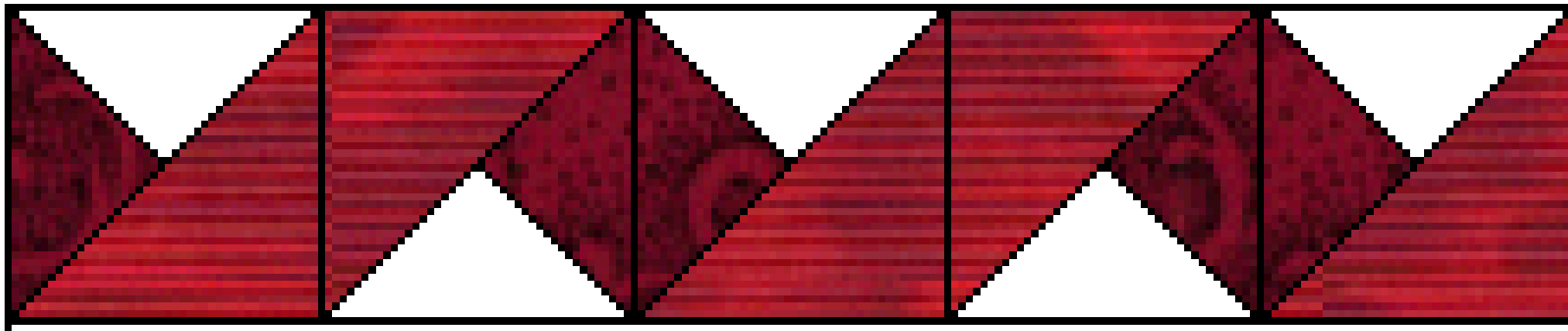




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Border of the Month

Curling or Twisted Ribbon



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This month we are looking at how a pieced quilt block can be made on a smaller scale to create a border.

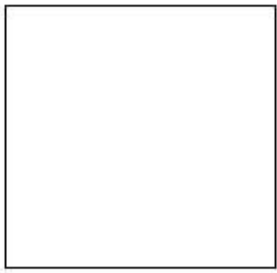
I chose the Curling or Twisted Ribbon block as I enjoyed making this baby quilt, found it easy to piece and liked the way the colours contrasted as they twisted. This example at right is a two colour ribbon block with three columns per ribbon. This border turned out to be wider than I had anticipated, and could be made smaller using 4" squares, but that would mean more piecing. Not my forte.

On the previous page and further along in this presentation there are examples of two columns or more.

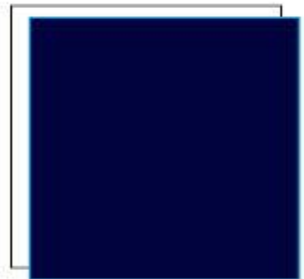


Cutting, Sewing and Slicing Instructions

The method I used was sewing two squares together around the outside and then slicing them in an X to create half square triangles.

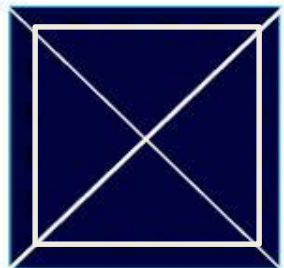


Start with an equal number of squares, 5 inches x 5 inches, in two contrasting colours. In this example I used 24 squares (12 of each colour) and ended up with the 48 half square triangles and the final measurements on page 5.



