

BIMQG QUILT CHALLENGE 2021:

The theme this year for our guild challenge is UPCYCLE / CREATIVE REUSE. It's easy to be green when you recycle textiles that you no longer wear or want.

Size: 24" wide by 24" long, and up to 30" wide x 36" long

At least 80% of the fabrics you use must be "scavenged" (see list of examples of scavenged items below). The remaining 20% can be solid fabrics from your stash. Consider backing your quilt with scavenged fabrics as well!

You can work individually, or collaborate with other quilt guild members and submit your challenge as a team.

The resulting quilts will be presented at our June 2021 meeting, and hopefully shown at Esther's Fabrics, and during our Quilt Festival; they will be returned to you in September.

Consider the following scavenged fabrics and embellishments to incorporate into your quilts: Think cotton, silk, corduroy, velvet, linen, velveteen; think shirts, jeans, your children's clothing, men's ties, flour and feed sacks, dish towels, decorator fabric samples, vintage aprons and handkerchiefs, curtains, vintage fabric scraps, buttons, zippers, and buckles. If you don't own supplies like these, or need to supplement what you do have, visit thrift shops, yard sales, and your local Buy Nothing project, such as Buy Nothing Poulsbo or Buy Nothing Bainbridge. Or, trade with other quilters.

An example of a quilt made from upcycled clothing and fabrics:



<https://www.garmentory.com/sale/silkdenim/textiles-throws-quilts/690336-recycled-denim-patchwork-throw-quilt>

**** Marybeth O'Halloran has passed along a plethora of ties, deconstructed tie scraps, and miscellaneous fabric treasures. I will bag them up in batches and put them in a plastic bin next to my front door. Feel free to stop by and grab a bag.

To get your creative juices flowing, refer to:

Sherrilyn Wood's "Make Do Quilt and Challenge" and her "Passage Quilting Project":

<https://sherrilynwood.com/blog/2016/10/15/quilt-curating-materials>

<https://sherrilynwood.com/blog/2016/08/11/make-do-challenge>

<https://sherrilynwood.com/#/passage-quilting/>

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/makedoquilt/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/RobynR3/upcycle-clothes-to-quilts/>

Facts about textile waste, and to learn more about the issue:

1) "Textile waste is a huge global problem. The EPA estimates that in 2017, Americans sent 11.2 million tons of textiles, predominantly clothing items, to landfills. According to the EPA, landfills are "the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States" and methane is the second largest contributor to global warming after carbon dioxide. And that's just a part of the environmental issues caused by textile production and waste."

2) <https://www.roadrunnerwm.com/blog/textile-waste-environmental-crisis>

3) <https://www.centerforecotecnology.org/fast-fashion-textile-waste/>

4) <http://www.weardonaterecycle.org>

5) <https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/lets-keep-clothing-out-of-our-landfills/>

6) This is really interesting about Prince Charles:

[https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/tradition/a34577049/prince-charles-on-his-fashion-style/?](https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/tradition/a34577049/prince-charles-on-his-fashion-style/?source=nl&utm_source=nl_tnc&utm_medium=email&date=110620&src=nl&utm_campaign=22011651&utm_term=AAA%20--%20High%20Minus%20Dormant%20and%2090%20Day%20Non%20Openers)

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