

2023-24 12x12 GUIDELINES AS OF 4/6/23

Jean Rickman and Jan Stauffer have volunteered to co-chair the 12 x 12 and Bonus Word Program for April 2023 - March 2024. There has been such a great response to the program over the years that we hate to see it end or have a break until October. With the 2 of us co-chairing the program we should be able to have one or the other of us at every guild meeting to keep records.

The program will continue as follows:

The 12 x 12 Program has been very popular and has changed and morphed over the years. If you wish to participate, start by making a list of quilting/sewing-related projects that you'd like to get done in the next 12 months. The idea is to keep us all sewing and complete old or new projects each month. You do not have to complete a project for it to count. If you want to list a specific quilt project as just cutting the blocks or just finishing a quilt top as opposed to completing the quilting and binding that is just fine. If you want to revamp your sewing room and get organized please list that as a project. Choose your own projects, but be specific on your list as to what you plan to do that month.

If you wish to participate please email your numbered list of 12 x 12 projects to Jan Stauffer (jstauffer56@yahoo.com) and Jean Rickman (jele68@charter.net) prior to the May Meeting. If you aren't ready for May you can join at anytime during the program, but the program is not retroactive. If you don't have 12 projects lined up and ready to sew you can list as few as 1 project and you will get your name in the drawing the month you complete it. You can list anywhere from 1 to 20 projects on your list. Please only submit one project per month as your 12 x 12 for that month and tell us what number the project is on your submitted list. Also tell us if it meets the Bonus Word criteria. You can also submit a 2nd project if it meets the Bonus Word criteria. You can only get your name in the prize drawings two times per month (once for your 12 x 12 project and once for your Bonus Word). IF your 12 x 12 project also meets the Bonus Word criteria your name will be entered twice for the month. If you complete a project that meets the Bonus Word criteria, but you do not complete one of your 12 x 12 projects you can still get your name in the Bonus Word drawing. If you are listing a project such as organizing your sewing room please submit a before and an after picture of your sewing room. The same would be true for something like the Pre-Cut Bonus Word. Show us your pre-cut fabric and then a photo of what you did with it.

Please submit your photos of your projects by noon on our Meeting Day to the guild email (chequamegonbayquilters@yahoo.com) so that they can be used in the slide show at the meeting. If you don't get a photo submitted please bring your project to the guild meeting to get your name in the drawings for that month.

We will hold 2 prize drawings at the August 2023, December 2023 and April 2024 Meetings. We will start fresh each quarter with adding names to the hat for the next quarter. All names will be added to the hat at the end for the Grand Prize drawing. We will draw for a 12 x 12 winner and a Bonus Word winner at each drawing. The Grand Prize winner will also be drawn at the April 2024 Meeting.

NOTE - DUE IN MAY: Since we are 6 days into April already the plan is to make one quilt block to turn in at the May meeting. **The bonus word for April will be "patriotic."** The blocks will be added to our QOV stash and used in a Quilt of Valor. So, to kick things off you can get your name in the 12 x 12 drawing and the Bonus Word drawing by making a single patriotic block. **BLOCK SHOULD MEASURE 12.5" x 12.5"**

The BONUS THEMES

April: Patriotic (see NOTE above)

May: The Big Outdoors

Jun: Summer

Jul: Pre-Cuts

Aug: HST (Half Square Triangle)...or your interpretation of what HST stands for. Emoji

Sept: Fall

Oct: TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Finished)...or your interpretation of what TGIF stands for.Emoji

Nov: Nifty 9-patch

Dec: In the Kitchen

Jan: Winter

Feb: My Favorite Color Is.....

March: Spring

If this is your first time participating the bonus word listed for a month is due at the following month's meeting. For example: The May Bonus Word of "the big outdoors" is due at the June meeting. If you have questions do not hesitate to ask Jan or Jean. The whole idea is to encourage everyone to keep after their projects that they've been meaning to get to and to encourage new projects with the Bonus Word each month. Happy Sewing!