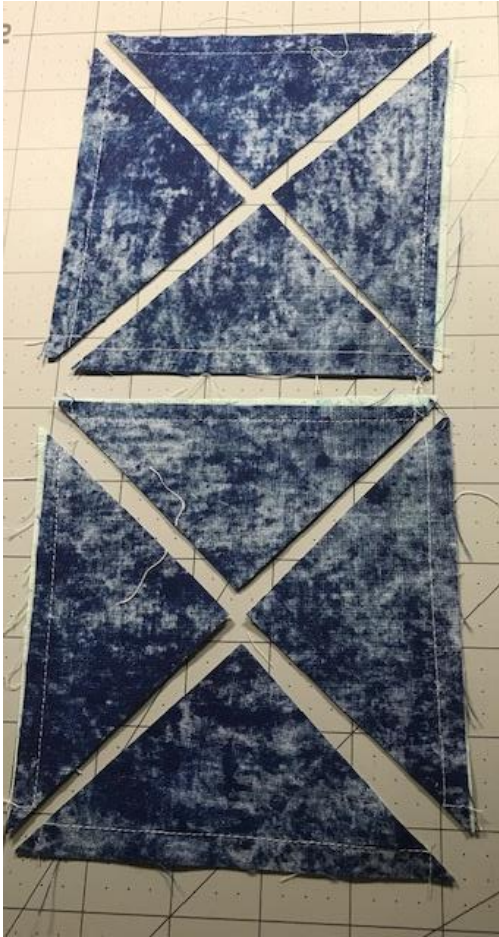
Place them on top of each other, rights sides together with even sides. Pin.

Sew all around the outside edge with a 1/4 inch seam. Slice on the diagonals (Letter X) from corner to corner.

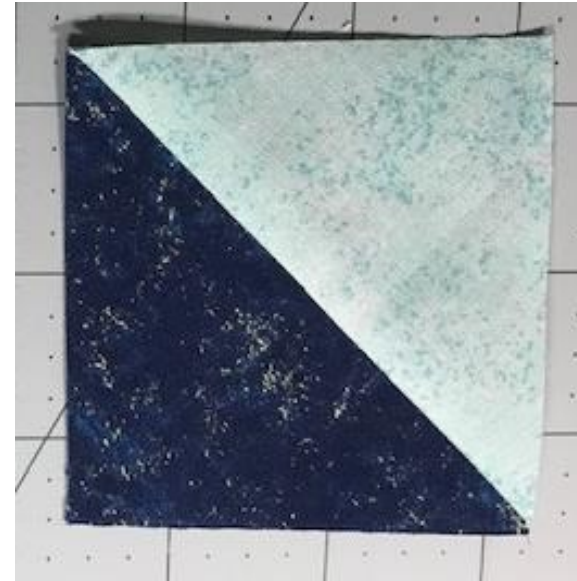
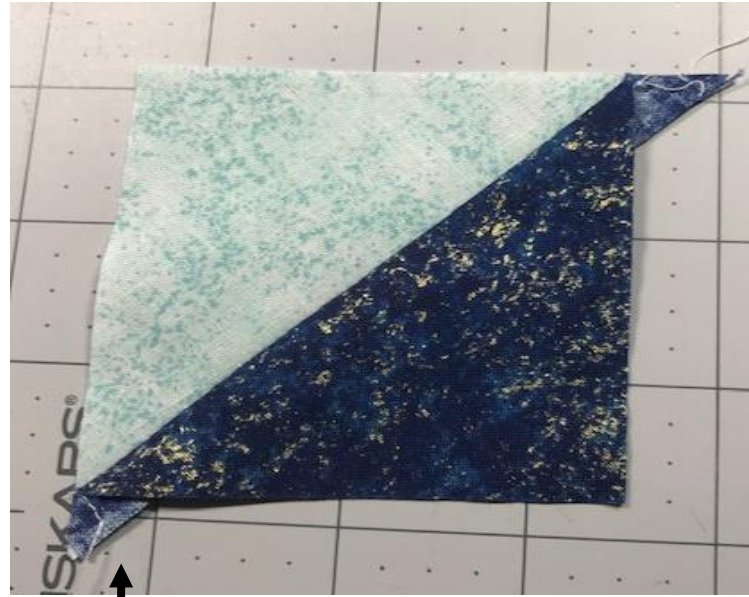


Cutting, Sewing and Slicing Instructions

Two-Colour Ribbon



Open and press. You will have 4 half square triangles from each square, as below. Trim the “dog ears”.



These pictures are the same as the previous page, but show the fabric I am working with.

