

2024 BITS ROUND ROBIN GAME

● **Timing of game:**

- January & February - sign ups
- March - meet with nest & bring your center block (aprox. 12-16") to exchange
- April - 1st pass
- May - 2nd pass
- June - 3rd pass
- July - skip
- August - 4th pass
- September - Reveal pieced tops to nest
- November - Reveal finished quilts to guild (if desired)

● **Set Up:** 'Nests' of 4-5 'Robins' with one 'Mama bird' depending on how many participants.

- Mama will set the exchange order. You will pass to the same person each month.
- Please give your bag to your Mama if you'll be absent during a pass so the bag moves on.
- Keep your work secret from the recipient so it's a good surprise.
- Bring the exchange bag you are working on to the meetings each month for the next round.
Yes, this might be challenging at first to play the game every month but you can do it!

● **Begin:** Each 'Robin' will make their starting block and also include in their (non-transparent) bag:

- Their name and email
- Type of fabric they do want, or don't want - holiday, juvenile, solids, batiks, whatever...
- Inspiration notes + a small notebook for your 'nesties' to sign in & make notes for you.
- Color preferences - what you like and what you do not like (ie, Please, no Pink!)
- Vibe - explain carefully since people want you to like their work, ie, Traditional, Modern, etc
- Shape - square, rectangle (table runner?), circle (people might try), etc.

● **Passing:** Each 'Robin' will add to every quilt top in their 'Nest' group:

- Increase overall quilt size by at least 3" per round. May add to 1, 2, 3 or all 4 sides depending what you and your nest prefer.
- Your finished top could vary from maybe 24x24" to 44x44" - wallhanging to lap.
- Please use 'Quilt Shop' quality fabrics.

● **Goals...**

- To have fun and meet some new members!
- To try new techniques and maybe colors that aren't your favorites.
- To practice playing as you create something that someone else will like; maybe precise piecing or improv or curved or wonky or...

For **Round Robin** questions or to sign up - Nancy Sinise - nsinise@gmail.com

Some possible answers to questions...

- A Round Robin might be a fat bird, but in quilting it is an activity where everyone in a small group of 4-5 friends make their own beginning 'block' to start. (They do not get to see their block again until the end of the game.) The bag with the block is then passed to the next person, which is Round #1, who sews a border on/around it before passing to the Round #2 person, etc, until each person in the group has added to everyone else's beginning block. Then there is a 'reveal' where everyone gets to see what everyone else did to the beginning blocks and ooo and aah at them.
- Then you have an extra month to quilt or add more borders if you decide, so your masterpiece would be ready for a reveal to everyone at the November guild meeting. It does not really have to be finished but we're hoping.
- Our beginning blocks are to be approximately 12" to 16" but no one will be measuring.
- Yes, we want to make this fun and easier, so you don't have to make 4 borders all around if you don't have time or artistically don't want to do that. You may want to make things asymmetrical, or wider or taller. You just need to put on at least one border but your round does need to add at least 3" width plus some seam allowance. If you don't have time to make 4 sides, maybe make 3 or 2 or just 1.
- Of course you can ask other friends for advise or suggestions; please just not the owner of the center block. We want that surprise to be fun!
- Please do put a small notebook or papers in the bag with your center block. Not only for your name and other information, such as your preferred color, fabric and vibe preferences, but also because you will want them to write their name, their inspiration maybe and what they added. You might want to put all their names on your label so you remember.
- Vibe... Everyone will be divided into their small groups (Nests!) as close as we can by your vibe. We hope to put similar vibes together, I.e., modern, contemporary, traditional, holiday, etc. so everyone enjoys the fun. Be as descriptive as possible please!