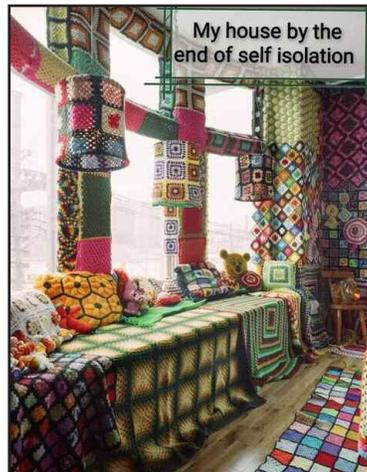
Send in your photos to be featured in the May digital meeting Show and Tell.

We all must eat, so we are adding a new feature to the newsletter, recipes! Do you have a quarantine comfort food recipe? Do you have a yummy and easy recipe that you could share?

Please do! Trying a newly shared recipe can give the day a new focus. Share whatever you like: a dinner recipe, a lunch or breakfast recipe, a snack, a desert, or even a drink. All recipes are welcome and are eagerly awaited! I'll start it off with a simple chili recipe on page 2.

Until we can meet again, keep sewing, keep smiling, and stay safe!

With Warm Regards,  
Kerri-Jo



*For a Chuckle*

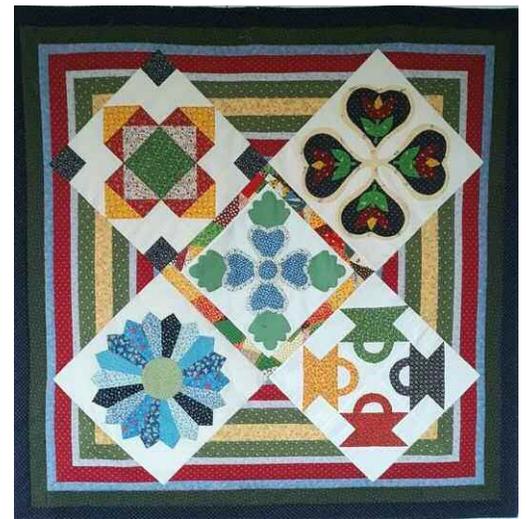
## Hi, Fellow Quilters in Solitude

What have you been working on ... I mean besides masks? My guess is that, like me, you have been pulling out those UFO's. So... can you beat this?

Forty years in the making (of course, I'm WAY too young to have been responsible for all of it.) I inherited these 1980 blocks from Betty McPeters by way of Donna Paschal. They must have been part of an exchange. The appliqué on two of them is too wonderful to be left in the closet. And I've been saving old calicos to make a 70's quilt. So, Voila!

Could you take a picture of the UFO's you have been finishing up and send it to Sharon? Maybe with a little story/caption? It would be wonderful to have a show & tell for our next virtual guild meeting.

*Thanks, Chris M*



Send your photo for Show and Tell to  
Sharon Mountford at  
[smountford@socal.rr.com](mailto:smountford@socal.rr.com)

## Block Exchange

I will have a box on my front porch for you to deposit your blocks. Please put your blocks in a baggie and be sure to include your name! Deliver between May 1st and the 8th....from 9 am until 6 pm.

I will meet you at Lemon park (near the senior center) on Saturday May 9th between 12:00 and 2:00 to give you your set of assorted blocks.

Hope this works for all of you!! Stay healthy and safe!

*Thanks, Laurie Maas*

[lauriemaas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lauriemaas@sbcglobal.net)

or 805-404-8765 for text.

## SVQG Recipes

Since we have so many great cooks in the Guild, let's share some of our favorite recipes with our fellow quilters.

### Thick & Easy Beef Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef

½ onion, chopped

McCormick Chili Seasoning Mix (packet)

Campbell's Tomato Soup, 23.3 oz. can

Great Value (Walmart Brand) Chili Ready Tomatoes, 14.5 oz. can, drained

Great Value Chili Beans, 15.5 oz. can, drained

Time to Cook:

Combine the onion and beef in one pot, brown, and drain the grease off.

