



# The Piecemaker's Star

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## President's Message



Happy Winter Everyone!

As I write this I woke up to 2 realizations ..

- 1) Winter is here and the white stuff was on the ground, and while I don't mind the winter because I craft and sew and sew and sew, I feel like it's too soon. And...
- 2) I am too old to play 4 games in a weekend hockey tournament.

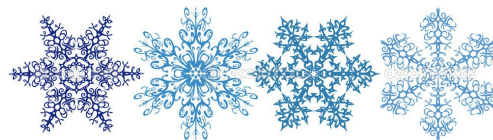
I have hot pads everywhere, my morning routine included several drugs and I'm probably going to pay for this for a while.

I hope your "get ready for winter" is way more exciting, maybe involving some decorating, quilting, and lots of Christmas movies.

The Guild is planning some great stuff for our December social meeting, and I'm looking forward to the November meeting and Quilts of Valour. Hope to see you all there and bring your remembrance quilts and QBA blocks for show and tell.

Happy Quilting

Barb



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### MEETING INFORMATION

General Meeting  
November 17, 2025  
6:45 pm  
Orangeville Senior's Centre  
26 Bythia Street, Orangeville

### Executive Meeting

Wednesday, November 26th  
7:00pm location TBD  
An email will be sent to all the Executives with the agenda and directions. All committee Chairs to send in updates.

### Meeting Dates 2025-2026

November 17  
December 15  
January 19 Zoom  
**February 9\* Zoom**  
March 16  
April 20  
**May 11\***  
June 15

\*Meetings moved due to holidays

## Program



In 2006 a local Edmonton quilter presented quilts to three Canadian Armed Forces members who were recovering in hospital from injuries they received in Afghanistan. It was her way of saying "Thank You" and giving some comfort to these military members. She was not prepared for the impact of meeting these brave young men and learning first hand of their injuries. It made such an impression that it has taken quilter Lezley Zwaal in directions she never imagined. From these humble beginnings Quilts of Valour - Canada was born. At Quilts of Valour, the mission is to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country.

A Quilt of Valour™ is a hug from a grateful nation and a tribute to an injured Canadian Armed Forces member, past or present. Although most of us will never know the soldier who will receive a quilt, imagine what it would be like for you if you did know the soldier. What if that soldier was your spouse, your brother/sister, your friend or your child?

A Quilt of Valour™ serves a special purpose and quality construction is important. Quilt standards must reflect the level of gratitude that we want to demonstrate to the recipient. Quilts of Valour™ can be made by individuals, social groups or quilting bees. In all cases we request that the standards we have established are followed. If you are making a quilt or have a quilt ready to donate please ensure that it meets the [QOV Specifications](#).

Elizabeth Seamans – Regional Representative of QOV with share with our guild insight on how the program works, what is involved in participating and how we could be a part of this valuable cause.

AJ – Cobwebs and Caviar will bring fabric and panels from the recent release should you wish to purchase focus fabric to enjoy or create a quilt for this worthy cause.

Please join us Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> and don't forget your wallets.

The executive have created an amazing example in support to share with our presenter. Please feel free to bring in any quilts or memorabilia you'd like to share with our members.

All are welcome and guests included.

Yvonne Guse Rahn, Candice Kitchen and Val Lamothe  
Program Committee



Our commitment to Family Transition Place is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating them. The journals need to be about 6"x8", lined pages, bound by either coil or glue. Bring the journals to the next meeting or deposit in Sue Pirie's mailbox 30 Bredin Parkway (beside Family Transition Place).

*"A good day is spent quilting"*

**MEMBERSHIP**

81 Members to date!!!

Didn't pay your dues yet, please send an e-transfer for \$50 to [dpqguild@outlook.com](mailto:dpqguild@outlook.com)

OR

Write a cheque for \$50 to Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
Mail it to DPQG, PO Box 325, Orangeville ON L9W 2Z6



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2025-2026

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The address for the website is:  
[www.dufferinpiecemakers.ca](http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.ca)

Have you checked out the new  
Facebook page?

We will be posting lots of pictures  
from Guild meetings, news about  
upcoming speakers and activities.  
If you have news to share with  
the Guild, send an email to Kim  
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Heather Sheridan at  
[heathersheridan@rogers.com](mailto:heathersheridan@rogers.com).

There is also a page for members  
only. Members will be invited as  
their membership is paid. Be  
sure to accept the invite when it  
is sent. Here you can post your  
own things you'd like to share  
with other members, great pat-  
terns, deals you've come across,  
and any accomplishments.

Things to bring to every meeting:

1. FTP Journals
2. Pillowcases / Community projects you have completed
3. Name Tag
4. Money for Lucky Draw
5. Show & Share (we LOVE seeing your projects!!!)
6. Tasty Beverage
7. Awesome smile

## Community Outreach - November 2025

### **CHRISTMAS STOCKING ITEM DONATIONS**

As per our usual custom, the DPQG will be collecting items at our November meeting to be distributed to several organizations in the county. These include Choices Youth and Men's Shelter, The Door Youth Centre (Orangeville) and Cedar Heights Residential School (Mono).

When you are shopping, please consider adding some of these items to your basket. We will be collecting at the November meeting and distributing the donations in early December. If you are unable to bring items to the November meeting, please drop off at Sue Pirie's, 30 Bredin Pkwy, Orangeville. Please let Sue know if you are dropping off (519-942-8279) or email [piriesusan@rogers.com](mailto:piriesusan@rogers.com)

Donation suggestions: (recipients are teenage boys & girls)

Men's boxer style underwear & short socks

Hats & Mitts (limited number needed)

Hand warmers

Packaged snacks ie. granola bars, cheesies, chips, gum.

Personal care items ie...lip balm, hand cream, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, nail polish, shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, hair clips, make up.

Cold/sickness kits....cough drops, teas, Vit C drink pkg.

Microwave popcorn, Lunch bags & containers, Art supplies, games, cards.

Gift cards from Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Walmart, movie theatre

Monetary donations also accepted as staff can then purchase needed items.

We will also be the collecting placemats you have been making for Meals on Wheels. Christmas on one side and whatever on the other, 13" x 18".

Our next sewing afternoon is **November 17**, 1-5pm. At Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence, 155 Riddell Rd., Orangeville. We are in need of more helpers on the sewing days, please come out and help even if you don't feel like sewing. We have many other tasks that need to get done. Please contact Karen Hunter at [karenhdesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:karenhdesigns@yahoo.com) or 905-584-8732

Community Outreach committee: Karen Hunter, Elspeth King, Nancy Palmer-Neely, Jill Cameron, Sue Pirie (journals for FTP), Fern Pugh (Comfy Cases)



## Creative Projects 2025-26

Please find your instructions at the end of this newsletter for our next small project. Bring your finished Rotary Cutter Coat to our March in-person meeting and you could win a prize. Here is a link to a tutorial.

[It's Tutorial Time! Rotary Cutter Coat - First Light Designs](#)

## Creative Projects 2024-25

### Mystery Quilt Challenge

Did you rise to the challenge last year? Did you finish the quilt? Complete the top? Are still working on your top?

You could win a prize!

\*\*\* Bring your competed top or finished quilt to the December meeting

## Quilt Show Update

**QUILTS at the PARK**  
**presented by The Dufferin Piecemakers' Quilting Guild**  
**October 16 and 17, 2026**

More information about our upcoming quilt show:

*"Why are we having a quilt show?"* This was a great question asked by one of our new members at the last Guild meeting. Are other members asking the same question?

A quilt show allows us to celebrate the quilting skills of Guild members to our community while showcasing quilting as an art form.

A quilt show connects us to the larger quilting community, which promotes the exchange of ideas and methods.

A quilt show allows us to highlight the many organizations that the Guild supports through our outreach program.

A quilt show can motivate and encourage our members to finish their quilt projects, and work together on an engaging project.

We encourage you to share your quilts!

### We're looking for:

- Bed quilts between 60 x 80 and 96 x 96 inches (unfortunately, our racks cannot support anything larger)
- Lap and cuddle quilts between 36 x 40 and 40 x 60 inches
- Quilted wall hangings between 24 x 24 and 40 x 60 inches
- Home decor (quilted runners, placemats and pillows)
- Quilted totes, bags and purses

## Organizing Your Fabric Scraps

- One of the fastest ways would be to sort scraps by color. Use clear plastic storage containers to house each color group. Large three drawer storage containers work well. When you need a specific color, you simply go to the drawer and select the fabric and size you need.
- A more organized system is to cut your scraps into 2 1/2" squares, 5" squares, 2 1/2" strips, 1 1/2" strips, and 10" squares. These sizes are commonly used in many quilt patterns. For larger pieces of scraps, cut one of each of these sizes then keep the remainder as is. Then you can store them in the same three drawer storage containers by size. If you need 2 1/2" squares, you can simply go to that drawer and select the color you need.

Do you have a system? We would love to hear how you organize your scraps.

Send an email to [dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com)

## QBA - Quilting by Association

Workshops for members by members.

Our next **Zoom Sew Along** will be **Saturday December 6** at 10:00 AM until noon.

**Viewer's Choice – Mug Rugs or unfinished Christmas projects.**

**Judi Sullivan will present information on fusible applique for the snowman mug rug.**



**Or perhaps you'd rather piece the gnome mug rug instead.**

**Or maybe you have a project you're trying to finish.**

Supply list will be sent by e-mail the week before the session. Zoom links are sent the day before the workshop, along with project instructions. Log on and join us if you can. These workshops are open to all guild members.

Convenors - Fern Pugh: [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com) and Judi Sullivan: [sulljudi@gmail.com](mailto:sulljudi@gmail.com)

**Need help with Zoom? Contact us.**



### Quilt Canada 2026

*QUILT CANADA 2026*

*A Confluence of Fabric and Thread!*

**June 17-20, 2026**

So many opportunities to enter your own work for competition.

<https://canadianquilter.com/>

Webinar Autumn series continues – <https://canadianquilter.com/webinars/>

Quilt Canada 2025

The gallery containing images and information about all the 2025 National Juried Show (NJS) entries can be viewed in the member studio of the website, when you log in to your account. The gallery can be found at the Quilt Canada website. (Guest viewing available.)

*“I'm not a fabric hoarder, I'm a curator of an extensive textile collection”*

## Stitch 'n Share

Please join our friendly group of members the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Bring your own drink and some hand work to keep you occupied or just enjoy visiting. All members are welcome. A wonderful way to meet others who share your love of quilting.

We gather in the meeting room of the Orangeville Library—Mill Street branch on the corner of Braodway and Mill Street. The entrance is on Mill Street. Meeting room is on the lower level but there is an elevator. Questions? Contact Marion Cole at [marionbcole@rogers.com](mailto:marionbcole@rogers.com)

## Pillowcase Project

If you wish to have pillowcase kits, please contact Fern Pugh at 519-941-8515 or email [elizabethfern15@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethfern15@gmail.com) . Or pick up a kit or two at every meeting. Fern also accepts pillowcases made from your fabric collection.

## Need to contact us?

Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
P.O. Box 325, Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z7

Please send newsletter submissions as well as email address changes to Janice Payne at [dpqnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Want to contact a Guild member?

Please contact Pat Forrest at [patsyf43@yahoo.com](mailto:patsyf43@yahoo.com)

## Facebook Challenge

The challenge will be a true miniature. The entire perimeter of your finished piece must be less than 50” total. The only other requirement is that this piece must PREDOMINATELY include the 2025 Pantone Color of the Year. Knit, crochet, fiber art... all is welcome. Completion date? To be determined. Completed projects only. You will be voted on by members in attendance that day, similar to the President’s challenge.

*“The love of sewing is our common thread”*

## Fall Day Retreat – October 25

20 members enjoyed a fun and productive day at the Seniors’ Centre.

Mark March 28 on your calendar when we’ll do it again.



## Stitch and Share Road Trip

Some member of the Stitch and Share group travelled to Threads That Bind in Maxwell in October.

They enjoyed a trunk show presented by **Karen Carter**.

Karen was the first prize winner of the OAAS (Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies) hand quilted category at the February convention. Her quilt won first prize at the Arthur fair and went on to the Ontario competition.

She put on an interesting show. She is a lady who loves small pieces as you can see in the photo

Most of her quilts are traditional style and many are hand quilted. In addition to bed quilts Karen creates the most exquisite miniature quilts and she loves adding hand embroidery to her projects, she sees the tiniest pieces of scrap fabrics as creations waiting to happen.



## Birthdays

Diane Griffith	Nov 12
Anne Nicholson	Nov 17
Karen Hunter	Nov 18
Fabienne Good	Nov 21

## Caring Thoughts

Do you know someone who is going through something and might appreciate receiving a get well card or a sympathy card, please contact Lorna Rainey at [lmraney72@gmail.com](mailto:lmraney72@gmail.com)

## Need advertising?

Do you have a sewing machine you’d like to sell? Are you a crafter needing to get your business out there or vending at a craft fair?

We would love it if you would consider advertising in our newsletter. Very reasonable rates for a one month, quarterly, or monthly ad.

Please send an email to [dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dpqgnewsletter@gmail.com) to inquire about rates.

### **How You can help your Guild...**

Do you have any ideas for the upcoming Guild year?

Any suggestions for workshops...

Or do you have a project/skill you'd like to show other members by hosting a workshop... we'd love to hear about it and help you in anyway to make that possible.

Please reach out to any Executive Members or Committee Members to share your ideas.

They are here to make your guild year as fulfilling as possible.

Do you know someone who would like to come to a guild meeting.. bring them with you to a meeting.

### **Lucky Draw**

Don't forget your money for our new Lucky Draw... win half the pot!!!

#### **Tickets**

\$2.00 for one chance

\$5.00 for three chances

#### **Our lucky winners to date:**

Yvonne \$62

Karen \$55.50

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

### **Upcoming Events**

A Celebration of Quilts XV Abstract Patchwork Nov 14-15  
York Heritage Quilt Guild  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre  
6 Sakura Way, Toronto

One of a Kind Show Nov 27—Dec 7  
Enecare Centre Toronto  
General Admission \$23 (Seniors \$18)

Hollyfest Nov 22 9am—4pm Nov 23 10am-3pm  
Orangeville Fairgrounds  
247090 Side Rd 5, Mono  
Free admission (Cash or Food donations for the Orangeville food bank are welcome)  
orangevillehollyfest.ca

Orangeville Tree Lighting Ceremony Nov 21  
Orangeville Santa Claus Parade Nov 22 5pm

Winter Market Dec 6 10am-3pm  
Brampton Fairgrounds 12942 Heartlake Road, Caledon  
Free Admission (canned food donation is greatly appreciated)

Christmas in the Park Opening night Dec 1 6:30pm  
Kay Cee Gardens Orangeville  
Open 5:30 to 9:30 every evening in December  
Free admission (donations much appreciated)

Orangeville Christmas Village Dec. 13/14  
Orangeville Fairgrounds 10am-4pm



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That moment when you realise you ran out of bobbin thread and have been sewing nothing.



## Rotary Cutter Case

designed by Dawn White of First Light Designs



What quilter wouldn't love one of these quilted cases to hold her rotary cutter? The contrast trim and buttons make them look like little coats. You can make one case from two 9" x 10 1/2" scraps (plus fabric for bias binding). Two fat quarters will yield four rotary cutter cases (plus fabric for bias binding).

The case can also hold a pair of large eyeglasses.

Finished case measures about 3 3/4" x 8".

To download the free pattern and follow the step-by-step tutorial loaded with pictures, go to Dawn's website, [firstlightdesigns.com](http://firstlightdesigns.com), and click on Tutorials.

### Fabric and notions

Piece of fabric 9" x 10 1/2" for outside of case

Piece of fabric 9" x 10 1/2" for inside (lining) of case

One fat quarter (about 18" x 21") for bias binding

Piece of lightweight batting 9" x 10 1/2"

Piece of freezer paper about 10" x 11"

1/4" steam a seam 2 (double stick fusible web)

Two buttons 7/8" - 1 1/4" in diameter

### Supplies

Sewing machine with walking foot and/or free motion quilting foot

Standard sewing supplies (scissors, pins, measuring tape, seam ripper, etc)

Rotary cutter equipment (mat, rotary cutter, rulers)

Trace the pattern onto the freezer paper. Cut around the outside edges of the pattern.

Make a quilt sandwich with the two fabrics and batting. Baste and quilt as desired.

Iron freezer paper pattern (shiny side down) to the outside fabric of quilt sandwich. Using a rotary cutter, cut the three straight sides. Use scissors to cut the curve. Peel off freezer paper pattern and save for repeated use.

