

**Nickel Charm Swap** starting in December.\*\* Pat Speth – Nickel Quilts will be here in July with a trunk show and she will be doing a workshop. Nickel charms are 5” squares of fabric. Any of the charm quilt patterns on the market today will work with our charm swap the same as they do for the Moda pre-cuts and pre-cuts by other manufactures. An example would be a Hidden 9 Patch quilt or a Hidden 4 Patch quilt.

**\*\*Due to the busy month we had leading up to and having the quilt show and now the holidays, I am extending the due date on the December charms to January. This will be the only extension on the time table for the charm swap.**

There will be categories that you will **need to sign up** for and color schemes for each month. Sign up with Nancy Solsberg, 816-517-1627 or [nansols@comcast.net](mailto:nansols@comcast.net). Instead of anything goes like the strip swap last year where we ended up with a hodge podge of colors, this year we are having categories so we can control and plan for the project we want. The categories are listed below. You can participate in more than one category if you so choose. You may also bring more than one packet of any given color/month if you want more of a certain color. Packets can only contain 24 squares. An example would be: I need more neutrals for background colors. I am signed up for the civil war categories. So I bring [2] packets of 24 charms. I will then get two packets back that month.

The charms will be traded in pairs. **Only 100% cotton fabrics and it must be washed and pressed.** You will need to remove the selvage edge before cutting into squares. You will turn in 24 squares and receive 24 squares in return. ½ yard of fabric will yield the 24 squares needed.

Accurately cut your 5” squares. Neatly stack them, place them in a sandwich bag labeled with your name, the month the squares are for and the category they are for. **Example: Nancy Solsberg, December, Civil War**

Categories: **Civil War** - dark richer colors such as Kansas Troubles fabrics and Thimbleberries

**Batiks**

**1930's reproductions** due to lack of interest in this category, it has been eliminated

**Brights** - crayon-box colors – clear, pure – no gray added to soften the colors.

**Pastels** – soft romance colors – fabrics by 3 Sisters or Robyn Pandolph for example

Color schemes:

December: neutral **\*\*you have until January to turn in this month/color**

January: blue

February: red and pink **[two different colors to turn in this month]**

March: greens

April: yellow

May: purple

June: orange

July: brown and black **[two different colors to turn in this month]**

The Nickel charms will be swapped **on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month**. December and January charms will be swapped on February 1. You will have until that date to get them to me. If you forget them, you can mail them to me or give them to me at the Bee but I must have them by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Drop your packets of charms off in the orange basket each month at the guild projects table and pick up the charms from the month before. You will pick up December and January charms at the February meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting, I will bring any not picked up the next month and you may get them then.

Below are links for ideas:

<http://blog.imaginefabric.com/2009/01/how-to-make-quilt-block-using-5-quilt.html>

Disappearing 9 – Patch: <http://www.psiquilt.com/2009/03/disappearing-9-patch-tutorial-super.html>

Scrappy Plate Club by Bunny Hill Designs – the 5” charms could be used in place of the 4” x 12” pieces for the plate blades: <http://bunnyhillblog.com/free-patterns/>

Moda Bake Shop – ideas for the pre-cuts including the 5” charm packs - <http://www.modabakeshop.com/p/bakery.html>

Missouri Star Company: <http://quiltingtutorials.com/>