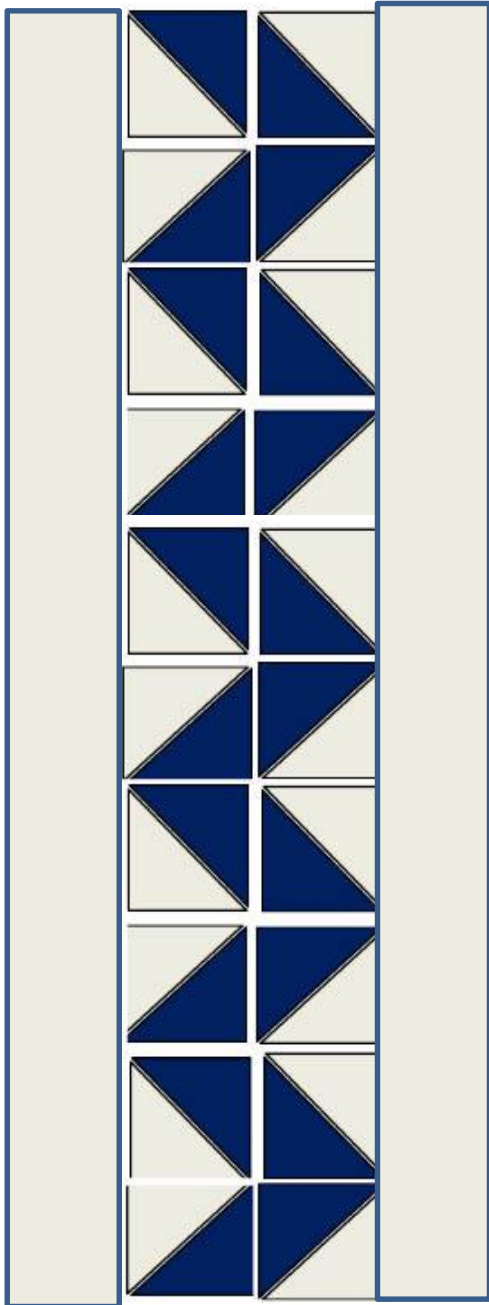


Assembling the Blocks

Layout your blocks in the following pattern with three columns, creating the ribbon effect. Try to nest the seams when sewing. You might want to add a coping strip on either side to separate the ribbon itself from the adjoining piece and binding.

Using these instructions my finished border is about 8 inches wide and 44 inches long.....Add more HSTs to get the length of border you need for your project.





Two Column Ribbon (or Zig Zag)

