

Civil War Quilt-As-You-Go Workshop
STUDENT HANDOUT
Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This Quilt-As-You-Go workshop will focus on the history of and the techniques used in making the "Potholder" quilts during the Civil War. This method of quilting is still applicable today for finishing up all of those unfinished blocks that most quilters have stored away somewhere and for completing community service projects.

Goals:

- We will spend the first few minutes reviewing the history of this form of QAYG, and then an hour or so working on some machine quilting techniques: basting the layers, supplies, quilting with a walking foot, free-motion quilting and quilting with rulers.
- Students will bring two or three blocks from home, and we will quilt them in class. While our main objective is not machine quilting, we can talk about some of your options.
- The rest of the time will be spent on learning the quilt-as-you-go techniques for completing the blocks.

Supply List:

- Basic sewing supplies: sewing machine, scissors, pins, pencil, small ruler, small binder clips and marking tools.
- Machine quilting supplies: walking foot, darning foot, ruler foot and rulers are all optional.
- Thread to match your binding fabric. We will demonstrate how to finish the binding by hand and by machine. We prefer to use Aurifil thread for both, but this is a personal preference.
- The book: *Civil War Quilts* by Pam Weeks and Don Beld. The book is not required, but it is a beautiful book for all of you book collectors and history buffs.

Block Preparation:

- You will need to bring at least **two** coordinating pieced, whole cloth OR appliqued blocks (you can bring more). Size does not matter, your blocks can be 12", 9", or even 6" blocks, but they must be the SAME size.
- Layer them with batting and backing so that you are ready to quilt them in class.
- Cut enough 1 ¼" binding strips to go around your blocks.

Instructors:

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