



Week 4 – Partial Quarter Square Triangles (pQST) or Combination Block

We are so glad you are here with us for the sisterhood Quilt Along!

How are you doing making blocks?

Remember, while we are sharing new blocks every week, you don't have to keep up. Go at your own pace, make blocks as you can and the newsletters can hang out in your email, ready when you are!

We've got some fun blocks this week!

Giveaway at the end of the newsletter.

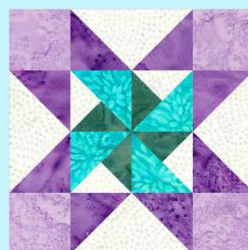
This week we will be making blocks 14, 15 and 21!

Block 14



Joan

Block 15



Martha

Block 21



Patricia

Just in case you haven't started yet, you do need the pattern to be able to make the quilt! Click below for links to purchase either the paper pattern or the PDF version.

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Partial Quarter Square Triangle Units or Combination Units

AKA - the Y block, the partial half square triangle unit... one unit, so many different names!

You may know this unit or block by one of these names - or even another one! No matter what name you know it by, you have (at least!) two different piecing options.

The partial quarter square triangle unit is made up of two small QST (quarter square triangles) and one large HST (half square triangle).

With all of those exposed bias edges, your task is to NOT stretch or pull on them as you are sewing. Relax - you've got this.

It is easy to stretch the bias- when cutting, when handling the pieces to sew together and when pressing. Just use a light hand to handle the pieces, and if

you need a little extra help, a light spritz of spray starch can help hold those bias edges in check.

When stitching, pay close attention to the placement of the individual units.

Fabric Placement matters and is different for each block.

Studio 180 folks, please note: the Studio 180 piecing method is AWESOME but it yields mirror image units, which do NOT work with some of the blocks.

So please pay very close attention to the directions for each individual block to see which piecing method is used.

Tammy's Combination Unit Video



Also, if you would like any additional Combination unit or partial quarter square