Stir in the seasoning mix.

Add tomato soup, tomatoes, and beans.

Heat until it boils at the edges. Lower the temperature to medium/low until ready to serve.

Tips:

\*Top with preferred cheese and serve with cornbread.

\*If you prefer a soup-like chili, keep the tomato and the chili sauce. Don't drain.

\*Do not add water to Campbell's soup.

\*This is a small recipe for two adults.

\*The leftovers are great in chili-cheese quesadillas.

## Have an Idle Sewing Machine?

I received this from my daughter-in-law, Devon Woods, a teacher at Patrick Henry Middle School in Granada Hills and who lives in Simi.

"Ok... so I got some disappointing news, and I'm looking for help... so I'll share it here (this was on her Facebook page). As a lot of you know, 10 years ago I started a sewing class for 6th, 7th and 8th graders at my school. It is amazing and the kids love it. It's probably the only class like it in the district, these days. Well, with the school closure, I have 24 incomplete projects in the classroom. A few kids have sewing machines at home, but the majority don't. Many have asked if they can borrow one. So, I asked my principal, who asked the District. They said no – can't risk injury etc."

So, at this time, we are looking for anyone with a sewing machine they are not using that they would like to donate to the class. We have some old ones which could be replaced and those could possibly be given to the kids – they work, but have been used for the 10 years.

If you have a machine, please let me know and I would be happy to pick it up.

[Smwoods2@socal.rr.com](mailto:Smwoods2@socal.rr.com)

She is also doing a fundraiser and I can give you details for that – it's on my Facebook page but I can email you the details.

*Suzanne Woods*



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## SCCQG Report:

On the SCCQG site, there is a link to a tutorial on fabric ties made from binding. This is the FASTEST way I have ever seen for making binding ties!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR7sWFwo48g&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2S0dkiufaVOeJWD9zeinkqMeuhyXbvtotyuD-e7d\\_H9dzQclJxX2DBMFg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR7sWFwo48g&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2S0dkiufaVOeJWD9zeinkqMeuhyXbvtotyuD-e7d_H9dzQclJxX2DBMFg)

There is also a page entitled:  
Comprehensive Guide to Fabric Masks, at  
[www.SCCQG.org](http://www.SCCQG.org)

The SCCQG meeting, MEET THE TEACHERS, has been postponed until Saturday, September 12th, at 10 am, in Carson, CA. Anyone is welcome to attend and hear potential speakers we might hire to speak at our guild meetings.

Also at this meeting, a charity group called Happy Hats will be collecting donations of cotton fabric and elastic to make colorful surgery caps for children. They are asking for one yard cuts of cheerful kid-friendly prints (or at least 22 square inches), and narrow elastic (1/4" - 3/8" wide ). Lynn Slosson will be going to the meeting and can take your donations. She has already received some wonderful Hello Kitty fabric from Phyllis Jones and will collect fabric and elastic at all guild meetings between May and August. These caps brighten the spirits of children who must undergo surgery.

If you have something to contribute, it will be much appreciated.

Thank you in advance.  
*Lynn Slosson*

## Membership is open for renewal now

I have received several at my home address and I'm afraid one is floating out there, as she now knows my new address is;

1550 Rory Lane #213,  
Simi Valley CA 93063.

Some may be in the P.O. Box that I will be receiving soon. Hope to see all of you soon and we can get back to next to normal.

Please, all take care!

*Donna Paschal*

## Anne's Cyber Column

Hi Ladies and Gentlemen!

If you're anything like me, you are missing your quilty friends and relations (and your not-so-quilty ones, too). There are a lot of ways to stay in touch...

An email chain is one method ... send an email to all the members of your mini-group or bee, make sure that everyone uses 'reply all' when they reply to the messages so everyone gets them.

