

# Slab Blocks and Quilt Tops



## Big Quilt Bee!



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Help us reach our goal to successfully host Canada's biggest quilting bee during the four *Quilt Canada* days in June 2017! CQA/ACC is putting out the call to encourage quilters to make and donate at least one block for the *Big Quilt Bee*. Better yet, team up with your quilt guild, your local quilt shop(s) or a group of friends to coordinate a block-assembly afternoon and see how many blocks you can create toward this wonderful project. Are you ready to help out? Then read on!

The specific blocks we need supplied by quilters are called *Slab* blocks. These blocks were made famous when Canadian quilter, Cheryl Arkison, used *Slab* blocks in quilts made for families who lost everything in the Alberta floods of 2013. With Cheryl's permission, CQA/ACC is calling on Canadian quilters to make *Slab* blocks once more.

Inspiration for the quilts is the *Missing U* quilt from the book: *Sunday Morning Quilts* by Amanda Jean Nyberg and Cheryl Arkison.

Please mail *Slab* blocks and *unfinished* quilt tops to: Leslie Whitby, 2895 Old Almonte Rd, Carp, ON K0A 1L0.



Photo by Cheryl Arkison

In order for slabs and quilt tops to arrive in a timely manner to the *Big Quilt Bee*, parcels mailed to Leslie must be postmarked **no later than May 30, 2017**.

If you have completely finished quilts (quilted and bound), please keep them until CQA/ACC announces where they are to be shipped... sometime in early 2017.





## How do you make a Slab?

If you have the book, *Sunday Morning Quilts*, review directions on pages 48 to 49. If you don't have the book, the directions below will direct you how to make a *Slab* block.

To commemorate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, each slab must have at least one piece of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday fabric available through Northcott®, Trend-Text Fabrics Inc.®, Cantik Batiks®, JN Harper® and other possible fabric companies.

You may use your own fabric, but there must be at least one piece of the special Canada 150<sup>th</sup> birthday fabric.

## How to make a Slab

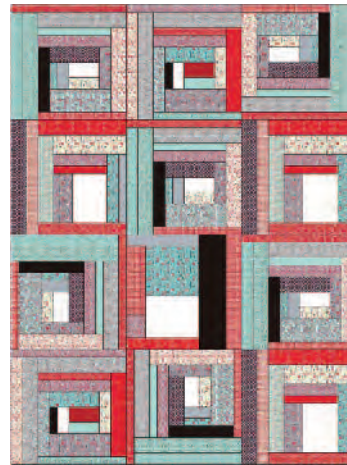
- 1 Start with small bits of fabric or big pieces—it doesn't matter.
- 2 Make sure there is at least one piece of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday fabric among the fabric used for each *Slab*.
- 3 Raid your scrap bins and go with what you've got. You may want to use like-colours in a *Slab*, but it is completely up to you.
- 4 Take two pieces of fabric and sew them together.
- 5 Follow step four a few more times.
- 6 Sew more pieces to those first few pairs.
- 7 Sew groups of fabric together.
- 8 Add additional pieces of fabric until you arrive at a finished size of 12.5" square.
- 9 If over-sized, trim each *Slab* block to 12.5" square.



Have fun and make several slabs in different colours.

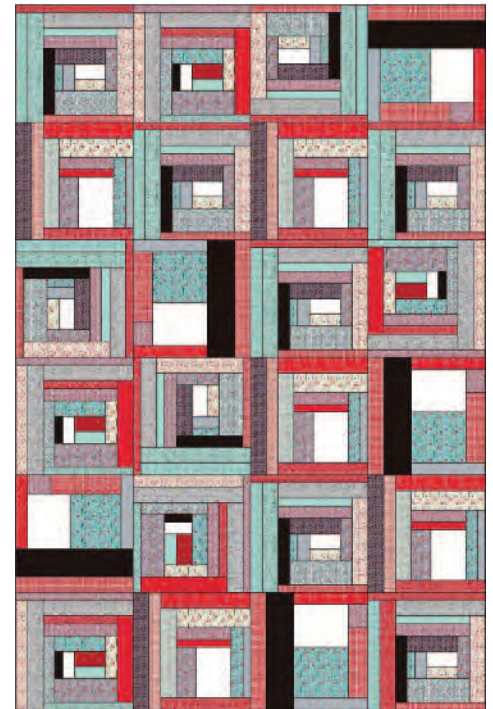
## How to Make Quilt Tops

Would you like to use your slabs to make a whole quilt top? We need two sizes of quilt tops: large for big kids and small for little kids.



### Small Quilt:

Sew three blocks together for each row. Make four rows and sew them together to make a quilt top that will be 36.5" x 48.5".



### Large Quilt:

Sew four blocks together for each row. Make six rows and sew them together to make a quilt top that will be 48.5" x 72.5". ♦



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