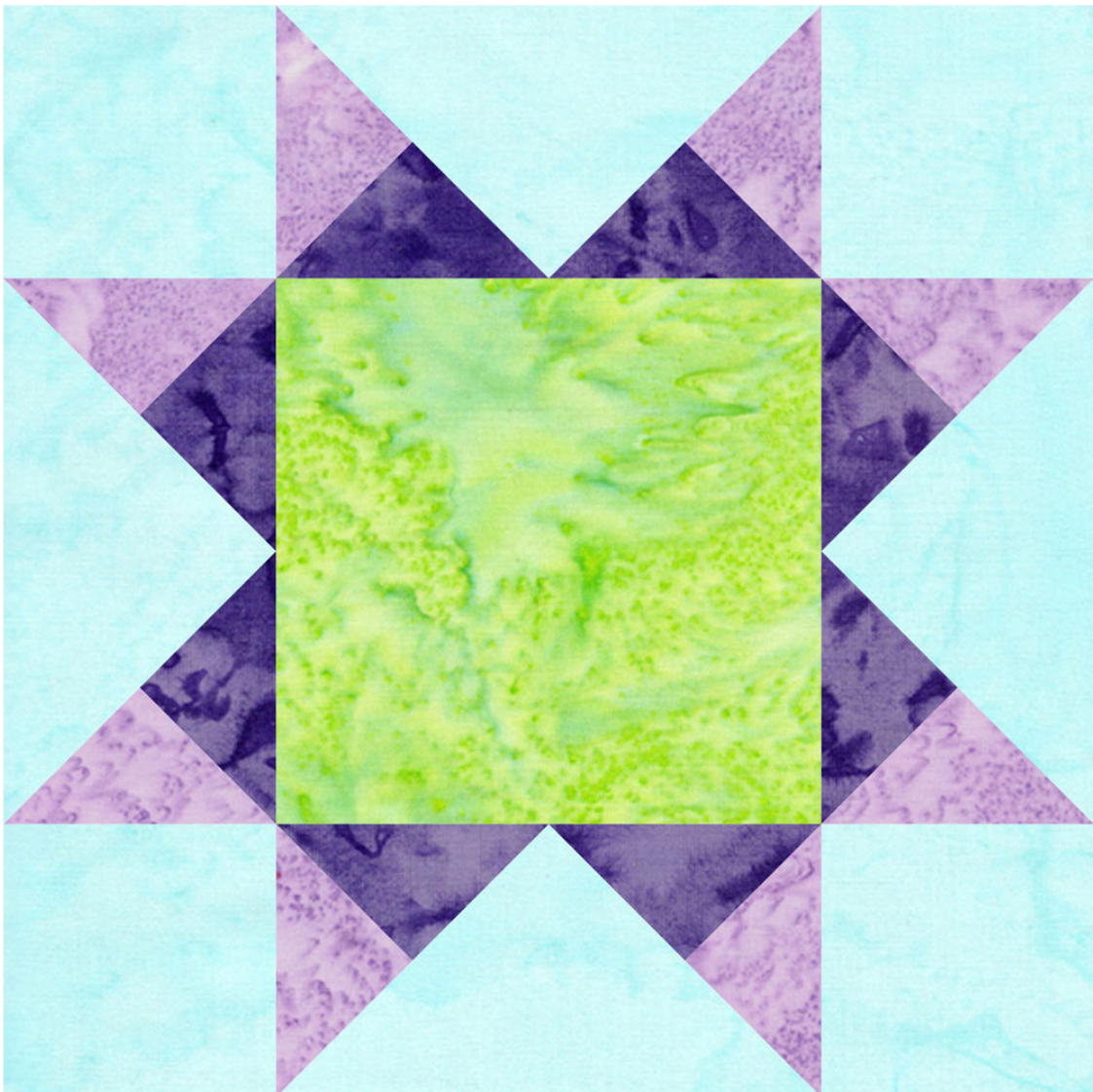
triangle unit tips, there are links below to Tammy's blog post and Kate's blog post on pQST units.

Link to Kate's blog post- partial QST units

Link to Tammy's blog post- Combination units

Aunt Addie's Album

Block 21 – Patricia



Patricia is a fun block - our partial QST or Combination units are used to make a what looks like pieced Flying Geese units!

The blocks uses mirror image units, so Basic Instructions folks will make four identical units and four mirror image units.

The Studio 180 Instructions folks can follow the Combination unit instructions.

Both ways are easy peasy!

Block 21 – Patricia's Story

Kate:

This block is named in honor of 3 Patricias in my life – my youngest sister Patricia, my good friend Patty and my sister in law, Tricia.

