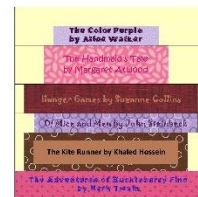
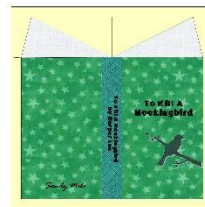


Carolyn Erratt's President's Quilt 2025-2026



It's that time of year again. Time to show our appreciation for our generous, creative, book-loving president, Carolyn! In appreciation for this year of leadership and as is our tradition, we would like to present her with a quilt at the February 2026 meeting.

Betsy and I have come up with a wonderful idea for our guild this year! We would like to make a bookshelf quilt for Carolyn; she loves reading books! You can make a block representing your favorite book. Or, create a book spine/cover for one she would like. Or, make both! She loves great literature, modern fiction, quilting books, and many other books. She has a special appreciation for banned books. I designed a few blocks as a starting point. I created them as paper pieced blocks. Or, feel free to design your own block (pieced, appliqué, etc)! **Guidelines:**

- Block should finish at 10" or 12" tall. This means that you will turn in a block that is either 10 ½" or 12 ½" tall (to allow for seam allowances). You can determine the width (up to 12" finished/ 12 ½" unfinished). You can even feel free to make a single book spine (just a rectangle! It should be less than the maximum size block height)!
- You can make a cover for an actual book that you love or make up a title.
- Use the background fabric I supply (so the back of our bookcase looks consistent!).
- Make sure to sign your block on the book somewhere, **not** in the background fabric (so she knows who made it!).
- If you want to add something extra on top of a stack of books or next to some vertical book spines or in front of the books, feel free to add something (examples could be a vase with flower(s), quilt block in a frame, a clock, some other knick knack or tchotchke).
- Let your imagination run wild for book covers (if you choose to make a block with a book cover). You can design your own cover with the name of the book and maybe a picture or something. If you need ideas, you can search the internet.

I understand that paper piecing may be a challenge for some. If members are interested, I can offer a (free) class on a weekend day in September or October or do a demo before our October or November meeting; please let me know if this interests you. In any case, I am available to answer any questions. Or, as stated above, design your own block(s)! The book spines are pretty easy to do without paper piecing!

I will hand out the instructions (including a limited number of printed paper piecing patterns) and fabric at our Sept, Oct, and Nov general meetings. I will also post the paper piecing patterns on a "secret" website (see QR Code or look for an email with the link coming up). Blocks are **due** back at the **November or December guild meeting**. The top will need to go to the quilter in December in order to be presented at the February guild meeting.



Please help us give a big thank you to Carolyn by accepting the challenge and creating a block or two for her Presidential Quilt.

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