Another easy method is to send a group text to everyone you want to contact ... replies should go to everyone in the group text. Pictures as well as emojis and just text can all be shared.

Another way to stay in touch is to hold an online meeting ... You can even have a virtual sew-in using a program like Zoom – available at <https://zoom.us/>. You can see and hear each other sewing while enjoying each other's company. Didn't get dressed today? – you can toggle the video off – you can see others, they can't see you! I think there is a time limit unless someone with a paid account sets up the meeting.

Discord is another way to do the same thing. One person sets up a discord server (super easy to do), and there are no time limits and no need to pay. Enjoy the voices (and videos if you want them) of friends and/or loved ones. Discord is available at <https://discordapp.com>

Stay safe and stay healthy my friends!

*And happy quilting – Anne.*

## Quilters at Home

Becky Berg's March and April output looks much the same as most of the rest of you, I am sure ...  
Masks,  
masks,  
and more  
masks.



## Judy Ragan & Her Scraps

When Sharon asked for articles of what we are doing in our isolation period, I wanted to tell you the story of my escapade into my scrap boxes. I had 4 large boxes and have gone through them and cut pieces for my houses for the VILLAGE quilt that Angie Kirk from Quilty Pleasures sent out. It is my intent not to repeat any fabric twice within this quilt, even the background pieces. That still left way too much for my satisfaction so I started also cutting the pieces for one of the quilts I am making for my ten cousins. So far, I have sewn 20 houses and have about 50 more cut and ready to sew for my neighborhoods.

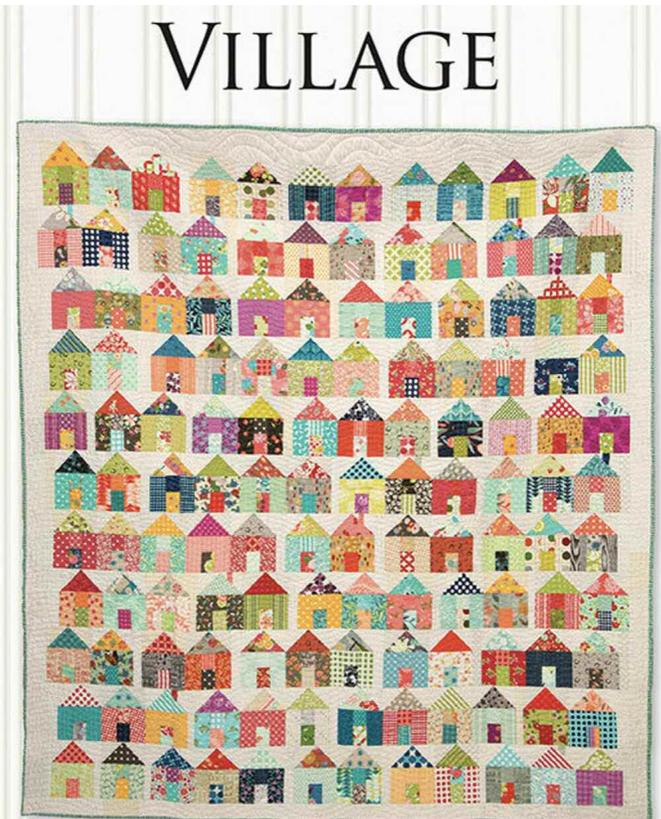
Well, that didn't satisfy me so I offered to wash, iron and cut the fabric pieces for the masks that Cheri Miller, and Suzi Bird are making from the bigger pieces of scrap. Now they are both busy also making skull caps for the doctors. In return I was requested to send more fabric pieces. Well, I told Cheri I was now going to be sorting through my drawers of scraps. These drawers tend to contain bigger pieces of scraps than those in the boxes. So now I will be sorting out larger pieces and giving them to Suzi for someone else to wash and iron and cut because we have found some masks need to be cut larger and I am not sure of the sizes I should cut. Believe it or not, my scrap boxes are down to 1/2 box from 4 boxes. We'll see how much I can clear out when I start cutting from the drawers!

