

QUILTING MATTERS

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Newsletter



NELSON QUILTERS GUILD

MEETING Weds 20 October

We are sorry to announce that this meeting is **cancelled due to the following reasons.**

Hiring the Stoke School hall comes with a number of rules under Level 2. These include the wearing of masks, social distancing of 2 metres, some windows and doors must be kept open to ensure air flow; all surfaces, tables, chairs, the kitchen and the toilets must be given a thorough clean afterwards.

We feel this would not make for a comfortable meeting. Hearing speakers and socialising would be difficult. Socialisation is an important aspect of our meetings and this would certainly be diminished.



We plan for the November meeting to go ahead, and we are also looking into ideas on what we can provide for our members. It seems that we can hold workshops for small numbers of people. A good way of us meeting up.

We have investigated some possibilities. They are workshops for about 8 participants on making cushions covers, table runners/mats/wall hangings - photo ideas as follows:



These or variations of these could be made in one workshop session.



Stack and Slash

Easy to do with three variations.

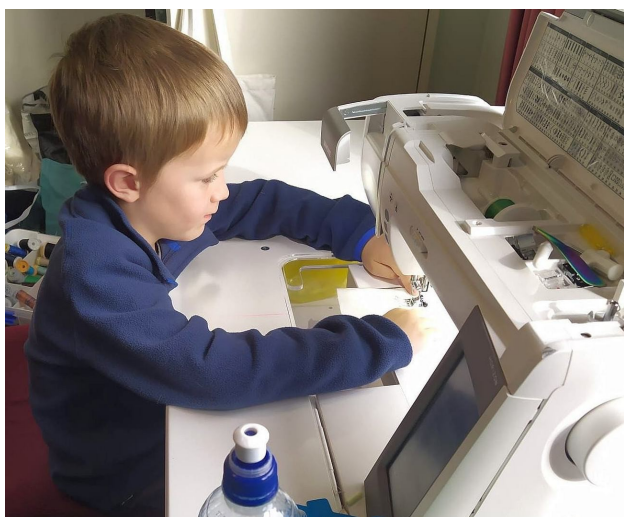


These were made by Rosalie Johnson during lockdown. They could be done as place mats, runners or wall hangings and made in one workshop.



We have members who are willing to take and assist with these small group workshops. Unfortunately there are no suitable Saturday spaces left at Crafty or Wot this year, the earliest available being on Sat 22 January 2022. The Broadgreen House room is another suitable venue but no bookings can be made until next week. The advantages of these venues is that it will be easier to carry out the Level 2 cleaning procedures required.

We think we could run at least 3 day workshops at no cost to members as we have not had to pay room rental costs recently.



My 5 yr old grandson from Chch was determined to try out Gran's sewing machine after I had made a bright orange and calico pillowcase to order! He loved programming in the stitches and choosing the thread colours.



N.B. **Overdue library books** will **NOT** incur a fine. Keep them until the next meeting. If you do not want to keep yours let us know and we will arrange a drop-off or pick-up.

Challenge

Please keep or finish your Challenge that was intended for the show. We have an idea for displaying and judging this and will let you know as soon as we can confirm it.

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Community Quilting Projects

We are aware that many **community quilts** have been made over recent weeks and we look forward to seeing them at the November meeting. June is about to deliver several that have been stockpiling in her sewing room to Age Concern.

The batting for community quilts is still at Steph Murch's place. Contact her on 0277280001 or stephanie.murch@gmail.com



36 **cushions** have been given to the Children's Ward. They are so grateful and said they are needing more!

June also has some material that could be used for community quilts, and some excellent pieces to use as backing, plus some calico and filling that can be used for the children's cushion inners. Contact her on 5380125 or 027 4904785.

Cushion pattern and instructions

Here are the measurements:

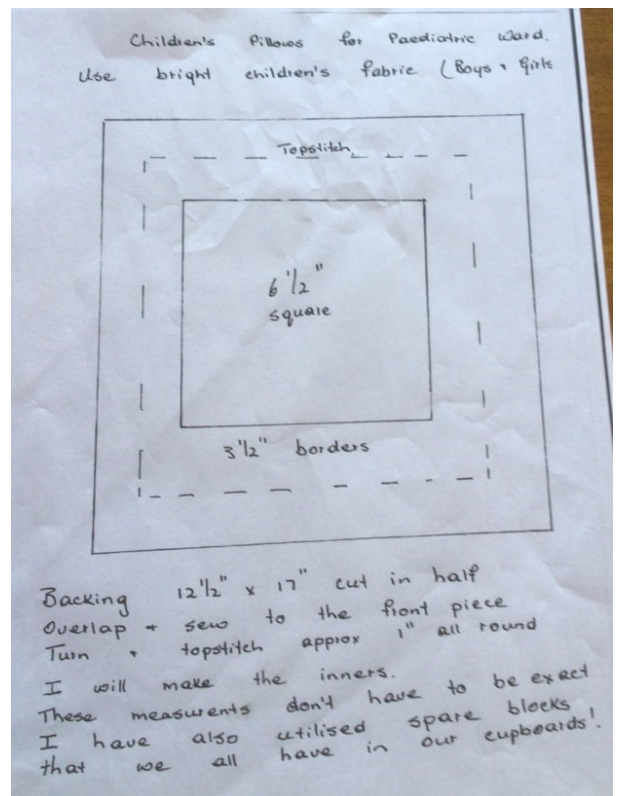
6 ½" square of novelty print

3 ½" borders

Backing is 12 ½" x 17" cut in half.

Overlap 2-3" for the opening and sew to the front piece.

Turn and top stitch approx 1" all around border.



Mask Making

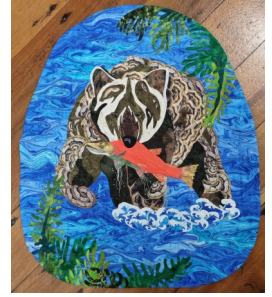
About 90 masks were made by members recently and given to the Nelson Foodbank at Restore, Tahunanui.



Items of interest

- **Hoffman Challenge NZ 2020 - 2021**

As we were not able to display these entries in our show the results can be found by looking on Facebook. Shown at right is Best Overall.



- **Sharon Keightley** held a course in Nelson a few years ago.

Her version of Euphemia Ballingall Maxwell's quilt is in the latest (September) issue 145 of Quilt Mania magazine. There is a wonderful story behind this quilt. The original quilt resides at the Elms mission in Tauranga New Zealand, it was made by Euphemia Ballingall Maxwell, Euphemia emigrated to Australia then to NZ from Scotland. She settled at the Elms in Tauranga where she lived the remainder of her life.



- Here is a link to a reputable article about being able to [wash disposable face masks](https://www.consumer.org.nz/articles/wash-your-disposable-masks-experts-say)
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- **Wellington Quilters** have had to reschedule their exhibition "Contour Lines – Rarangi hua" to 13th - 21st November. Academy Galleries, Queens Wharf.
- **Golden Bay Patchwork & Quilters Guild** - Labour Weekend Exhibition October 2021 has been cancelled.

*The barista at the café was wearing a face mask.
Me: Why are you wearing a surgical mask?
She said: I'm not, it's a coughy filter.*



Calendar

- Wed 17 November - **evening meeting** at Stoke school. This will definitely be held as long as we are not in Level 2 or 3.
- Fri 3 - Sun 5 December - **Marahau Retreat**. We are limited by wall plugs and space for machines so can take 12 - 14 people. The March retreat was \$40.00 each. We will let you know if this has changed. We will soon ask for names of those interested.

