

BLUE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD PIZZA BOX ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE 2025

The Executive welcome guild members to participate in a group sewing project where each team member provides a center block and the other team members sequentially add borders to build a finished quilt top for you. You will not see your own quilt again until the final border is completed and given back to you on the specified reveal day.

1. The Round Robin project is optional. Consider your availability to commit to the schedule for the duration of the project.
2. Registration will be open until Friday, December 13, 2024. On that date teams of 6 members will be randomly collated.
3. You will receive your team list along with the sequence of exchanges between team members.
4. There will be a defined schedule for each stage of adding a round / border along with the exchange due date.
5. The empty (and clean) Pizza Box labeled with your name will be handed out at the January 3, 2025 General meeting.
6. Each person starts by making the center block of their choice to **exactly 12.5 inches unfinished**. The block may be turned on point so best to choose a non-directional block design.
7. What goes in your Pizza Box?
 - Your block
 - Fabric: You have the option to provide fabric for each sewer. You may include some of the fabric you have used in your block to unify the work in future rounds. This could be some background fabric or a feature fabric. The sewers that work on your quilt may use the fabric that you include or add their own fabric choices. The sewer has the final choice.
 - A journal may be helpful: Take a moment to write an introductory note to share your hopes for the quilt including preferred colours and cautions on colours, theme and design. Share what styles of fabrics and quilts you like. Your team members can add notes as they work on your quilt.
8. Your complete Pizza Box kit with center block, fabrics and notes must be ready for the first exchange at the February 7, 2025 General meeting.
9. At the February meeting you are responsible to pass your kit to your listed Round 2 person. You will receive a pizza box kit from the listed team member assigned to pass to you.
10. You are responsible to ensure the next round team member receives the pizza box kit for each exchange during the project. If you are unable to attend the listed General meeting please make arrangements with your team mates to ensure the exchanges occur in a timely manner. Good Team Communications are vital.
11. Project Goals
 - Ensure that the center block sewer does not see the quilt until the final border is added and the October reveal exchange is completed.
 - Have all of the Pizza Box Challenge quilts in a special display at the next quilt show
12. Instructions for each round will be posted on the Guild website as the project progresses.
13. If the chosen border theme or fabric choice is not aesthetic you may want to insert a narrow “floater” strip of fabric (1-1.5 inches) between the borders to calm the transition between borders or to facilitate the math to suitably fit the round / border elements.
14. You are free to ask for guidance /suggestions from anyone on your team except for the center block sewer.
 - Bonnie Rozander and Debbie Miller are available to mentor all participants.
15. For further information on the project please contact: Joanne Nelson.

2025 Due Dates	Exchange	Sew
January 3	Receive empty pizza box	Center 12.5 inch block (unfinished)
February 7	#1	First Round border
March 7	#2	Second Round border
April 25	#3	Third Round Border
June 6	#4	Fourth Round Border
September 5	#5	Fifth Round border
October 3 – the big reveal	Return Pizza Box with finished top to the center block sewer at the General meeting for the Show’n’Tell segment of the meeting.	

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Common Sense Considerations:

1. Use good quality 100% quilting cotton.
2. To ensure uniformity, limit variable shrinkage and avoid colour runs across each quilt we ask that all fabrics be pre-washed. As this step is out of our control we also encourage each participant to use colour catchers when their quilt is returned to them.
3. Sew with care. Do your best to make the workmanship as precise as possible. Watch for matching points and corners and be consistent with ¼" seams.
4. Be considerate of colour or fabric family to enhance the center block. Example: a center block of liberty cottons will likely not go well with a bold fluorescent tula pink fabric.