Is that all I am doing? Of course not! I am pulling weeds! My goodness, I have six yard waste cans a week going out for pickup of just weeds from my new property. I could fill at least 3 more each week but I need to keep the cost down on can rental. I still have 2/3 of my half acre to clear of weeds. Now I am telling you, these weeds are not for 'wimps', these weeds are averaging 3-4 feet tall and underneath are the little weeds! With this last rain, I find that areas I first weeded are now growing new weeds.

My third project is to make a quilt for all of my cousins and their spouses. Originally, I was going to take them back to the East coast this summer to give them when I visited them. But that trip has now been cancelled so I have more time to get them done; hence, working on the VILLAGE quilt for myself that Angie sent.

I didn't tell you about cooking dinner for my son and me or cleaning once in a while, did I? Or grocery shopping occasionally. So that is what I have been doing and enjoying every minute of my cleaning out of my scraps. I pray that all of you are enjoying most of what you are doing. Seems like every time I call one of you guild members, I am interrupting your sewing! LOL!

Stay healthy & safe,  
Judy Ragan, raganje@aol.com



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Individual blocks measure  
5" x 6-1/2" finished.

There are 11 rows of 12 unequally spaced houses.

Moda Fabrics and Miss Rosies Quilt Co are sharing a free Village Quilt Pattern with everyone in the quilting community, so we all remember that in times of uncertainty, we are not alone, we are all still part of a village!

<https://www.jemimascreativequilting.com/post/free-village-quilt-pattern-from-moda-fabrics>

Phyllis has picked this block for the June Block Party. More information on page 5.

# VILLAGE



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There are 11 rows of 10 unequally spaced houses in the whole quilt above.

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## June Block Party

Let's do these houses for June. The pattern is free with detailed instructions for making the individual blocks with or without chimneys.

Make three houses and join them together as shown.



The pattern is based on using 5" charm squares, but let's use scraps and try to make a tiny dent in those bags of left-overs.

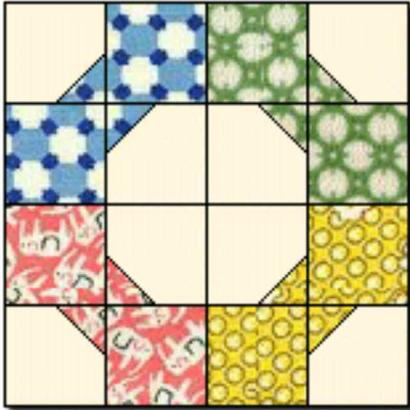
If you are doing scraps, the roof piece can be cut from a 4-1/2" square rather than a 5". Dimensions for the other pieces all have clearly labeled dimensions in the pattern. The roof at the right above was made from 2 half-square triangles that were hanging around in a scrap bag.

Judy Ragan is using all different fabrics in every block. Be the architect on your block of 3 houses!