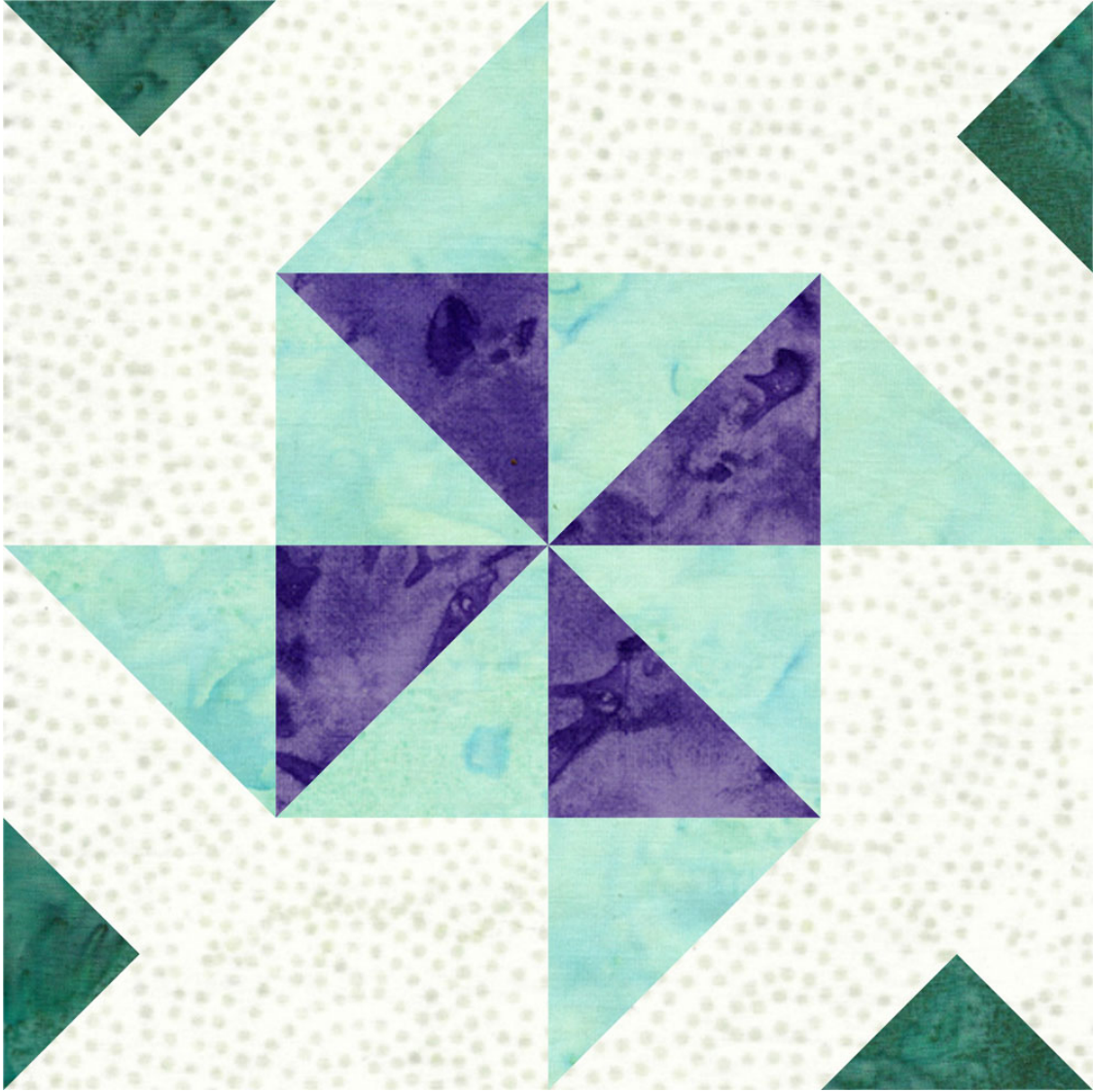
I never met my youngest sister Patricia. She died when she was only 4 days old and I was only 4 years old. She was born premature and back then, there weren't as many medical options. But, while I never met her, she was always present. We would go to the cemetery every year for her birthday. So while I never knew her in person, she has always been a part of my life. I often wonder what she would have been like...

My sister in law Tricia is someone who loves her family, riding motorcycles with her hubby and just loves to have fun! Her oldest son and my daughter are the same age- just 6 days apart and they lived with us when both kids were just babies so we always kind of thought of them as the twins! Her daughter (who is a miniature of her mom- literally- Tricia is around 5'10" and Jenn is closer to my height of 5'4" but otherwise looks just like her mom!) lives near me here in the Denver area so I get to hang out with her which is so fun!

And last but not least, my friend Patty. We met in junior high, were friends all through high school and college, lost touch for awhile but in the last few years, she has been a savior to me. She stepped in and took my daughter to visit wedding venues and for wedding gown fittings when I couldn't be there because I lived across the country. She has been a support for me in so many ways and I cannot thank her enough. I ask and she delivers. I only wish I could be as supportive to her as she has been to me.

Flying X

Block 14 – Joan



For this block, instead of using 3 different fabrics, Joan only uses 2.

