

Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild Mini Quilt Challenges

This document summarizes challenges that the Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild (my guild) ran in 2016/2017. The response was great—many members happily tried each of the challenges and learned a lot.

Feel free to use this material as is or modify to meet your needs.

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Modern Quilt Guild Mini Quilt Challenge #1

THEME: Modern Traditionalism.

We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful mini-quilts that our members will be making and we hope that everybody will join in! Our Guild Challenges are designed to give us a chance to explore and experiment with the principles of modern quilt design.

DIRECTIONS: Take a traditional quilt block and reinvent and alter it to make it modern.

MINI QUILT SIZE: No side can be larger than 24 inches. Your quilt must be designed, pieced and quilted entirely by you.

PALETTE AND FABRIC: Your fabric must be a solid—pure solid! The color palette for this challenge is up to you but keep it modern.

QUILTING: Use a contemporary approach to quilting your mini. However, it does **not** have to be straight line quilting—there are many options available. See our Guild website for more resources.

GETTING HELP: If you need help with your project, feel free to bring your in-progress work to any meeting and grab a couple members before or after the meeting for a ‘private consult’. (But, it would be really cool to see all the completed projects as a surprise reveal at the due date meeting.)

DUE DATE: Completed projects are due for Show and Tell at our **[insert date]** Meeting or the first meeting you attend after that date. Projects must be pieced, quilted and bound.

Modern Quilt Guild Mini Quilt Challenge #2

THEME: Use of Negative Space

We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful mini-quilts that our members will be making and we hope that everybody will join in! Our Guild Challenges are designed to give us a chance to explore and experiment with the principles of modern quilt design.

DIRECTIONS: Create a mini quilt that emphasizes negative space. As a general rule of thumb, negative space should cover at least 40% (or more) of the top.

SIZE: No side can be longer than 24 inches. Your quilt must be designed, pieced and quilted entirely by you.

PALETTE AND FABRIC: The color palette for this challenge is Black, White and one Pop of Color. You can use any prints or solids. Pop of Color should be less than 10% (approximately).

QUILTING: Use a contemporary approach to quilting your mini. However, it does **not** have to be straight line quilting—there are many options available. See our Guild website for more resources.

GETTING HELP: If you need help with your project, feel free to bring your in-progress work to any meeting and grab a couple members before or after the meeting for a ‘private consult’. (But, it would be really cool to see all the completed projects as a surprise reveal at the due date meeting.)

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Modern Quilt Guild Mini Quilt Challenge #3 –

THEME: Inspired by the Modern Quilt Guild Monthly Pattern.

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DIRECTIONS: Select one of the MQG Monthly Patterns and use it ‘as is’ or interpret and customize your own design inspired by the pattern. Patterns can be downloaded from www.themodernquiltguild.com. **Log in** with your MQG membership information, go to Education tab, scroll down to Resources tab & click, and you will see the Monthly Patterns listed there.

SIZE: No side can be longer than 24 inches. Your quilt must be designed, pieced and quilted entirely by you.

PALETTE AND FABRIC: The fabric choices and color palette for this challenge are up to you but keep it modern.

QUILTING: Use a contemporary approach to quilting your mini. However, it does **not** have to be straight line quilting—there are many options available. See our Guild website for more resources.

GETTING HELP: If you need help with your project, feel free to bring your in-progress work to any meeting and grab a couple members before or after the meeting for a ‘private consult’. (But, it would be really cool to see all the completed projects as a surprise reveal at the due date meeting.)

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Modern Quilt Guild Mini Quilt Challenge #4

IMPORTANT NOTE: This challenge requires preparation by one or more members before launching it with the Guild.

Preparation—Challenge leaders/team select one simple pattern for the miniquilt. [We selected an arrow block but you could use a large star block or any other fairly easy to piece pattern. Also, if many people sign up, you could select 2 different patterns for more variety.] Prepare kits with the pattern and the needed fabrics for the top so that all the quilts look the same. This is important because the emphasis is on how one quilt can look very different with different choices of quilting design.

THEME: Modern Quilting—Exploring Alternatives.

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DIRECTIONS: Each member is given a kit with the pattern for a miniquilt and all the fabrics for the top. Members supply their own batting and backing. Challenge is to piece the top and then quilt using a modern approach to the quilting design to achieve a modern look. Hand or machine quilting (or both) can be used.

SIZE: No side can be longer than 24 inches. Your quilt must be designed, pieced and quilted entirely by you.

PALETTE AND FABRIC: Provided in your kit.

QUILTING: Use a contemporary approach to quilting your mini. However, it does **not** have to be straight line quilting—there are many options available.

GETTING HELP: If you need help with your project, feel free to bring your in-progress work to any meeting and grab a couple members before or after the meeting for a ‘private consult’. (But, it would be really cool to see all the completed projects as a surprise reveal at the due date meeting.)

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