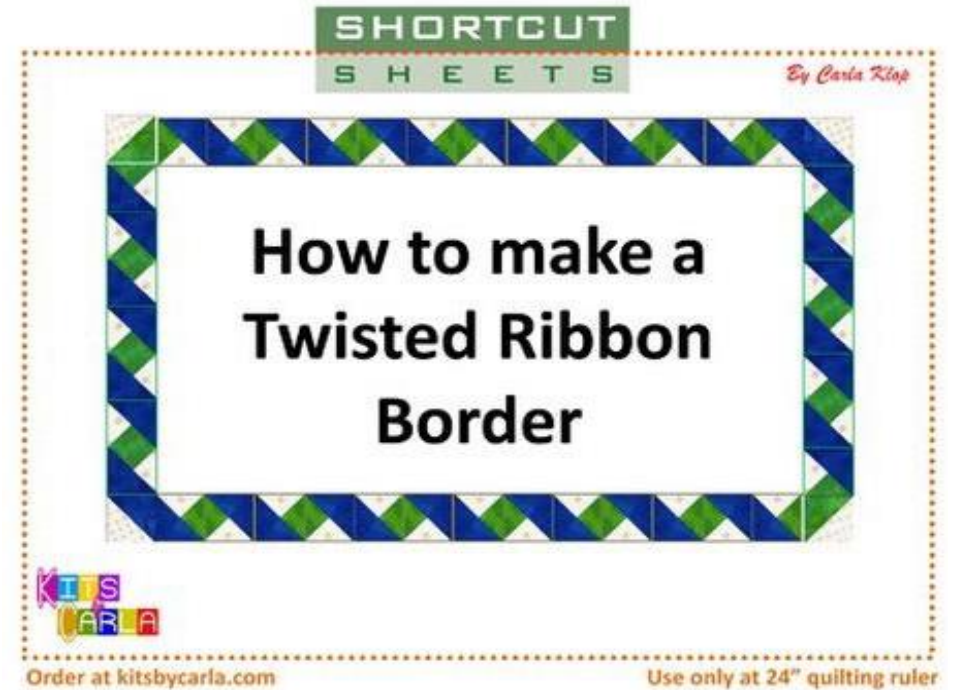
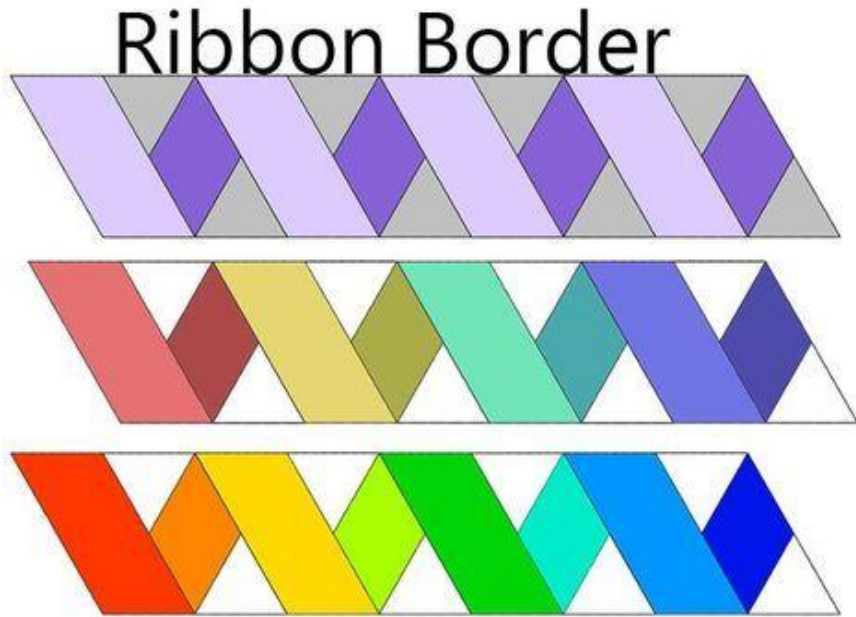
Layout your blocks in the following pattern, creating the ribbon effect. You might want to add a coping strip on either side to separate the ribbon itself from the adjoining piece and binding.

Change it up by using more than two colours. Use the same amount of white squares, but use two different blues when you sew them together.



Examples of Variations on the Ribbon Pattern

There are many, many examples on Pinterest and You Tube of curving or twisted ribbon patterns, and numerous published books showing variations with two, three or more colours, and different patterns of assembly. Be creative!



This free quilt pattern from Mini Happy Quilting is the "Ribbon Border".

