

## Skill Building Workshop

We are going to be making a set of four 12" x 18" placemats. These placemats will be made using twenty-four 3-inch (finished) half square triangle blocks arranged 6 by 4. We will have some examples of arrangements but let your imagination be your guide on how you want to place the blocks. It will be fun to see the variety of patterns used.

Our workshop is planned for the new quilter and the experienced quilter. Please see the details below. Our advanced quilters are encouraged to help mentor other members during the workshop.

Material requirements - Fabric A - 2 yards, Fabric B - 5/8 yard. Fabric A will be used for Backing, binding, corner hanging sleeves (optional) and half square triangles. Fabric B will be used for half square triangles. Four pieces of batting 13"x19" each.

**Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Overview of the Placemat project and skill building. Discussion and guidance on sewing machine requirements for Free Motion quilting (feet and feed dogs)

**Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>** – All about fabric, batting, rotary cutters, cutting, rulers and how to make small quilt sandwiches for practicing. Bring your Placemat fabric to this meeting if you would like help cutting out the pieces for your project.

**Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup>** – All about half square triangles. Bring your cut fabric to this meeting if you would like help making half square triangles and squaring up the squares. We will also piece together the tops for our Placemats.

**Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Community Center from 9:00am -3:00pm. Free Motion quilting workshop. There will be demonstrations and assistance as you learn how to do this on your own machine. Bring your machines, practice quilt sandwiches and supplies to make your Placemats.

**Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>** – All about Binding and hanging sleeves.

**Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Demonstration and assistance with making binding strips, attaching the binding to your quilt top (Placemats), joining the binding ends together and finishing the quilt (Placemats). We will also go over hanging sleeves.

**\*\*as an alternative to Fabric A and Fabric B, you can use scraps from your stash. Each placemat requires one 14"x20" piece for backing, one 13"x19" piece of batting, two 2 1/4" strips WOF for binding and twenty-six 4" squares for half square triangles and the two corner hanging sleeves.**