



November

Next Meeting:

November 14 In-Person Meeting

At MIFO, 6600 Carriere St., Orleans

* Doors/Library open: 6:30 pm

* Meeting: 7:30 pm—9:00

* Speaker:

Monika Henry from Penny Spool Quilts

* Shop of the Month:

Maker's Lodge

* Fat Quarter Club:

Christmas Crackers

Sew and Share: Bring a Quilt to the meeting to inspire others with your accomplishment!

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ctqg.membership@gmail.com and

ctqg.newsletter.editor@gmail.com

PROGAMME—Monika Henry from Penny Spool Quilts From Idea to Quilt—Finding Inspiration in Everyday Things

Monika Henry is a modern quilter and pattern designer based near Ottawa, Canada. She's originally from Switzerland and became fascinated with quilts on her first visit to North America as a teenager. That fascination eventually evolved from her first tentative steps in quilt making to designing colourful, modern, and somewhat minimalist quilt patterns. She takes a relaxed approach to quilt making, getting inspiration from everyday items. Her patterns are designed with beginner to intermediate quilters in mind, to pass on the joy of quilt making and to inspire quilting confidence, one piece at a time



From Idea to Quilt – Finding inspiration in everyday things

In this trunk show, Monika will take you along on a quilting journey from her first quilt to finding the modern quilt movement and the evolution of her own quilt designs over the years. Along the way, you will take a look behind the scenes of her quilt patterns and see where she gets her ideas and how a design goes from inspiration to published pattern.



President's Message

Diane Grover



President's Message

Mmm, pumpkin spice lattes, maple scented candles and apple cider sprinkled with cinnamon – these are the scents of fall. As the leaves drop from the trees and the first snowflakes start to swirl, most Canadians start to retreat indoors to indulge in the comforts of flannel, fireplaces and, for us quilters, our sewing spaces.

But what are you sewing at this time of year? Do your fabric and colour choices run towards the rich ochres, burgundies and golds of fall's final flourish or are you instead putting the rush on for Christmas and holiday projects? Given the time, planning and sheer effort involved in making a quilt, quilters are often working in different seasons. Need a quilt for Halloween? You'll need to start cutting in August. That extravagant June wedding quilt? Yup, what better time to start than Boxing Day.

But with all that forward momentum, we sometimes fail to appreciate the present. The satisfaction of savouring the moment, with all its sights and smells, can sometimes be elusive as we think about our next project. There is even now a "slow sewing" movement that emphasizes both handwork and a slower pace, in order to be present and more in touch with the creative process.

So the next time you find yourself throttling towards a future quilting project, you may want to kick off your shoes instead, get out your needle and thimble and enjoy the journey, rather than the destination.

Diane Grover
President



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**EXTRA!
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ANNUAL GUILD CHALLENGE

-Read All About It-

Diane Grover

The Common Thread Quilt Guild has an amazing library with a large assortment of books, magazines and even rulers and templates for your quilting enjoyment. Our collection includes something for everyone, whether you prefer modern and contemporary styles, traditional piecing or appliqué. This year's guild challenge encourages you to check out the library - quite literally.

*Entries must be made using a pattern, ruler or template that you've signed out from the library this guild year (as of June 2023).

*There are two categories for your entry – small and large – but we'll let you decide which category you want to enter.

*Finished entries must be submitted no later than the April guild meeting, and **cash prizes totalling \$300** will be awarded to four winners (two from each category).

Will you tackle a large bed quilt, try your hand at dimensional techniques in a small art quilt or make a wearable like a quilted jacket? Whatever your style, skill or interest, our library has what you need to make a winning entry in this year's challenge. Check it out.



Questions can be sent to
ctggchallenge@gmail.com.

Diane Grover, Challenge Coordinator

Executive and Committee Members 2023/2024

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2024 CTQG Quilt Show News

Janice Namiesniowski



Show Date: Friday 14 June and Saturday 15 June 2024

Show location: Earl Armstrong Arena, 2020 Ogilvie Road, Gloucester (beside the new Costco, with plenty of free parking and restaurants)

Count Down...7 months 13 days to the Quilt Show!