So for our Studio 180 folks, at first glance it may look like you can ONLY use the Basic Instructions. But look carefully. Because two of the three triangles in this partial quarter square triangle block are Fabric A, you can actually use either piecing method.

No matter which method you follow, the resulting units will be rotated so that the Fabric D triangle is oriented to the outside following the diagram. The seam (this time) is not an issue.

Pressing tip - as mentioned in the pattern, Tammy presses all her seams open but Kate likes to press to one side. If you like to press to one side, this is another block (as is Martha, the next block) where using the rotate pressing or swirling the seams method mentioned in the first newsletter could come in handy. Make the center of the block as a 4 patch as described in the pattern but swirl the seams when pressing.

Click below if you need the link to Kate's Blog post on pressing using the swirl or rotate pressing method.

[Link to Kate's blog post on Rotate Pressing](#)

Block 14 – Joan's story

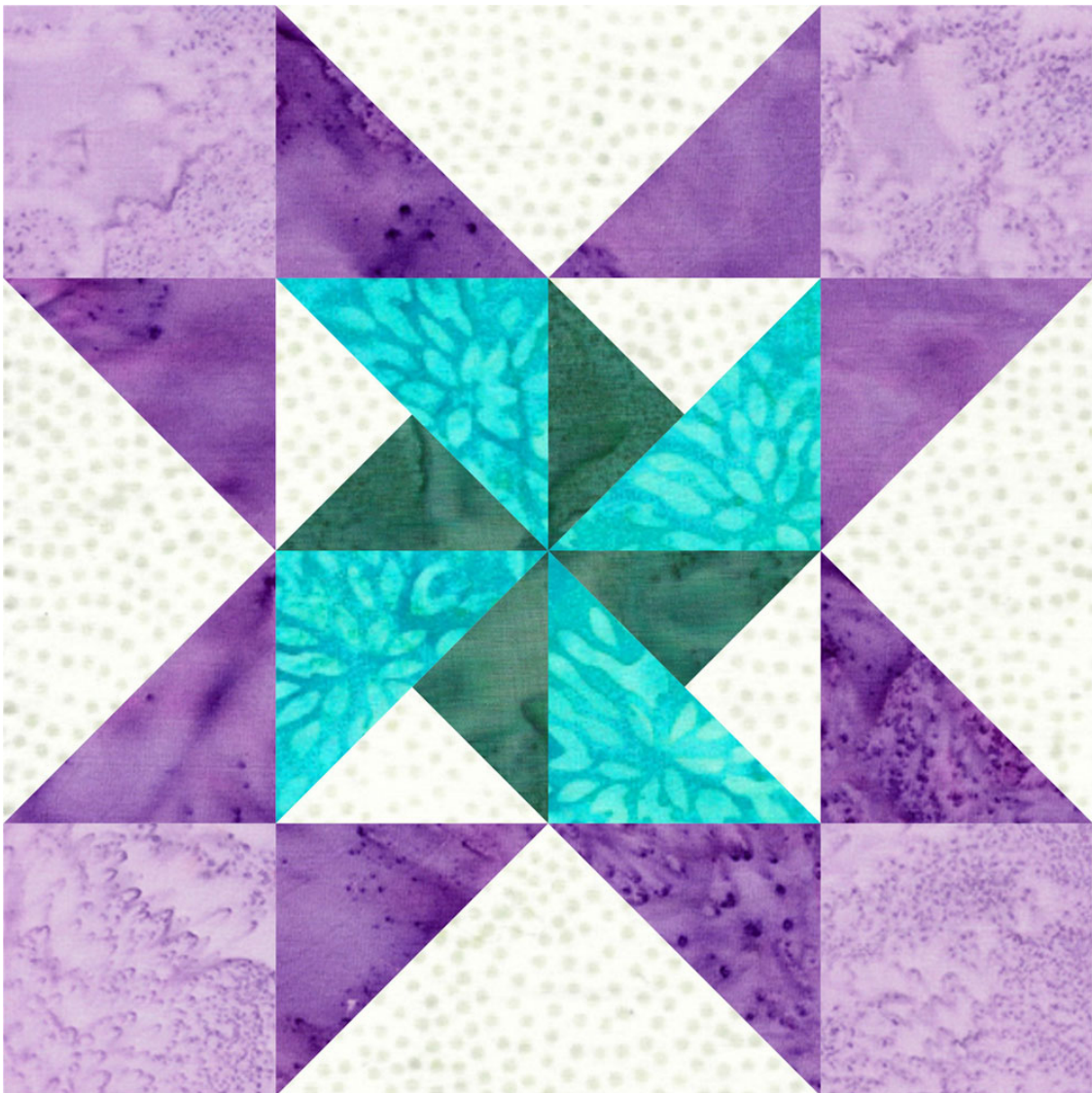
Tammy:

