

## 2019 ROWMAKERS GUIDELINES & INGREDIENTS

The purpose of this project is to design and make a unique quilt-related project. In the past, our challenges have focussed on making a quilt (either “row-by-row”, “block-by-block”, or in the case of a medallion quilt “border by border”) or a series (such as placemats, bags, wall-hangings, blankets of love, cushions) “item-by-item” with each row/block/item/border incorporating the challenge ingredients. It’s up to you which structure you chose. As always, this is entirely optional. Please feel free to think up something new to make.

As before, each month’s BLOCK (I’m using the term generically to cover whichever approach you’re taking) should include that month’s INGREDIENTS. At each meeting we will choose one INGREDIENT from each list in the attachment – “2019 ROWMAKERS INGREDIENTS”. Not all three INGREDIENTS have to be included, two will be enough. Imaginative interpretations and ‘thinking outside the box’ are definitely encouraged and have produced some really interesting results. The lists are COLOURS, SHAPES and MOTIFS. However, with the MOTIFS category, you may decide to choose one motif at the beginning of the year for the whole project and then ignore the motif ingredient drawn out each month. Alternatively, you can go with what’s drawn out each month and indulge in some creative thinking. This year’s ingredients are based on our original list from 2011. It will be interesting to see how much we’ve changed in 9 years.

The challenge will include 9 blocks and will run from February to November with a Christmas get-together in December. Meetings are held in our room at Cook on the second Wednesday of the month. The room is open from 10.00 with the meeting starting at 10.30 and usually over by 12.00. The room remains open after if you wish to stay. After the meeting an email is sent to participants outlining what was decided so that everyone is up to date.

It is important to remember that this is supposed to be fun and friendly! **DO NOT STRESS.** Flexible thinking is the key. Use your imagination, try something new – and there’s no pressure to finish if real life decides to inconveniently intrude on our fun.

**Some final tips for new members.** It helps to decide on the approximate size and purpose of the quilt before you start. Also consider continuity across your rows/blocks – how to tie it together. One way is to select one fabric style, such as – Japanese, children’s, thirties, Christmas, Australiana, Kaffe Fasset, batik, reproduction, floral or a jelly roll. A common background or colour such as cream, indigo, or black/white, also works well. Choosing one MOTIF for the year would also be a unifying option. If you are ever uncertain, don’t worry, we have a very creative and experienced “think tank” available at every meeting. And if you can’t make the meetings there’s a blog post, with pictures, accessible through the Canberra Quilters website..

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#	Colours	Shapes	Motifs
1	Red	Squares	Baskets
2	Pink	Rectangles	Plants
3	Orange	Triangles	Animals
4	Yellow	Circles/ Curves	Bugs
5	Green	Diamonds	Houses
6	Turquoise	Hexagons	People
7	Blue	Hearts	Words
8	Purple	Stars	Birds
9	Brown	Spots/ Stripes	Places