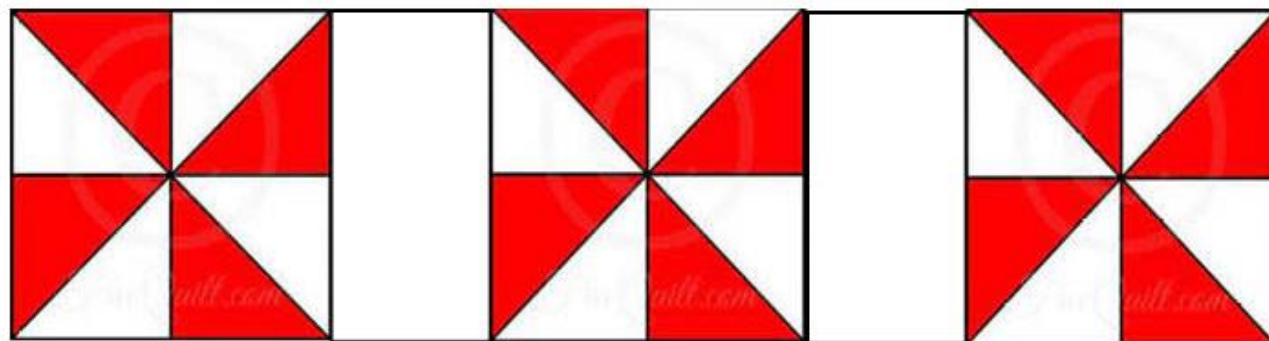
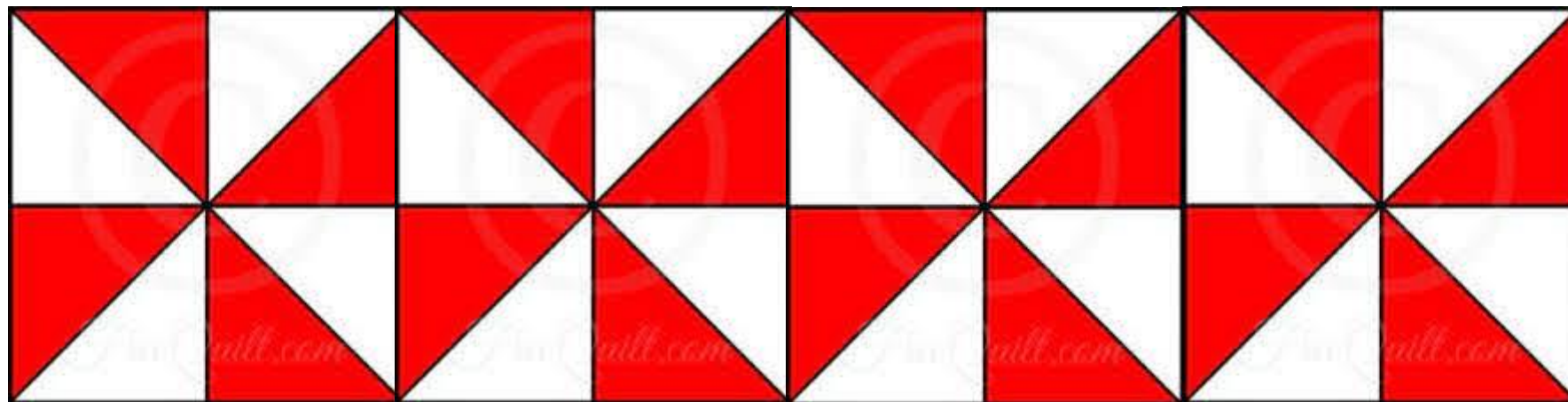
<https://www.isewfree.com/free-quilt-pattern-ribbon-border/>

Photo by Kits by Carla on youtube

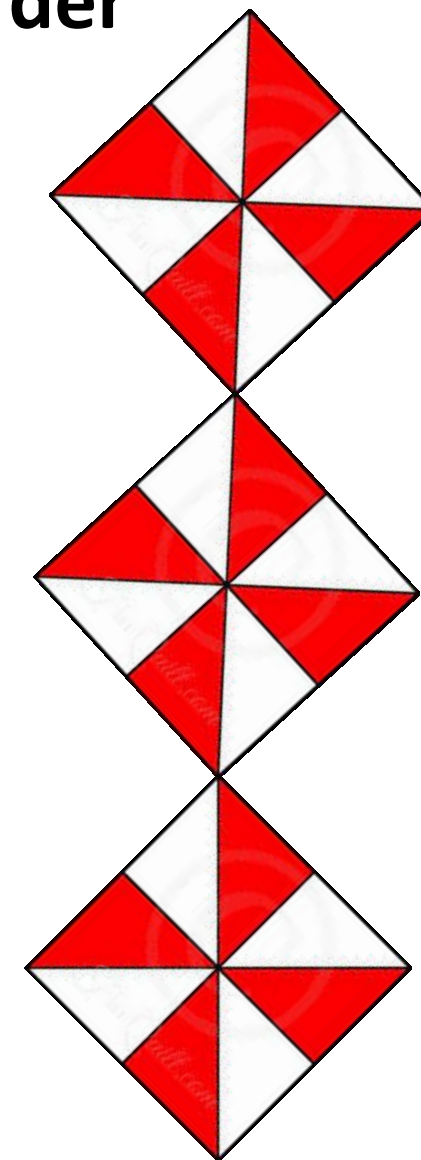
This Twisted Ribbon Border Video is on You Tube



