

#1011 – QUILT QUEST

Two easy quilt designs from one set of instructions – diagonal and crazy patch pattern with four sizes to choose from. **TOP TIP #11: Piecework Pronto** shows new quilters how to strip piece for quick results.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL: Suitable for beginner/intermediate working in teams with supervision – or – Intermediate/advanced working in teams or independently with or without supervision.

SKILLS COVERED:

- Learning components of a quilt
- Planning quilt designs
- Matching seams
- Cutting from measurements
- Tying/quilting layers
- Applying straight grain binding
- Stitching in the ditch
- Piecing with straight strip method

IN-CLASS DEMONSTRATIONS:

Show components of a quilt, including pieced top, backing, batting, quilting and binding.

Piece patches with straight strip method as shown in Top Tip #11 on back cover.

Quilt or tie quilt top, backing and batting layers together. Show decorative machine and hand quilting and the different effect they have on a finished quilt. Tie the layers with yarn, embroidery floss or button.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS:

1. Patchwork bag – Use piecing technique and pattern to create two 4-patch squares. Layer with batting and backing normally. Quilt as desired. Stitch patched squares together around sides and bottom. Attach strap and lining to complete. Experiment with decorative machine or hand quilting for quick results.
2. Patchwork tote bag – Use piecing technique and pattern to create two rectangles, each 2 squares wide and 3 squares long. Omit layering step. Attach strap and lining to complete. Combine squares cut from two fabrics for a new look.
3. Patchwork pillow – Use piecing technique and pattern to create two 4-patch squares. Layer with batting only. Quilt as desired. Stitch patched squares together around all sides leaving a 4” opening along one side.

Stuff with polyester fiberfill and slipstitch opening closed. Design pillow to coordinate with finished quilt.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

Produce crib sized quilts during class “down time”. Work in teams or as joint class project. Students see how quilts are made and participate in each step. Donate quilts to local baby/infant charity of your choice.