Quilt Show Challenge: BLACK AND WHITE PLUS ONE

A quilt with a perimeter of 349" or less, made with black and white fabric (remember that black and white make grey), plus one other colour OR one other fabric. (Maximum of 1 Entry)

(note: I have chosen my pattern, fabric and have it cut out; now I just have to sit down long enough to sew the blocks.)

Pre-Quilt Show Challenge: NO TOUCH MINI QUILT

Make little quilt(s) no bigger than 12" x 12" (fully finished) that says "don't touch the quilts" in a clever, pictorial way. Add a 2" Sleeve, sign and date the back. Hand it in to the Quilt Show table at guild night for your chance at \$\$\$ prizes. See the separate write up in the Newsletter for more details.

Quilt Member's Boutique:

This is your opportunity to sell your quilt related items. Think; bags, quilts, table runners, place mats, mug rugs, etc. Does this interest you? You can sell one or many items. Many of the Quilt shows this past year have had successful "Quilt Members

Boutiques". We all know that not everyone that attends a quilt show can create like we do and would like an opportunity to buy something handmade. If you are thinking or planning to participate, have questions, please email Paulette at

quiltingqueen30@gmail.com

Questions? Suggestions?

Drop me a line

Janice Namiesniowski

2024 CTQG Quilt Show

Coordinator

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Susanne Martin



The Guild will once again be holding a fundraiser for the **GLOUCESTER EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD**. Pauline McNally will be at the membership desk accepting donations of **toothpaste, toothbrushes and other toiletries** at our November and December meetings.

Don't know someone at Guild night? Ensure to say hi as they may be one of our New Members – make them feel at home.

Remember to have your membership card ready when signing in.

Membership fee is \$40.00 for the year ending June 30, 2024. Name-tags currently remain at \$18.00 and the guest fee remains at \$5.00.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Guild night.

Susanne

P.S. Here is a quick [link](#) to the member page of the Guild website.

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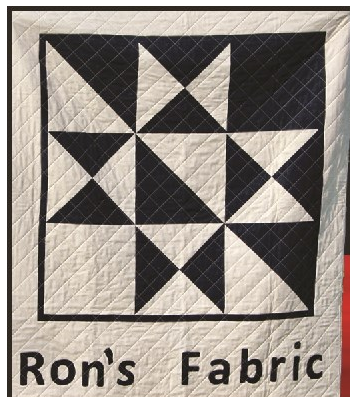
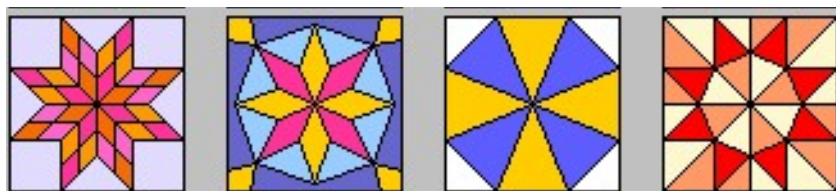


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THE CTQG 2024 QUILT SHOW “NO TOUCH MINI QUILT” CHALLENGE

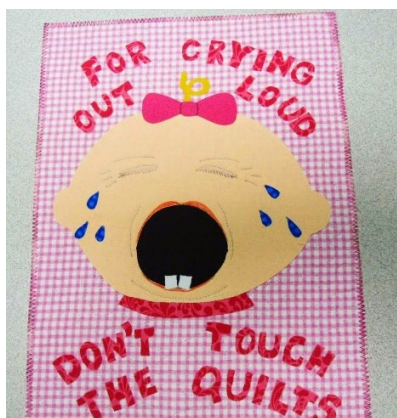
Elizabeth Barr

CTQG 2024 QUILT SHOW NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW...

The NO TOUCH MINI QUILT CHALLENGE

What is a “No Touch Mini Quilt”?

It is a little quilt, no bigger than 12” x 12” (fully finished) that says “don’t touch the quilts” in a clever, pictorial way just like these examples. As well it needs to have a 2” sleeve and have your name and date on the back.



