



Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

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The purpose of the guild is to share knowledge of modern quilting techniques, patterns, modern fabrics and quilt-making by providing meetings, social gatherings, educational workshops and field-trips to support quilting activities, encourage modern quilt-making and promote the appreciation of this craft. The Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild supports and encourages the growth and development of modern quilting through art, education and community.

November - January Events

November

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8th Marie-Claire's workshop: Quilt as-as-you-go - 7 techniques to assemble your quilt section by section.

Both workshops are virtual. The Saturday workshop is already full but at the time of this writing there was a seat or two available for the Friday workshop. Here is a link to register for that class. <https://www.baltimoremqg.com/product/quilt-as-you-go-with-marie-claire-friday-workshop/>

A little about Marie-Claire ...

Marie-Claire Charette, also known as La Quilting Coach, has spent most of her professional career assisting managers and executives develop their leadership skills. Leadership has become one of her passions. Now retired, Marie-Claire invests more of her time to her other passion which is sharing her love of quilting. What she has discovered is that her two passions complement each other. In her opinion, quilting can be more than a quilt on a bed but a path to self-discovery, building relationships and even healing.

During COVID, she took advantage of being isolated to finally realize a project dear to her heart. She created a repertory of Quilt –as- you –go techniques so that she could

take any regular pattern and transform it as a QAYG. She is now happy to share her knowledge and experience of QAYG techniques with the quilting community.



WORKSHOP DETAILS:

QUILT-AS-YOU-GO - 7 TECHNIQUES TO ASSEMBLE YOUR QUILT SECTION BY SECTION

WORKSHOP DATES:

- Option 1:** Friday, November 7th
Option 2: Saturday, November 8th

WORKSHOP TIMES: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM (with a 30 minute break)

WORKSHOP LOCATION: Virtual (a link will be shared with registered participants prior to the date)

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: It is hard to squeeze in a big quilt through the opening of a sewing machine but you don't want to pay a huge amount of money to have your quilt professionally done. The solution is to quilt section by section and then assembling your quilt. Have no fear! These techniques will make it possible to quilt your own quilt! Bonus: you will have the satisfaction of completing your own quilt from beginning to end.

In this workshop, you will learn the advantages of each of 7 QAYG techniques, how to choose the best technique to achieve the results you want, how to adapt a regular pattern into a QAYG and get stunning results.

At the end of the workshop, you will have made a sample of each of the techniques so that you can make a binder for future reference.

Please see the attached document for examples of quilts Marie-Claire has done!

FEE: Registration is \$60 (and includes a set of notes to be provided by Marie-Claire

MATERIALS: A materials list will be provided

Sunday, November 9th, 1:30 pm to 3:30
Our regular Meeting and Lecture from Marie-Claire
Towson United Methodist Church
The lecture will be through Zoom

To attend the meeting by Zoom, use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87060038333?pwd=WwU8bdGcEMDc3My0yfl6M8JBpOKsLV.1>

LECTURE DESCRIPTION: Marie-Claire Charette, a.k.a. La Quilting Coach, has spent most of her professional career assisting managers and executives develop their leadership skills. Now semi-retired, Marie-Claire invests more time in her other passion which is sharing her love of quilting. She has discovered that her two passions complement each other and feels that quilting can be more than a quilt on a bed but a path to self-discovery, building strong relationships and even healing.

Join us from your living room (or together with the Guild) as Marie-Claire will regale us via Zoom with stories of her journey on how she learned to bridge the gap between her two Passions: quilting and coaching

December

Sunday, December 14th 1:30-3:30

Holiday Party at Harford Park Community Center

2522 Linwood Road, Parkville

4th Round of Lottery Blocks Due

January

Saturday, January 10th from 10:00 to 4:30

“When paper meets fabric”

Featuring Margarita Koriath, quilt artist designer, teacher and lecturer from Collierville, Tennessee.

Margarita will guild us through her “Dinky Town” workshop where we will create our own whimsical town with recycled magazine clippings, fabric scraps and tulle.

This will be a 6-hour virtual workshop

Cost: \$45

Margarita’s website [Margarita Koriath](#)

Sunday, January 11th from 1:30 to 3:30

Regular Guild Meeting and Lecture by Margarita

“The odd couple: paper meets fabric

Open Positions in Our Guild

If you’ve been wanting to take a more active role in the guild or would like to help this year with our Guild, we currently have open positions for Vice President, Membership and Programming. Below are the descriptions for each position.

Vice President (VP)

- The Vice President shall serve as assistant to the President in all matters.
- The VP shall work with the President to divide oversight responsibilities for the Guild.
 - The VP shall chair the Nominating Committee.
- The Vice President’s term in office will be one calendar year, after which they

continue on the Executive Board as President thus serving two consecutive one-year terms.

