



Strip of the Month (SOM) Program for 2019-2020

May ~ Assembly of Strips

It sure has been fun being “strippers” this year, but what do we do now? You may have nine (give or take) strips of Seminole patterns, and you are wondering what to do with them. Or you may only have a few completed. You might make them into a lap quilt, a table runner, placemats, bags or decorate clothing. The choice is yours.

Lap Quilt or Wall Hanging

If you decide to make a quilt there are a few things you need to consider. You are going to need to have a design wall of some sort. (Lois went to Restore and bought a partial sheet of rigid insulation that works really well).

Overview of Creating – You want to create a visual balance of size of patterns, of colour and contrast. You will want to add neutral strips that will make your project visually appealing. Don't be in a hurry to complete it. Be prepared to step back from your design wall, and make adjustments, and see what effect those changes make.

Steps in Creating - Place your large scale and predominate strips on your design wall leaving lots of space between them. In those spaces place your smaller scale bands on your design wall, again leave space between them.

Step back from your display. Be prepared to experiment with different placement.



Ask yourself :

- Do I need to create a neutral band between the strips to allow the eye to rest?
- Do I need a band that would emphasize a colour that is within another strip?
- Should the neutral band colour be a high (or low) contrast strip?
- Which of those bands should be narrow, wide, varied in size, a printed material or plain?
- Would it work if I had 2 or 3 neutral bands together?
- Do any of the SOM strips look as if they are floating and need to be grounded?
- Are there any SOM strips that “just don’t belong” and would be better in a placemat?
- Do you wish you had made one, or more, of your SOMs in a different fabric
- When you went online did you see another patterned strip that would fit in this quilt.

Now is the time to step back, look at your project and experiment with the placement.

Assembly – When you are satisfied, but before you sew the bands together, consider how you want to finish it. Are you planning a border etc. We have found that the “Quilt As You Go” approach works well for these strips. Sew 2 or 3 strip sets together. Then sew another 2 or 3 sets together and continue until all strips are part of a set. The width of each set is determined by the width of the throat of your sewing machine, and how you want to quilt it. You can also add borders using this approach.

There are several ways to do the Quilt as You Go approach. We recommend you explore these various approaches and find one that works for you (Lot’s of videos on Pinterest and You Tube). We are not experts on the various ways to accomplish this part of the task.

You now have a unique quilt – Enjoy



Other Great Uses for Your Strips? See the Next Page.

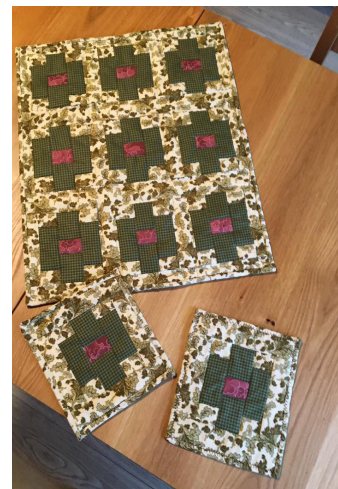
Seminole patchwork was originally used for decorating clothing and other items. Pillow, bags, and strips here and there. Your imagination is the limit!



Below is a “market bag” pattern that was introduced by our Vice Presidents on President’s Day back in Ferary and is available on the Guild website. Lorrie used some small leftover strips to decorate the pockets.



Create some placemats, pot holders or table runners.



And Last, But Not Least....

A big thank you for all your participation and interest in our SOM program. Your excitement kept us going and has encouraged us to carry on with a new “Of the Month” Program for next year...Stay Tuned.....Lois and Lorrie