Other Examples of Pieced Blocks that Work Well as a Border

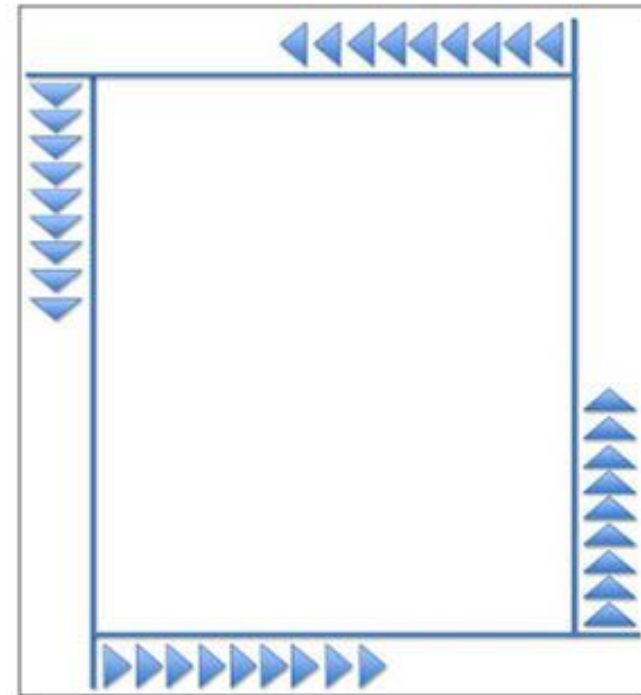
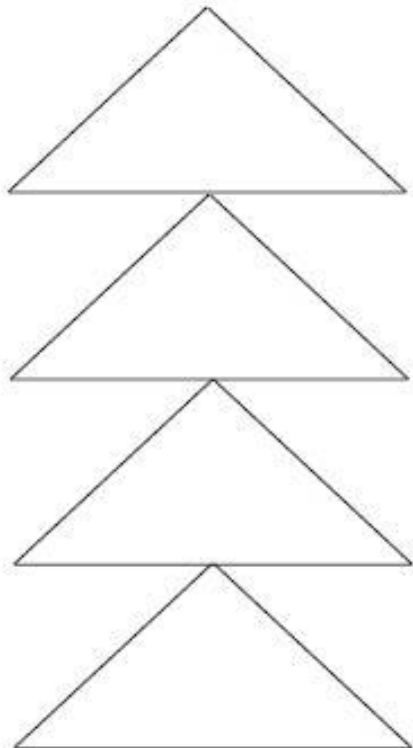


Pinwheels can make effective borders in a wide variety of patterns and sizes.



Other Examples of Pieced Blocks that Work Well as a Border

Flying Geese Blocks can be made smaller to create a border. If you enjoy small piecing work, or have a stash of small precuts to use up, this could be the answer.



Above is an example of what you could do with the Flying Geese Block, on a smaller scale to create a border. I found this example on Pinterest and am giving full credit here:

Quilt Name: Flying Geese for Beatrice
Quilt Artist: Robin Tilsworth
Posted on: quiltmattersblogspot.com,
Michele-Renee Charbonneau





We Want to See Your Borders

Please consider showing us your borders, even if not complete and not yet attached to any project. Have them handy for Show and Tell at the monthly Quilt Guild meeting in January.

We are missing the excitement of last year, when we could display our Seminole strips and be inspired by the range of colour choices.

I can start us off this month – and will show you the corner of my work in progress.

I challenge you to join me!