Joan was my mother-in-law. While she was the farthest from a quilter – she preferred running, skiing, and watching sports, she was so positive. And she had the sweetest smile!

When we first married, I even tried running. It didn't take. But that's ok – she never held it against me!

Martha Washington's Star

Block 15 – Martha



Martha does NOT use mirror image units. So everyone will need to follow the Basic Instructions for piecing the four identical partial square triangle units. The units will be used in the center to make the fun double pinwheel.

Note – you are also getting to practice your "four at a time" flying geese again!

Block 15 - Martha's story

Kate:

When we were dividing up the blocks, I knew I had to chose this one as there are 3 Martha's in my life! But, as I mentioned a while back, my family loves to use nicknames.

Martha, the first, is my grandmother, my mom's mom. We never called her Martha or Grandma or Nana; we called her Mawsey. I am not really sure why but family lore is someone mangled saying Grandma Martha and so Mawsey stuck.

But the story doesn't end there. The real question is, what did her friends call her? They called her Pat. I can't explain since her middle name was Catherine.

Martha #2 is my aunt, Mawsey's daughter and my mom's older sister. We didn't call her Aunt Martha. We call her Aunt Sue. Why? I have no idea but like I said, my family likes to call people by names they don't have!

And Martha #3 is my cousin, Aunt Sue's daughter. Guess what we call her?
Martha.

Guest Designers

Each week, we will have guest quilt designers share a block they made from the Sisterhood quilt and share a story of an influential woman in their life.

Enjoy!



Block 14

from Jen Frost:

I'm thankful to have a sisterhood of seven amazingly talented quilters. We get together virtually, twice a month, and share all things...not just quilting, but life. I look forward to these get togethers so much, and am thankful to have such a beautiful group of women to share and sew with! They say a rising tide floats all boats, and together we raise the tide - and each other - in love and support.

Jen's website:

<https://faithandfabricdesign.com>

Block 15

from Claudia:

The Sisterhood quilt represents women who have been important to us in our lives. When I was thinking about this, my mother immediately came to mind. She is, and has always been, the person I could turn to when I was happy, sad or scared. She's seen me at my best and my worst. Now that she is at an age where she needs extra help, I am glad I can be there for her.

Claudia's website:

<http://www.createwithclaudia.com/>



Giveaway Time!!!



We have a great giveaway this week from Schmetz!

This week we have a fabulous giveaway! The generous folks at Schmetz have given us 2 bundles of

needles and their pocket needle guide!

Who doesn't want new needles?

And the winners are.....

Linda B and Pati! Congratulations!

Linda's email starts with kelibo.....

Pati's email starts with parben....

LINDA and PATI- you need to reply to this email with your full name and mailing address **BEFORE 9am Sunday May 15th!!!!**

If we don't hear from you by then, we will pick another winner.

Or you can email Tammy directly: info@tamarinis.com or email Kate directly: kate@katecollerandesigns.com.

Thank you for reading our Quilt Along newsletter.

We appreciate all of you!

Thank you!

Don't forget- to make the quilt, you need to purchase the pattern!

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Happy Quilting!

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