

Mead Quilters

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FROM VALERIE POLLINGTON . . .

I have completed the quilt, as a wall hanging, from all the beautiful blocks that members gave me. I hope when we meet again you will be able to tell me who made which block.



The other photo is a teatime tablecloth for a friend's garden table. The hem is weighted as it is a windy garden!



ABOUT OUR EVENING MEETINGS . . .

We will not be resuming our evening face to face meetings until next year as we have speakers booked for our online [Zoom meetings](#).

However, as there are fewer people who come to the Tuesday morning meeting, we can start thinking about resuming these when we hear back from the [Mead Hall](#).

To get an idea of how many people might want to come back in [September](#) or [October](#), please can you let me know when/if you feel comfortable to return.

You will also be asked at the next Zoom meeting and may be telephoned or emailed so the Committee can move this forward.

I am happy for you to email me on editor@meadquilters.org or leave a message on my mobile number

BUT please **DO NOT** ring my home number.

Thank you

Linda Cosgrove

R U ZOOMing?

[Members' Zoom meetings](#) are on the *first Tuesday* of each month *in the morning* and the *third Tuesday* of the month *in the evening* in line with our normal meeting arrangements.

The next dates will be:

[Tuesday 17 August at 7.30pm](#), Show and Tell and catching up with each other, and details of decorations for Christmas at the Women's Refuge in St Albans.

[Tuesday 7 September at 10.00 am](#)
Join us for a picnic in the Memorial Hall fields (weather permitting) or on Zoom for a chat and 'Show and Tell', if the weather is bad.

Your contact is [Caroline Ellis](#),
caroline@meadquilters.org

The code for Zooming is:
and the password is:

Continuing Our Modern BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This Month's theme is **Curves**.

If you have never tried sewing curves before then don't panic! These blocks and tutorials will help you to sew gentle curves.

The first block this month is called '**Tiger, Tiger**'; the pattern and teaching notes were devised and developed by **Helen Howes**, with sponsorship from **Oakshott Fabrics**.

A PDF version of the tutorial is available from <https://mqgb.org.uk/tutorboxes/tbox7.pdf>

A simple version using this block would be the quilt shown, right 

More than two colours can be used as shown here:



What I found is:

- fabrics with a right and wrong side make life a lot easier;
- keep your curves shallow, steep curves end up altering the size of the block more as you will need to trim them more;
- I found that sometimes my fabric started to slip as I cut them. You can pin the fabrics together and even use scissors to cut the curves if you find it easier;
- you can make this block with a different number of stripes by altering the size of the original piece of fabric, just remember that each curved cut will end up making the final block ½" shorter.



The '**Tiger, Tiger**' tutorial and related, similar, tutorials are also available in a **Supplement** that goes with this **Newsletter**.

Go to:

www.meadquilters.org/news.html

and select the

2021 August Newsletter Supplement

Sarah Dixon

JOIN THIS AUTUMN'S POSTCARD SWAP WITH MIMRAM AND ICKNIELD QUILTERS . . .

It only takes a short time to make a small postcard quilt: see our **July Newsletter** for full details and here are some examples to inspire you!



It is a good opportunity to try a technique and experiment with different fabrics without committing to a full quilt.

Fill in your details using this link:

Postcard Form Link and then start creating your masterpiece.



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When you have finished it send a photo to Sue Rainbow, the Icknield Chair, at:

suerainbow@meadquilters.org



She will give you the address of your swap partner. Deadline for posting is the **middle of October**, so there is still plenty of time to join in the fun.

Sue Rainbow

. . . AND FINALLY A LETTER OF THANKS FOR OUR DONATIONS



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Dear Mead Quilters

Many thanks for your kind donation of 21 baby quilts and hats that you knitted for our babies in the Neonatal Unit.

The support from our local community has been incredible and donations like yours help our patients and staff during what is a difficult and unprecedented time.

People like you help ensure that the care provided continues to be of the highest level and that patients and their families will benefit for years to come.

Again, thank you so much.

Yours sincerely



Sofia Sheikh
Charity Director

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