

Raintree Quilters Guild
2022 Mystery Block Exchange
.....**Back by Popular Demand**.....

Ready for some fun, with a surprise at the end? Well the Mystery Block Exchange is for you! This is like a Round Robin, only it is blocks instead, and then when they are returned you choose how to set them into a wall hanging, quilt, table topper or whatever you like!

Here's the info:

1. **Sign up to participate in November and December.**
2. Bring a 12" F = finished (12 ½" UF = unfinished) block to the **January** meeting, along with fabric you would like used for the remaining blocks in a **small tote bag with your name and phone on it**. You should include about 3 yards of fabric and at least 6 different fabrics so your friends can be creative with colors and patterns. Also include any patterns or instructions you'd like them to consider, and either a label so your block-making friends can sign it, or a paper that they can sign so you know who worked on the blocks. At the end of the **January** meeting, we will randomly distribute the Mystery Block Exchange Kits to those who are participating.
3. In **February**, bring your new friend's Mystery Block Exchange Kit, with her new 12 ½" UF block that you created, along with some comments (or at least a signature so the owner knows who worked on her Kit) added to the Kit and pick up someone else's Kit.
4. Repeat February in **March, April, May, and June**.
5. In **July**, return your friend's Mystery Block Exchange Kit.... and your own Kit, filled with 6 new blocks you've never seen before will be returned to you!

Questions?

1. What if I want to participate but can't come to meetings right now, or what if I have to miss a meeting? That's ok – just contact a friend that you know is going to the meeting and have them pick up/drop off, or contact Christy Miller or Donna Fischer and we will help you with arrangements.
2. What if I am a beginner and I don't think my work is as good as some other members – should I participate? Yes! This is an ideal way to learn from others and practice/improve your skills!
3. What if I get stuck and don't know what to do for someone's "theme", or if I need ideas for a block? It is okay to consult with others for ideas/help, just don't consult the Kit's owner. Also, there are quilt block searches you can do on the internet for ideas, and some participants will put suggestions in their bag.
4. I participated in the first Mystery Block Exchange. Can I just send my bag around for more blocks? YES!!
5. Can I use a center block bigger than the 12 ½" UF? Yes, but know you will have to do sashing or other small blocks to make it all work in the end.

Hope you will join us for some fun! Doing a 12 1/2" UF block is as simple or as complicated, or as time consuming as you make it. So, if you feel pressed for time, do a simple block and join in!