We need at least 40 Mini Quilts!

Get your creative juices flowing, jump on the computer for ideas and make one, two or more MINI QUILTS. Multiples of the same quilt are welcome as we need many on display to help us let 2024 CTQC Quilt Show visitors know that there is to be no touching of the quilts.

Creative freedom, a chance at a cash prize and bragging rights!

Piece it, applique it, the technique choice is yours! For every MINI QUILT you make, you will be entered in a **cash draw for \$100.00** and the more you make, the more chances you have to win! Hurry and get them in by **December 12, 2023**, and **double your chances!**

The deadline is **April 9, 2024** (guild night). The big draw will take place that night.

On the plus side, you will have a quilt in the show!!

Boring disclaimer part:

Please note that all submissions will become property of the Common Thread Quilt Guild to be proudly displayed for future shows.

For more information about the Quilt Show 2024, please see the September newsletter.

In appreciation,
2024 Quilt Show Planning Committee



LIBRARY—*Janice Namiesnioswki & Judy Loree*



The library has added LOTS of new books this month! Members can check out up to four books and four magazines for a month. Renewal is allowed and overdue fees are \$1 per month per item.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY!!!!

Perfectly Pieced Quilt Backs by Kelly Young
 Pretty Darn Quick! 3-Yard Quilts by Donna Robertson
 Easy Does It! 3-Yard Quilts by Donna Roberson
 A Field Guide Making Bags by Jessica Barrera
 Scrappy Improv Quilting -Mini Quilts with Easy Piecing by Kelly Young
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 3-Yard Quilts for KIDS by Donna Robertson & Fran Morgan
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 Make it Modern with 3-Yard Quilts by Fran Morgan
 Amazing Nickel Quilts -new designs from 5 Squares by Pat Speth
 Nickel Quilts & Borders by Pat Speth
 Crumb Quilts -Scrap Quilting the Zero Waste Way by Emily Bailey



Come early on Guild night, Tuesday November 14, 2023; the library will be open from 6:30-7:20pm. The full library catalogue is available online at the CTQG website Common Thread Quilt Guild, under Resources. From there you can reserve a book using the form on the library page.

Come get Inspired for your Annual Guild Challenge, **Make a quilted item from an item from the CTQG Library.** You also might find some idea for the Quilt Show Challenge...**Black and White Plus One.** Any questions or suggestions come and see us or drop us a line at ctqg.library@gmail.com. Come get Inspired!

We're turning 30!

Our guild will be celebrating our 30th anniversary this year in December!!!!

This is a call out to all members. We are on the hunt for any historical information like

- pictures and old newsletters
- anecdotes about things that have been done over the years
- what the early meetings were like
- anything else that might be of interest to our membership.

If you can be of assistance please email programmes at ctqg.programme@gmail.com.

Also, if you know of any previous members please pass the word on and encourage them to come to our December meeting. We would love to see them!





WORKSHOPS

Laura Malo

We have 3 exciting workshops scheduled over the next several months and a few more in the works.

Mannequin Pin Cushion with Suzan Bouchard (in-person)

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Notre Dames des Champs, Navan

\$25.00 (plus \$5.00 for the kit)

*Register at the November meeting or by sending a email to

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Montage Art Quilts using Panels with Cyndi McChesney (virtual)

2 sessions: Thursday February 15th and Thursday February 22nd, 2024

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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\$50.00

*Register at the November and December meetings or by sending a email to

ctqg.workshops@gmail.com



Patchwork Illusion with Paul Leger (in-person)

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

Notre Dames des Champs, Navan

\$30.00 plus \$40.00 for the kit Total \$70.00

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Just a reminder that if you are paying by e-transfer for any workshop, please send the funds to

ctqg.treasurer@gmail.com

Please join us to create something fabulous.



