

## Seymour Quilters Guild Grow-a-Quilt 2021 Step 1 - Starting

Our new monthly make, which we will do over 6 episodes, needed a name – something to reflect the season and how you will grow your own unique quilt. We decided on Grow-a-Quilt.

As your quilt grows, you will practice your use of colour, design, quilting techniques, and assembly from directions given and in chats with members on [SOSAH Days](#).

By the way, “make” is the term for “doing” used by online quilters!

**STEP 1 – STARTING** – Start with a block that is 12.5” x 12.5” unfinished.

**CONSIDERATIONS** as you check your stash:

- You might use a block that you already have or one you would like to try. If your block is smaller than 12.5”x12.5” or rectangular, you can add borders to bring it up to 12.5”.
- You might use a piece of fabric you love either as a 12.5” block or a smaller square with a single border.
- Background fabric. What colour? Is it one of which you have about a metre, or several similar fabrics?
- Do you want to use your scraps or do you have larger pieces of fabrics in your colours?
- Do you want solids, tone-on-tones, or prints with geometric designs, flowers?
- Do you want a traditional or improv look to your quilt?

### COLOUR

- The block or fabric will introduce the colours of your quilt or provide an idea fabric.
- Look for what you have in your stash that coordinates with or complements the colours in the block.
- Do you want black and/or white?

### DESIGN OPTIONS

- **Medallion Quilt:** The quilt has a centre block and borders are added around all four sides. Do a search using the keywords *quilt medallion -pinterest* to find information in places other than Pinterest.
- **Liberated Medallion Quilt:** Borders are improv and go around all sides of the centre block. This technique is from [Gwen Marston's Liberated Medallion Quilts](#).
- **Improv Quilt:** The quilt starts with a centre block but each border is added on fewer than four sides.
- **Block of the Month Quilt:** Blocks are made each month then put together at the end with sashing.