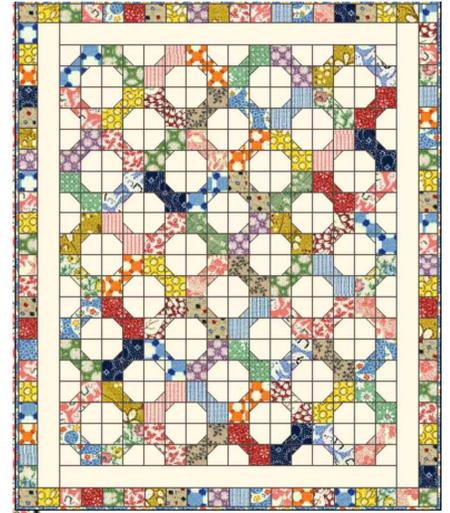
*Phyllis*



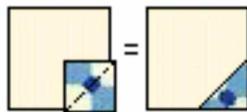
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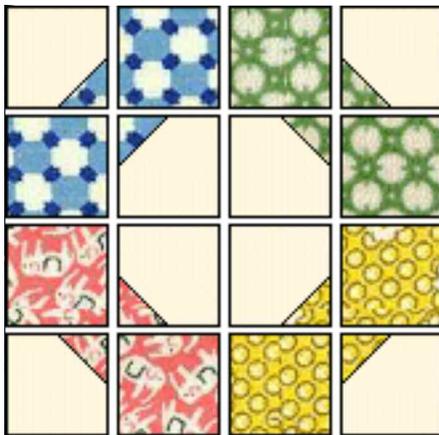
This makes a 12" finished block!  
 Use happy, bright colors (small to medium prints) for the "ties"  
 and a cream (think vanilla),  
 solid or tone-on-tone, for the background.



Cut two 3-1/2" squares of each of four colors.  
 Cut two 2" squares of each of the four colors.  
 Cut the background color into eight 3-1/2" squares.



Place a small colored square atop a background square, right sides together, and edges lined up with one corner of the background square. On the back of the top small square lightly draw the diagonal, and sew ON this marked line. Cut off the excess seam allowance, and press the remainder towards the darker fabric. Make two units like this for each of the four colors.



Now piece the block in the order shown at left. Alternate pressing directions as you add squares, and also as you add rows when sewing the rows together! All your seams should be 1/4" seams!

## Fat Quarters

### Blues

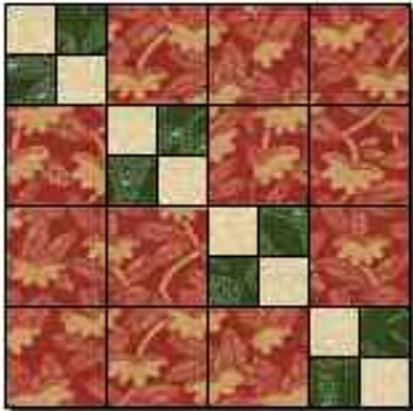
medium to dark solids



# Four Patch Chain

## April Block for SVQG

Fat quarters  
*Yellows* and  
*blues*

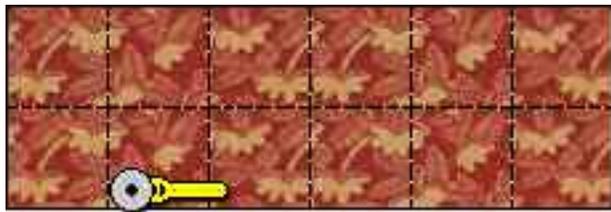


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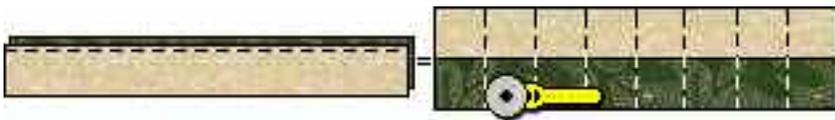
Background, color 1: one 7" x 21" strip  
 Use a medium to dark Spring floral for Color 1

Darker four-patch, color 2: one 2" x 20" strip  
 Use a medium to dark solid for Color 2

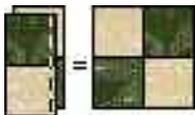
Lighter four-patch, color 3: one 2" x 20" strip  
 Use a light color solid for Color 3



Start by cutting your Color 1 strip into twelve 3-1/2" squares.



Then sew the Color 2 and Color 3 strips, right sides together along the long edge, using a SCANT 1/4" seam. Press the seam allowance towards the darker fabric. Mark and cut this at 2" intervals to make eight two color units.



Sew pairs of these two color units to make four four-patch units...

Now piece the block, by making rows as shown below. Join the rows and you are finished.