IN TOWN RETREATS

Retreat Coordinator: Anne Lacasse

Hello Members

As I am writing this blurb, I am finalizing coordinating everything and everyone in preparation of our two first retreats. 28 signed up for the October 20-22 retreat and 29 for the second one, October 27-29, 2023. I want to thank everyone who volunteered for cooking, baking, grocery shopping and hostessing, to make it happen.

Upcoming retreats for 2023-2024 quilting year:

January 20-22, or January 27-29 2024 (choose only one)

- registration opens November 1, 2023

April 20-23, or April 28-30 2024 (choose only one)

- registration opens February 1, 2024

Location: Notre-Dame-des-Champs Community Centre, 3659 Navan Road, Navan, K4B1H9

Hours: Friday 10:00 am to 9 pm, Saturday 9 am to 9 pm, and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm

Cost including meals: \$80 for guild members and \$95 for non-members

Payments: eTransfers to ctgg.treasurer@gmail.com

How to register:

There are two ways to register:

- 1) By email at ctgg.retreats@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email response from RETREATS.
- 2) At guild meetings: Sign up at the RETREATS table at the back of the room.

We ask for some volunteers to help with cooking, baking, grocery shopping and hostessing. Cooks and bakers will be reimbursed ingredients and a small honorarium will be paid for their time.

If space allows, Guild members may be able to sign up for a second retreat 10 days prior to retreat dates. Please send email to ctgg.retreats@gmail.com to check availability.

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SEW DAYS

Lynn Bradley (In Person Sew Days) & Ruth Oswald (Virtual Sew Days)

Successful October Virtual Sew Day

The first Virtual Sew Day for 2023-24 was hosted by Ruth on October 14 with a dozen attendees who joined for a few hours or the whole day. We shared tips, free patterns, fellowship and laughs while working at home on our own quilting projects.

Top 5 reasons to try a Virtual Sew Day:

1. Sew and chat with CTQG quilting buddies anywhere.
2. No driving and no icy parking lots.
3. You have ALL your stash and notions at hand.
4. Sew from your own comfortable sewing space.
5. No waiting for an iron 😊



Sign up for all Virtual Sew Days for this membership year by emailing ctqg.sewdays@gmail.com. You will be emailed a zoom link for each Virtual Sew Day. There is no charge for CTQG members.

The next Virtual Sew Days are 9:00 – 4:30 on:

- December 9, 2023
- January 13, 2024
- February 10, 2024

Upcoming November In-Person Sew Day

Our first in-person Sew Day will be held at the Notre Dame des Champs Community Center, 3659 Navan Road, Navan, Ontario. Irons, ironing boards, and an AccuQuilter are available on site, and we'll be looking for some helping hands to bring them upstairs. A kitchen is available as well and you are encouraged to bring your lunch, snacks, and drinks.

We'll be open from 9 am until 5 pm, at a cost of \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. No need to sign up; just bring yourself, your \$, and your project(s).

Save these dates (9 am to 5 pm) for the spring and summer in-person Sew Days –

- March 9, 2024
- April 13, 2024
- May 11, 2024

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Lynn Bradley and Maria Fleming

Thank you to all who signed out top and quilting kits at the October meeting. The more of these we can get quilted, the sooner we can get them back and into the community. As mentioned last month, we now have links to free patterns by companies supporting our Community Projects use of printed patterns. These are in the Resources/Patterns section of the website. To help those who may be new to machine quilting, or would like some easy quilt ideas, there are also some links to articles or books (of which we have copies in the library) with easy edge to edge quilting. This reduces the need to stop and start, bury threads, or some of the other time consuming aspects of machine quilting just a block at a time.

In the Tips and Tricks tab, there is now a link to just one method of attaching binding completely by machine. Though many like to hand finish binding while watching TV one evening, others may want something that completes a quilt quickly. I know I love getting it done on the machine and lets me move on to other projects. Hopefully these tips will encourage you to sign out some of these kits for practicing your machine techniques.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Hospice Care of Ottawa

Hospice Care of Ottawa is a service provided at no charge to individuals with life limiting illnesses and their families. They provide emotional and social support to individuals through Community Programs, such as Day Hospice and In-Home Support. Residential Hospices provide 24-hour care. There are currently two with a third location in Orleans being developed. Bereavement Care in the forms of retreats, gatherings, support walking groups or drop-in groups is also available to those who are coping with a loss.

