

Patch Work Quilt Installation
Extension Association of New Mexico – October 2016
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Supplies needed:

Pictures of quilt blocks

Tape or some type of adhesive

Board or surface to post blocks on

Paper binding

Quilting was a very popular early American social pastime for women. Women gathered around a quilting frame and to quilt during quilting bees. Annual town fairs generally included a quilting prize to award excellence in quilting. Handmade quilts were a very common wedding gift for young couples, and were often mentioned specifically in wills due to their sentimental significance. It was not uncommon, in early American culture, for quilts to reflect the mosaic of a woman's life. These quilts often included swatches of material from memorable events, such as pieces of a wedding gown or a child's baptismal garment. Extension Homemakers often learned their lessons while quilting.

Quilts were even used as a code for Underground Railroad. Quilts were hung on the clotheslines to signal a house was safe for runaway slaves. Different styles of quilts had different meanings or gave directions.

A patch work quilt, originally, was to make full use of left-over scraps of fabric. This was an economical quilt made for warmth. Blocks were initially created individually, accumulated over time, making use of scrap and salvaged material. Geometric designs were the most efficient way to aggregate fabric into useful units.

Quilts are still popular today, with many choices of fabrics and designs to choose from. Many groups prepare beautiful quilts for raffle or auction. The Extension Association of New Mexico is like a quilt made up of many wonderful projects bound together with a common mission to help our families and communities.

The installation of new officers provides a time to reflect upon the accomplishments of our previous leaders and look forward to the new ideas and inspirations of our new leaders. It is the job of our newly elected officers to create their own block to honor the organization in its patch work block quilt.

Newly elected officers, the membership has shown their faith and confidence in your ability and have chosen you to give leadership to our work in the upcoming year. Your willingness to serve and discharge your duties to the best of your knowledge and ability is the first step towards making your term successful. To help you build our 2016 quilt we are providing you with a block to place upon our backing.



The North Star Square symbolizes the President. The North Star a guiding light. The president's job is to guide the organization, ensuring that it is operating at its full potential. _____ do you pledge yourself to provide guidance, service, inspiration and leadership as president of the Extension Association of New Mexico?

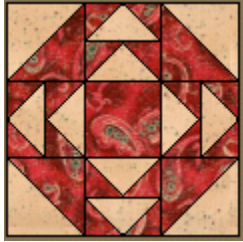


The Four Points block is for our four District Presidents.

_____ you are responsible for communication between the board and the members in your district. You need to let the board know of the desires of the district and to share information from the Board of Directors with the members in your districts and keep them on point as you encourage them to be involved in state projects. Do you pledge to work to keep the clubs in your district informed?

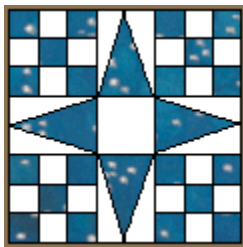


The life behind the existence of the Extension Association is educational programming and volunteering. The Vice President of our organization directs these programs. This tree of life quilt block represents the Vice President and how you hold our organization together with quality programs and projects. _____ do you pledge to fulfill your responsibilities as the EANM Vice President?



This unique Cups and Saucers block is for the District Vice Presidents. _____

_____ Their job is not glamorous. They support the district president, just as the saucer supports the cup. Likewise, the District Vice Presidents provide the means to join together the organization for common goals and objectives through programming and supporting the state vice president. Do you promise to support your district president and carry out your specific duties to the best of your ability?



_____ as President-Elect, you will be assisting the President with the many activities of the Association while you are learning the job of President. You will be working behind following in the president's steps to learn the ins and outs of the organization. Do you agree to take on this role of President-elect?



The true workers of any organization are the committee chairs. They do these jobs because they love the organization. This X's and O's quilt box represents their love of the organization. As committee chairs, you work hard to complete your job assignment, while you are also looking ahead to the next task and making sure the quilt gets finished. Standing Committee Chairs:

- Cultural Arts _____
- Newsletter _____
- Scholarship _____
- Heart of Extension _____
- Pioneer Woman _____
- Membership _____
- Historian _____

Do you promise to work with these committees to complete the tasks assigned you?

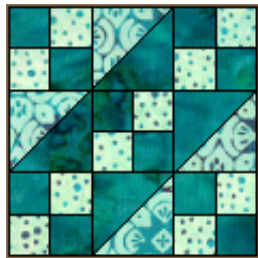


Hanging the monkey wrench quilt on a fence was a sign to the slaves to gather their tools, both mental and physical to prepare for the journey ahead. As Secretary of our organization, you will need many tools to keep accurate records of the business or the organization.

_____, do you promise to carry out your duties to the best of your ability?



The Bread Basket pattern is a perfect representation of the role of the treasurer. As Treasurer, you must make sure our activities fit our budget and that we have enough bread to fill our basket. _____ Do you promise to faithfully and diligently carry out your duties as Treasurer?



Wagon Tracks helped the pioneers keep on the right path as they traveled out West. The Parliamentarian's job is to protect us and make sure we are running our business in the proper manner and that our business meetings stay on track. _____ your job is an important one. Do you pledge to do it to the best of your ability? Let this wagon tracks quilt block remind you of the importance

of your job.



_____ as Immediate Past President, you are the wise owl of the organization. You will gently guide the Board and help them navigate through their roles. Do you agree to continue to serve the organization in this manner?



The job of the Advisor is to provide support for the officers and members to help them stay organized. Dr. Devall and I pledge to do our best to provide support and guidance to the Extension Association of New Mexico. It is our honor to work with this great organization. This Honor quilt block will represent our work.

Members, your job is not done with the election of these officers. You provide the rest of the quilt. You are the backing, batting, binding and the quilters. Without members, the organization would be unable to function and would have no purpose. Members, do you promise to be active and to support these leaders in the projects and activities of the Extension Association of New Mexico?

I now declare these officers as duly installed. Congratulations and best wishes.