

Quilting Buddy Program

This program provides support - especially for new members. A list of members who are willing to be buddies (mentors) is maintained by the membership coordinator. When new members join the group, they will be asked if they would like to have a quilting buddy. If so, they are matched up with buddies. Both the buddies will be notified.

Possible Activities:

Sit together at meetings.
Attend quilt shows together.
Shop together.
Go out for lunch.
Problem solve together.
Sew together.
Make guild badge for new member together.
Share email and telephone conversations

The experienced buddy could:

- give advice
- answer questions about guild programs
- demonstrate techniques
- loan magazines, patterns, tools or tell the newcomer where he or she can get them
- Introduce newcomer to other members
- encourage newcomer to participate in classes, workshops and on committees

If the experienced buddy is unable to do any of the above, she or he could seek a guild member who can help.

This program would benefit the guild. It would be informal and last as long as the two buddies want it to!