QUILT BLOCK INFORMATION

Quilt Blocks need to be sent by **July 2, 2014** and absolutely no later than July 10, 2014.

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Every quilt block is important! *Be sure to start yours NOW so Nita will receive it by the deadline*. Here are some suggestions that will make the quilting of the quilt easier and make it even more beautiful than before.

DO's

- Ecru/cream color fabric for the background.
- Use needle and thread- you may do any of the following:
- Appliqué, Embroidery, Counted Cross Stitch or Piece it together.
- **14 X 14** overall block size. Keep your design within a **10 X 10** area. This will leave a 2" border around your design for fraying, trimming and sewing. *Please do not trim your block*.
- Add your Name, District Name and District Number to your block.

DON'Ts

- No white or colored background.
- No fabric paints or crayon (must be all needle and thread)
- *No lead pencil used on fabric*. This will not come out. There are quilt-marking pens that wear out easily or vanish on their own.
- If you machine embroidery your block please use only 1 layer of tear-away stabilizer.

SUGGESTIONS

- **Appliqué**: Please use lightweight fabric. (Heavy fabrics are harder to quilt.) Have your appliqué within the 10" X 10" design area.
- **Pierced**: Make your pieced design 10 X 10 plus seam allowance on all sides. Then sew ecru/cream color fabric on all sides of a 2" finished border.
- **Embroidery:** Use some bright color threads in your design. This makes your block show up better in the quilt.
- **Cross Stitch:** You know that there are Quilter's Clubs, well; there should be a club for Cross Stitches. Here is an idea for you (maybe some are new to you). Please use softer fabrics. The Stiff Aida Cloth is very difficult to quilt. Try to find a softer cloth. Those that feel brave may want to try an even-weave to start out with. The Laguana fabric is an easy even-weave to start out with (you stitch over two threads). It has the body of Aida Cloth.
- Use only two strands of embroidery floss, this way your block will not be so heavy. When using two strands of floss there is a special no-knot technique you can use that cannot be use with three strands. This makes your work go faster and easier. After you get done using two strands you will never go back to three.
- Wash your block AFTER you finish it. Use warm water and dishwashing liquid in your kitchen sink. Use your hand to force water through the fabric. Do not twist, bunch, or roll the fabric. After rinsing (use same technique) hang fabric straight so the water can drain off. Let fabric drip dry and then press it with iron. The washing brightens the thread colors. Cross-stitch takes such a long time and we don't realize how dirty our work gets just from the oil of our hands.

BE SURE AND PUT YOUR DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER.