

Thanksgiving Contra Quilt Squares

Thank you for deciding to make a square for the first (annual?) Contra Quilt! Make one 12 ½ x 12 ½" square. Come up with your own idea or use a pattern. Anything goes as long as it ends up being the right size and it has a connection for you to contra dance. The quilt will be sold to raise money at the Thanksgiving Dance Weekend.

It is alright to include words, titles, names, dates, either quilted, appliqued or embroidered, if they help your design or your intent.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- memorial square in memory of someone from the community
- a square in honor of someone in the community (dancer, caller, musician) or of an event (did you meet your spouse at contra?)
- your favorite dance, examples here:
http://www.ibiblio.org/contradance/index/by_title.html
- your favorite dance figure, examples here:
https://www.cdss.org/elibrary/dart/appendix_b.htm
<https://www.ibiblio.org/contradance/thecallersbox/Glossary.htm>
- your favorite song, examples here:
http://fiddlesean.com/resources/tune_lists.html
- how contra makes you feel - do anything!

HAVE FUN! Sew with friends! Come to a contra quilting bee (dates to come)!

Choose fabric to bring home (we will bring donated fabric on July 11th to choose from), supplement as you wish. Finished block size should be 12 ½ x 12 ½" (see paper square). Return squares to Cindy Culbert by Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Quilting Patterns and Resources

Below are 3 finished quilts, ours won't look like these, it will be more of a crazy quilt, but if a pattern like this inspires you, use it for your square, adapt it, alter it, do whatever you like or make it up. Lots of quilt patterns are similar to contra patterns, all that pattern stuff, so don't feel you have to invent something new.

Here is a link to quilt pattern squares, which are pretty traditional, and easier than breaking down a pattern for a whole quilt. Most are 12" x 12"
<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/150-free-quilt-block-patterns-and-inspiration-from-mccallsquilting-com/>

And another one:

<https://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/free-quilt-block-patterns.html>

Good ideas and patterns here too, including "How to change the size of a quilt block."

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/free-quilt-block-patterns-4051139>



Can't wait to see what you come up with!