- In the event the President cannot complete their term in office, the VP shall assume all responsibilities. Should this instance occur, the VP will still be expected to serve the consecutive year as President; the remainder of the outgoing President’s term does not count towards the two consecutive term

limits one may serve as President.

Director(s) of Membership (DM)

- The Director(s) of Membership (DM) shall maintain the Guild's membership rosters, including contact information for all members.
- The DM shall ensure all active Guild members are properly registered with the National MQG and assist members in accessing National MQG membership materials.
- The DM shall maintain a mailing list to be used for all member communications.
 - The DM is responsible for tracking Guest attendance and recruiting.
- When Co-DMs are approved during the general election, they will serve two-year terms alternating years for election.

- Serves a two-year term.

Director(s) of Programs (DP)

- The Director(s) of Programs shall organize and coordinate Guild programming events and activities.
 - The DP will be responsible for securing a meeting location for events and activities in collaboration with the President.
 - When Co-DPs are approved during the general election, they will coordinate between themselves to divide DM responsibilities and shall inform the President,

VP, and the Board of that allocation.

- Serves a two-year term.

Fourth Quarter Lottery Block

A bear claw and only the claw

The 4th quarter lottery block of 2024 was a Giant block; however for the **4th quarter lottery block of 2025**, we are going in the opposite direction as follows: let's make 5" bear claw, just the claw of a traditional bear claw block. I've included the instructions for the claw, along with a picture, at the bottom of this email. Because of the small nature of these cuties, you will receive extra tickets to win for each block entered as follows:

2 blocks: 4 tickets

4 blocks: 6 tickets

6 blocks: 8 tickets

8 blocks: 10 tickets

(10 tickets is the maximum number of tickets, but more blocks are always welcomed!)

Lets get started: (ruler in pic shows measurement at 5")



Fabric:

Claws can be a print, small prints work best, or a solid is fine as well, *your choice*. Background, White or White on White

Cutting:

- 1) To make 4 HST's_ cut 2 print OR solid and 2 white background to 2 1/2" squares; Place right sides together, (one color fabric with one background) and draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the white, sew a 1/4" on either side of the drawn line, cut along the diagonal line. I found Pressing seams Open worked best when sewing the block. Square HST's to 2"
- 2) Cut 2 - 2" background squares, cut 3 - 2" color squares
- 3) Layout and sew HST and Squares together, per the pic below. Block will finish at 5", (4.5" once sewn into a design)



I really enjoyed making these little guys, hope you do as well. Blocks will be due at the December Holiday meeting and depending on the number of blocks, there could be more than one winner. (Will decide at the meeting)

Thank you for participating,

Valarie

BMQG Program Director

Charity Quilt Donations

Donated quilts are being provided for children (infants to 18) at the House of Ruth. The children will keep the quilts once they move away from the House of Ruth. If you have any quilts to donate, please bring them to the meeting on Sunday.

Batting is available to go with the kits and will be at all the meetings.

Amy Krebs, Charity

QuiltCon 2026

Mark your calendars! QuiltCon is returning to Raleigh, NC - February 19-22.

QuiltCon Registration is now open You can find the guide online here: <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/quiltcon/show-schedule>

We will be sending information on coordinating carpooling or shared housing in a future communication as well.

Looking Ahead

November

- Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th Quilt as you go – 7 techniques w/ Marie-Claire Charette
- Sunday, November 9th November meeting lecture Quilting as you go (QAYG) is the way to go! w/Marie-Claire Charette at Towson United Methodist Church or by zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87060038333?pwd=WwU8bdGcEMDc3My0yfl6M8JBpOKsLV.1>

December

- Sunday, December 14th Holiday party 1:30-3:30 Harford Park Community Center, 2522 Linwood Road, Parkville
- Fourth round of lottery blocks due.

January 2026

- Saturday, January 10th 10:00 – 4:30. Workshop with Margarita Koriath, Dinky Town “When paper meets fabric”
- Sunday, January 11th 1:30 – 3:30 Guild Meeting with presentation by Margarita Koriath: The Odd Couple – Paper Meets Fabric.

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Typical Meetings

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

We typically meet in Baltimore Public Library Meeting Rooms except during the summer. The Library's policy is that we can only book rooms three months in advance. As such, please continue to check our website for meeting locations in the future. We are not dedicated to a single branch but rather select locations based on availability.

To attend the meeting by Zoom, use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87060038333?pwd=WwU8bdGcEMDc3My0yfl6M8JBpOKsLV.1>

If you have a friend who you think might enjoy our guild feel free to invite them to one complimentary meeting so they can see what we're all about.

For more information about our guild and a members only page, go to our website/blog

<https://baltimoremqg.blogspot.com/>

Want to see what we're up to? Connect with us on social media!

Instagram: [@baltimoremqg](#) [#baltimoremqg](#)

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