

Samplers of Valor Service Project – Donna Schoustra, Coordinator email: donnaschoustra@yahoo.com

Members make any block of their choice using red, white or off-white, gold and blue fabrics.(you do not have to use all those colors in each block and fabrics do not have to have a patriotic theme) Fabrics must comply with the QOV standards (see below).

The unfinished size must measure 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" Square. You may use any pattern. If you have a large scale print with a patriotic theme you may cut a 12-1/2" square from the fabric; we are making samplers so these blocks will enhance the design.

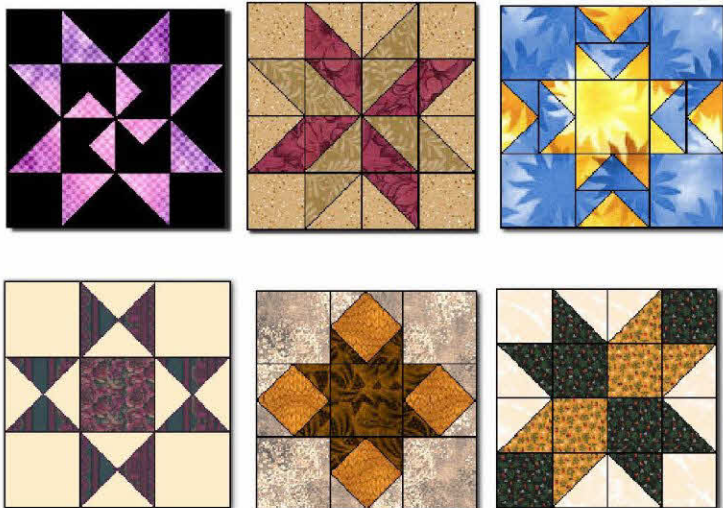
Also, you may make pillow cases to be used as presentation cases. We would like to include a case with every quilt top we donate. We would also like to include a label (Sample Below, please follow QOV guidelines) Hand written labels are fine.

When the blocks are received, members may take 20 blocks to create a quilt top and add borders and sashing to meet the size requirement. When finished guild member and regional coordinator Diana Richards will take the tops to arrange for quilting, or if anyone wants to complete the entire quilt they may do so.

	<b>Do</b>	<b>DO Not</b>
<b>Fabric</b>	Use high quality 100% cotton quilting weight fabric appropriate for an adult.	Use sheets, thin, stiff, or scratchy fabric.
<b>Pattern</b>	Many free patterns are available on our website and on the web.	Make rag quilts.  Make a whole cloth QOV unless you are a professional quality quilter.
<b>Size</b>	Top: Width 55" to 72" by length 65" to 90"  Backing 3 to 4 inches larger on all four sides.	Make quilt top less than minimum or more than maximum.
<b>Binding</b>	Use straight cut or bias <b>double fold</b> binding; join binding pieces with diagonal seams. Apply neatly by hand or machine.	Fold over backing and use as binding or zig-zag binding in place.
<b>Quilting</b>	Machine or hand quilting in an appropriate design. ( free hand, pantograph, or computer guided patriotic or generic designs)  Balanced stitches of uniform size. (5 - 7 stitches per inch if quilted by hand; 8 -12 stitches per inch if by machine)  Low-loft quality batting. (Cotton, 80/20, or poly from Pellon, Warm Company; Quilter's Dream; Hobbs)	Tie  Do only stitch in the ditch on a domestic machine or use giant meander  Use high-loft batting

<b>Label</b>	Must include Quilt of Valor; blank for name of recipient. Should include names of piecer and quilter.	Do not include more than your first name and state.  Include advertising, political or religious messages.
<b>Journal</b>	Write a note to the recipient.	Do not include more than your first name, and state  Include advertising, political or religious messages.
<b>Washing</b>	Wash your quilt after it is quilted and bound.  Use a Color Catcher in the machine	Use scented laundry products .  Send a quilt covered in pet hair.
<b>Presentation Case</b>	Make a coordinating pillowcase or bag in which to place your QOV.	Send your quilt without a presentation case.

Sample Star Blocks, but you may make any block 12 ½ Sq.                      Sample label



<p>Quilt of Valor</p> <p>Thank you for your Service</p> <p>Presented to: (leave blank space)</p> <p>Pieced by</p> <p>Heritage Quilters of South Suburbia, Illinois</p> <p>Quilted by: (leave blank space)</p>
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#### Quilt of Valor Kit Instructions

1. Complete the quilt to a finished width of 55" - 72" and length of 65" to 90".
2. Press quilt top so as to prepare it for quilting.
3. You may completely finish the quilt by quilting and binding if you like or just turn in the complete top.
4. Turn in quilt as soon as possible to Donna Schoustra.
5. You may make a presentation case and/or label if you like.