

Grand Quilt Guild Challenge of the Month

January 2023 Challenge

The Fat Quarter Frenzy



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What is a Fat Quarter?

- A Jewel
- A Treasure
- A Little Piece of Fun and Inspiration
- A Quilter's Candy Bag (Just Like a Birthday Party Bag)
- A little sewing challenge when you have only a small amount of time to sew
- Seriously, all of the above, but actually a piece of fabric 18" wide by about 22 inches (half the WOF).
- Bonus – A Canadian Fat Quarter is slightly larger because of meters vs. yards.
It is about 20" x 22"



What is So Special about Them?

- They are irresistible in a fabric shop,
- They come in sets of coordinating fabrics that take out the guess work of choosing,
- We can afford a few when we absolutely love the fabric collection but have no idea what to use it for. We will save it for a future project,
- Some of us collect them in blending colours because we never know when we might need one,
- And some of us collect them, because we can't resist them, especially if they are on sale!

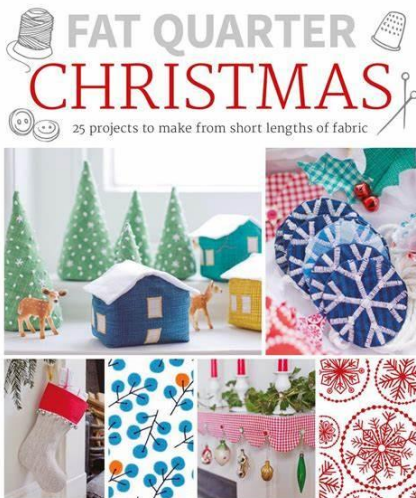
Here is a picture of my current stash of fat quarters (and there are more that don't fit on these two hanging racks lol)



What Can We Make With Them

Just check the ideas below from Pinterest* and you will be overwhelmed at the books and patterns available (lots are free):

Drawstring bags for shoes, gifts, craft supplies, children's toys for the car, baby bibs, placements, table runners, fabric baskets, cosmetic bags and other bags with zippers, Shoe bags, gift bags, tote bags and purses, applique and aprons, almost anything you can think of.



Here is the Challenge:

- Use **no more than 2 fat quarters** in your project. (For simplicity we are restricting this challenge to 2 fat quarters, but of course you can add many more to make a larger piece).
- Each challenge should include some quilting, however minor
- Additional notions such as batting, interfacing, cords, buttons, zippers and embellishments are allowed.
- Please remember to send a picture of your completed challenge to Judy Eckhardt before the February meeting so your name can be included in the draw! The Draw for this Challenge will happen at our next in person meeting, in March.



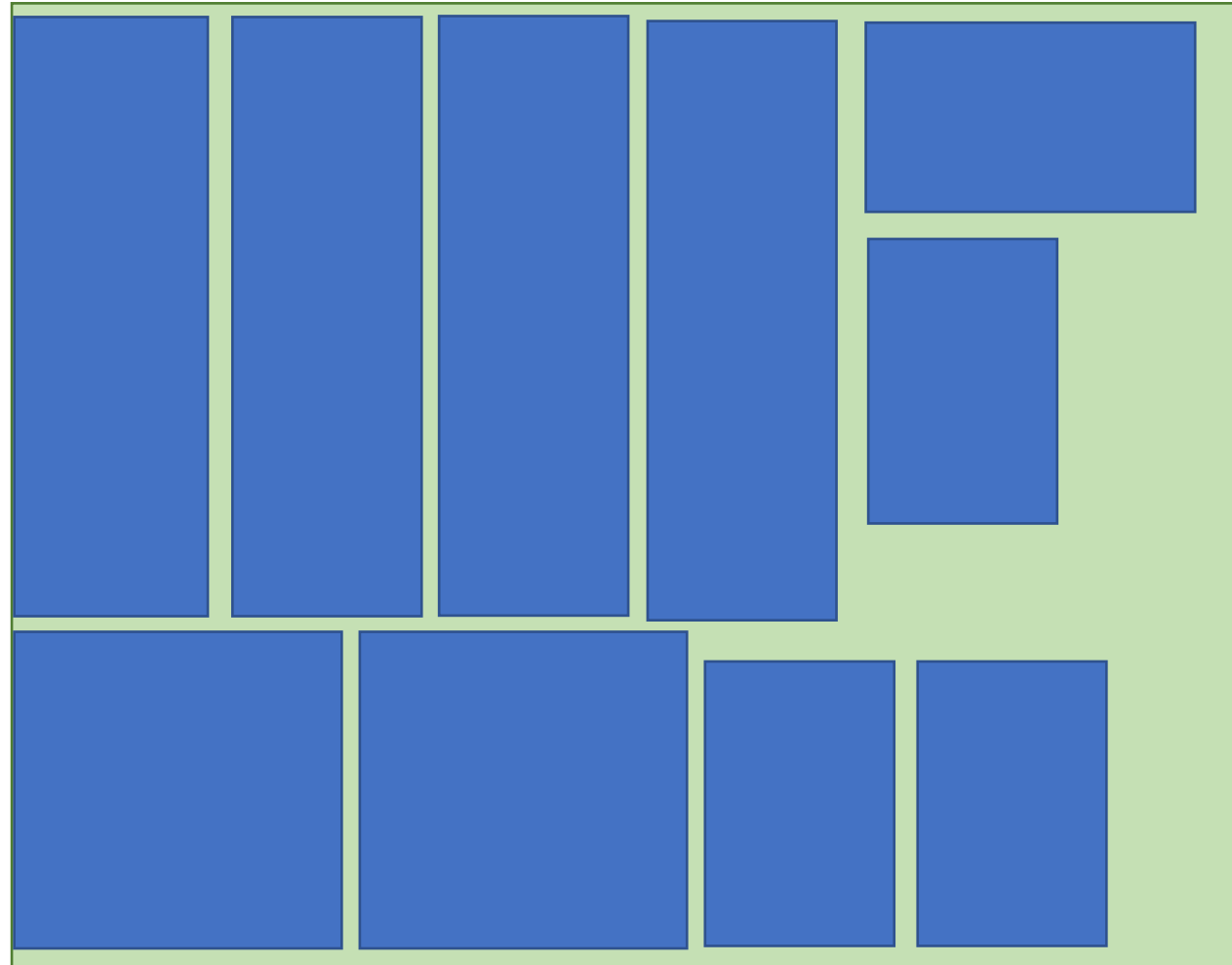
Here is a picture of one of my favourite fat quarter projects – The Double Drawstring Bag. I make these all the time with my grandkids and anyone who wants to learn to sew.





My Version of the Challenge

- For this table runner I used two fat quarters, and cut each one into the sizes listed at right.



2 squares 6.5 x 6.5 inches

4 rectangles 3.5 x 6.5 inches

4 rectangles 3.5 x 12.5 inches

Now alternate the fabrics to create the blocks at left, that finish at 12 inches.

Resources

[Fat Quarter Projects \(11 FREE fat quarter pattern ideas\)](#)
[\(sewmeyourstitches.com\)](#)

[25 Fat Quarter Projects – easy things to make with fat quarters](#)
[| Gathered](#)

[What is a Fat Quarter vs. a Quarter Yard of Fabric? | NQC |](#)
[National Quilters Circle](#)

[How To Cut Fabric \(using a fat quarter diagram\) - Video Tutorial](#)
[- Southern Charm Quilts](#)

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