



Mad City Quilt Guild

BLOTTO

2019-2020



MARCH: Barn Quilt Trail

Block #4 Presentation: **March 3** (afternoon) & **March 23** (evening)
Drawings for Block #4 **April 7** & **April 27**

Did you know the first barn quilt trail was created in Adams County, Ohio, in 2001? There are now over 7,000 painted blocks as part of organized barn quilt trails and dozens more painted barns scattered throughout the countryside in the 48 states and Canada. For fun this SUMMER, go find a barn quilt trail and follow it! You don't have to go far—neighboring Green County and Rock County have more than a 150 on each of their trails! For more history and information, visit: <http://barnquiltinfo.com>

Your Blotto assignment this month, should you choose to accept it (and we hope you do!) is to design or select a quilt block you would paint on your barn—if you had one—and sew it! Some suggestions to get you started: choose a block from a favorite family quilt, or one that is a reflection of something significant about you or your family (e.g. Thread Spools, Irish Chain, Hugs and Kisses, patriotic motif) — or simply select a geometric block of your choice. You can explore lots of options through Google and on Pinterest boards, so go have some fun on your next quilting journey! Find lots of inspiration here, too: <http://sewingforbeginners.info/barn-quilt-patterns-designs-ideas/#MadisonTrail>



UNFINISHED BLOCK SIZE: Standard 9.5" x 9.5" used in most sampler block patterns

FABRICS: **BRIGHT, CLEAR, SOLID COLORS only--no prints or textures**

BLOCK STYLE: *Traditional, geometric, usually symmetrical, medium to high contrast*

Note: If you put your quilt block on-point, use solid antique white or barn red for background corners. Your block should still measure 9.5 x 9.5, so plan accordingly.

If you win this Blotto, consider using a "barn" as your center block, or arrange all your blocks on the side of a barn, as demonstrated on the jigsaw puzzle below! And if you don't win, sew your block again, enlarge it with a border, and make a pillow for your porch chair or entryway to tell people who you are!

