

## 2020 ROWMAKERS GUIDELINES & INGREDIENTS

The purpose of this challenge is to design and make a unique quilt-related project. In the past we've 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 – "2020 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 THEMES. However, with the THEMES category, you may decide to choose one theme at the beginning of the year for the whole project and then ignore the theme 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 theme ingredients represent something completely new. It will be interest to see how we rise to the challenge.

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 11.30 -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 THEME 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..

## 2020ROWMAKERS INGREDIENTS

#	Colours	Shapes	Themes
1	Pink	Squares	Song
2	Red	Rectangles	Movie
3	Orange	Triangle	Book
4	Yellow	Circles/ Curves	Art
5	Green	Diamonds	TV Show
6	Turquoise	Hexagon	Cartoon
7	Blue	Star	Poetry
8	Purple	Heart	Fairy Tale/ Nursery Rhyme
9	Brown	Ellipse	Legend/ Myth
10	Black	Fan	Saying
11	Grey	Irregular	Zodiac
12	White	Octagon	Music Group/ Artist