Recently we received an email of thanks from the Director of Community Services. An excerpt is here.

Please let your quilters know that their quilts will be given to individuals in the Ottawa community who are journeying through a life limiting illness. We visit every client who is appropriately referred to us and bring with us a "Comfort Kit" full of practical and enjoyable items, with the highlight of the kit often being a beautiful quilt.

The feedback about receiving a gift of a quilt has been overwhelmingly positive here are just a few highlights:

- client cried said she was moved and that it gave her hope
- client and wife loved the kit; wife asked how to donate to Hospice
- He was so happy to receive something like that
- She was very touched
- Was stunned that the quilt matched the colours in her bedroom
- People love the quilt. Often our clients spend a lot of time resting and find the blanket useful

Please share this feedback with your quilters, and how Hospice Care Ottawa is so happy to be the distributors of such a gift. Thank you!

As a reminder, quilts of the following sizes are appreciated:

Cuddle quilts - 22" square

Kids quilts - from crib to twin - 40" x 40" to 60" x 72" (older teens may be tall)

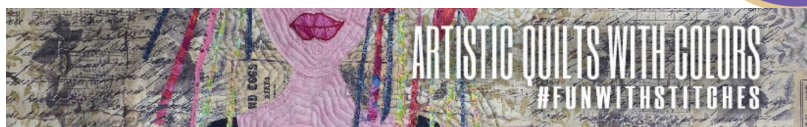
Adult quilts - twin (60" x 72") to queen

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QUILTERS RECYCLING TABLE

Bring anything quilting-related that is cluttering up your sewing space to the Quilters' Recycling table where it will find a good home!

Only two things to remember - should be quilting related and you must bring your items home at the end of the evening if they weren't re-homed.

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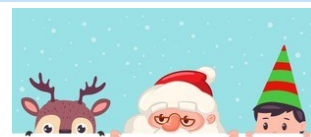
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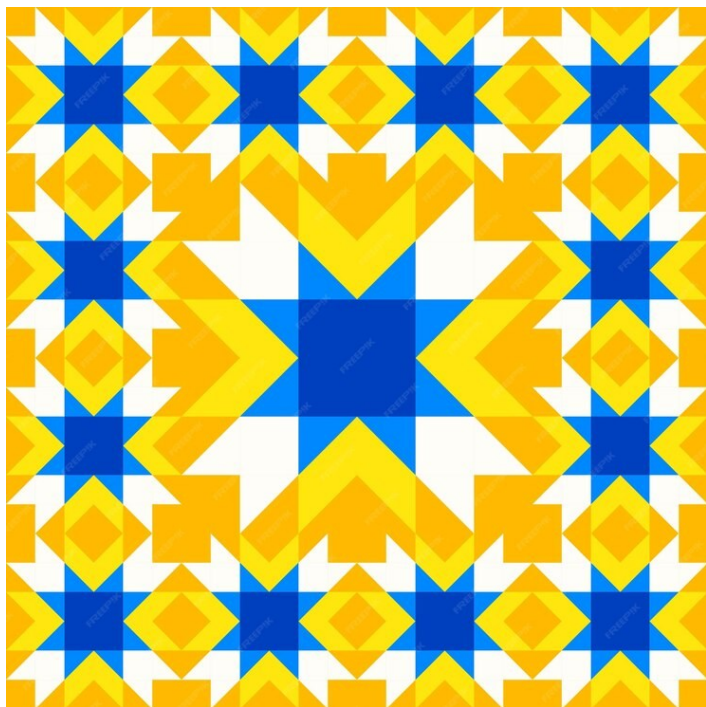
It will be available at the next **In-Person Sew Day**. Plan ahead to do some mega-cutting.

Just walk in and ask. Be prepared to show your guild membership card. If you have never used the system before, ask for guidance.

