



London Modern Quilt Guild

Pillow of the Month

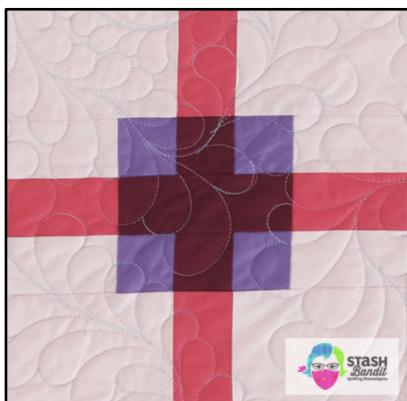
February 2021

 February is known as the month of love. Traditionally we focus on romantic love, but there are so very many different types of love: romantic love for a partner, familial love for siblings and parents, and platonic love for our friends. On top of that we have love for things and activities that bring us happiness and joy; it might be a song, a favourite food, going for a walk in the woods, seeing the sunrise in the morning, a colour, a shape, a beloved pet.....the list is literally endless.

Our theme for February is '**WHAT DO YOU LOVE?**' Take some time to think of the things, people, and activities that you love and choose one to be your inspiration for this month's pillow. It could be based on something deeply profound, something light-hearted and silly, or something in between those two ends of the spectrum. And remember, your block doesn't need to be a literal representation of what you love, but rather the theme is intended to serve as your artist's muse for your block. What that looks like is entirely up to you!

Our featured technique for this month is **TRANSPARENCY QUILTING**. With transparency quilting you arrange your fabrics in such a way as to suggest that they are overlapping and creating deeper colours, or new colours, when in reality they are not. The key to creating successful transparencies is in choosing the correct fabrics, so be sure to invest a bit of time in auditioning your fabrics well, to ensure that they will give you the desired impact.

Here's an example by 'The Stash Bandit' (<https://stashbandit>) that demonstrates transparency. By choosing a darker red for the cross in the middle, she has created the illusion that the purple square is resting on top of the pink cross.



Transparency quilting is a simple technique that can create really visual impactful designs. Below are a number of resources to help you get started, including an episode of Fresh Quilting with Yvonne Fuch, and some great free, small patterns from Quilting Jet Girl. And remember that February is the shortest month of the year, so be sure to fire up your sewing machine soon!

Resource Links:

- Yvonne Fuch has a short episode on transparencies on Fresh Quilting:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBu38IPUJ_U
- Quilting Jet Girl has a number of great free small transparency patterns that would be perfect for pillows:
https://quiltingjetgirl.com/?s=transparency&post_type=post
- This Pinterest board has a lot of very interesting example transparency quilts:
<https://www.pinterest.ca/gailmarief/transparency-quilts>