

What is a Round Robin Quilt?

A round robin quilt is usually made by a group of quilters. To start, everyone who wants to participate makes a block for the center. There can be all kinds of rules for size, color, theme, etc. for both the center block and each round. Each block is then passed to another quilter in the group. This quilter adds the first border. Then the next quilter adds the second. This usually continues until there are three borders that have been sewn by three different quilters. The quilter who made the center block then gets the quilt top back to finish and enjoy.

SSQG Round Robin Guidelines

1. This is a strictly optional activity, only play if you really want to and are prepared to keep to the schedule.
2. All fabric used should be good quality 100% cotton fabrics. As with any exchange, do your best, consider what will look good with the quilt and have fun.
3. Make a 16.5" square quilt block (unfinished size). This will be the center of your quilt. You can use whatever design or style you like.
4. You are going to make a "kit" to go with your quilt block. This will include any fabric you'd like to be used in your quilt, a note with any preferences you have about colors, styles, etc. Additional fabrics from individual quilters' stashes can/should also be used.
5. Your "kit" items will go into a tote. This should be sturdy enough to be carted back and forth to meetings and homes for the 6 or so months of the Round Robin. Suggestions would be a tote bag, project box, duffle bag, reuseable grocery bag, something sturdier than a paper sack or plastic grocery bag.
6. We will start exchanging **November 6th, 2025**, at our guild meeting. Your tote will get a label with a list of the participants and the trading dates.
7. Each person has two months to add a round to the quilt, bringing the kit back to the appropriate meeting to pass to the next person on the list.
8. Round 1 - add a 4.5" border to the center square. The quilt top will now measure 24.5" square. You may add whatever design border you like that you think enhances the center block. Try to use some triangles as you work on this round. This round is due **January 8th, 2026**, at our guild meeting.
9. Round 2 - add a 6.5" border. The quilt top will now be 36.5" square. Try to use curves and/or circles as you work on this round. This round is due **March 5th, 2026**, at our guild meeting.
10. Round 3 - add a 4.5" border. The quilt top will now measure 44.5" square. Freestyle, no rules on design on this round. Consider appliqué or doing something else unique. This round is due **May 7th, 2026**, at our guild meeting.
11. Owners will receive their quilt tops back **May 7th, 2026**. We will have the first reveal at that guild meeting.
12. Owners will have two months to complete their Round Robin Quilt. Adding an additional round, if desired. We will have a Round Robin Show & Tell at the **July 2026** meeting.
13. You are free to ask for help/suggestions from anyone else in the group.