The updated list of available dies is available on the website, under Resources. The link is:

<http://commonthreadquiltguild.ca/accuquilt-fabric-cutter/> You will also see some tips on using the dies.

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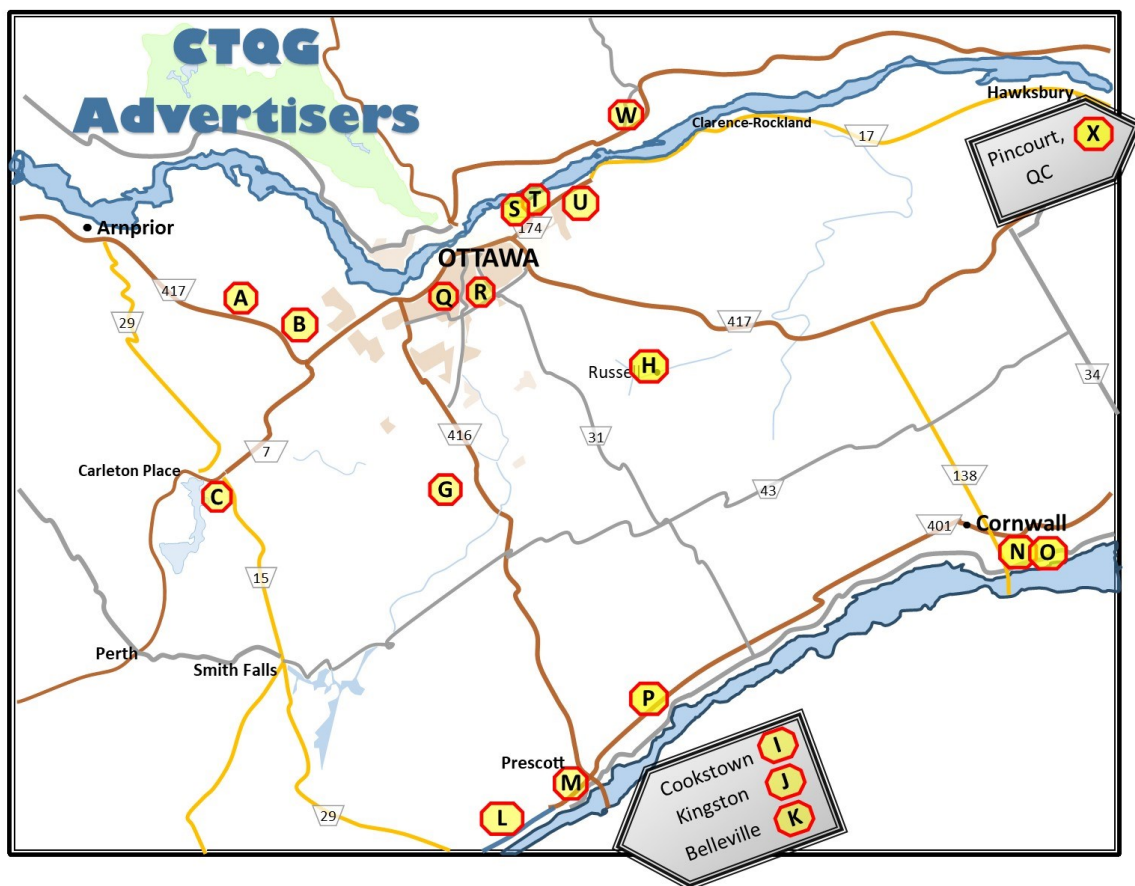
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	C	Happy Wife Quilting	280 Timberwood Dr, Carleton Place	613-257-9023
South & South-West	G	3 Dogs Quilting	North Gower, ON	613-866-2992
	H	Quilters Barn and Gifts	1087 Concession St., Russell	613-496-2276
	I	Country Concessions	35 King St. N., Cookstown	705-458-4546
	J	Stitch by Stitch	550 Days Road, Kingston	613-389-2223
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	M	Watergirl Quilt Co	235 Water Street West, Prescott	343-260-9227
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	O	Ron's Fabrics	314 9th St West, Cornwall	613-933-6485
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