This year's challenge is a MYSTERY QUILT.

It's fairly simple, scrappy, and a great project for those of us self-quarantining. It can be any size you want it to be, but directions are for a quilt of 20 - 12" blocks, with finished size 74"x86".

** Completion date is November meeting date, so we are suggesting you use fall colors for the main color scheme.

For 20 blocks you will need:

- 40 5" squares of print fabrics in autumn colors
- 40 5" squares white tone-on-tone, off-white or cream fabric
- 10 5" squares black, or other very dark fabric
- 40 7" squares of tone-on-tone fabrics coord. with your 5" square autumn color print fabrics (Save for later)

From the 5" squares make:

- 10 9-patch blocks using 4 5" color print fabrics on outside corners,
- 1 5" dark (black) fabric in center and
- 4 5" white or tone-on-tone in remaining spots.

Press nine patches and square to 14".

**NOTE: Whatever size top you decide to make the number of color print and white, off-white or cream cut pieces should be double the number of finished blocks you are going to make. For example, for our 20-block quilt we are using 40 - 5" and 7" squares of autumn print and white tone-on-tone fabric.

For a quilt of 12 blocks (lap size) you would need 24 - 5" and 7" squares,

for a quilt of 48 blocks, you would need 96 - 5" and 7" squares, and so on.

For the dark (black) center fabric you will only need 1/2 the total number of squares,

6 for a 12 block quilt (lap size) 10 for a 20-block quilt, 24 for a 48-block quilt, etc.

That's it. Hope you will think about joining our challenge. Be sure to look for the next clue in our July newsletter.

Challenge Team