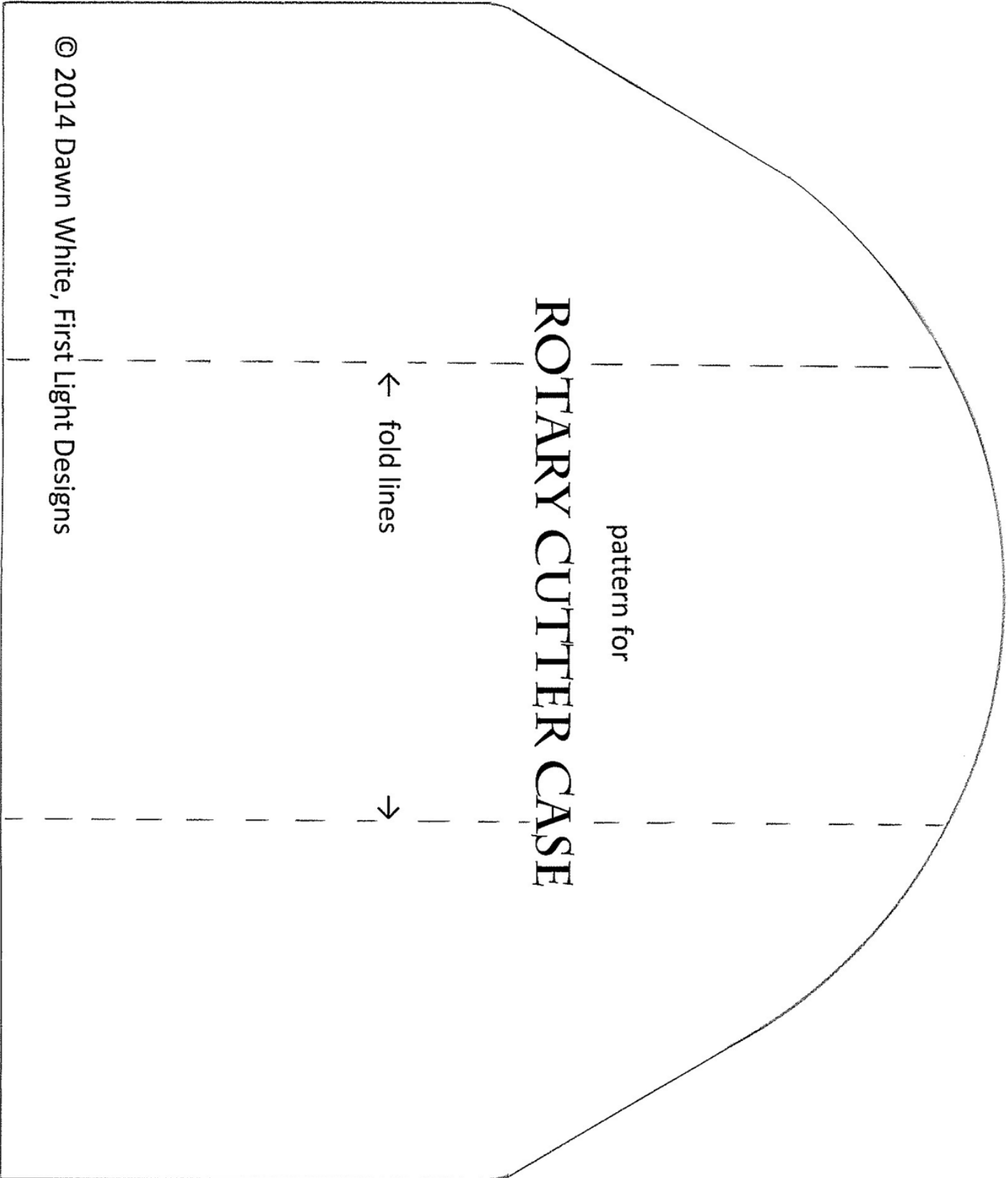
Trim fat quarter to an 18" square. Cut once on the diagonal from corner to corner. From each piece cut a strip 2 1/8" wide along the bias edge. Sew strips together using angled seams. You need a length about 34".

Fold strip in half lengthwise and press.

Attach binding to the right side of the case as you would for a quilt, starting and ending along the bottom edge. Turn the binding toward the inside and fuse with 1/4" Steam-a-Seam 2 (or stitch by hand).

Fold case along fold lines, lapping one side over the other in front (it doesn't matter which one). Front flaps should measure 2 5/8" - 2 3/4" from fold to outside edges of binding. Adjust this measurement slightly if necessary so that the finished case measures 3 3/4" wide. Use Steam-a-Seam 2 to fuse the bottom of the case completely shut (or whipstitch by hand).

Sew buttons in place on outer flap. Bottom of lower button should be about 1 1/8" from the bottom of case. Let your eye and the size of the buttons guide you. Tack the binding in place 1" down from the point where the bound edges meet.



pattern for

# ROTARY CUTTER CASE

← fold lines

→

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