## Do- It- Yourself Round Robin Mystery Guild Activity 2015

The guild activity for 2015 is a do-it-yourself Round Robin Mystery. To start, you will need to find/make your center block. This is a great time to use a UFO block or make a new block. Starting in January, you will add a border every other month for 6 months to complete your project. I will present a border style at the guild meeting and show examples. I will then repeat the presentation the following month and put it in the guild newsletter, in case you miss a meeting. We will have 6 different suggested border styles, using different techniques. The complete list of borders will be kept secret. Your goal is to complete 1 border every 2 months. You can always do the border style that best suits your project and make it by hand or machine. This guild activity is meant to be fun and encourage creativity. So, the rules each month are really only guild lines.

## Tips for success:

- 1. Consider using a square center block. If you use a rectangle-you will have to figure the sizes of 2 sides each month. It can be pieced, applique, etc. Whatever you choose. If you start with a 12 inch block- that is divisible by 2,3 or 4.
- 2. If your center block is too small- set it on point or add a strip of fabric around it to make it the size you want.
- 3. Remember- we are adding 6 borders! So, if you start with a large center block- the last border could be really big!
- 4. Consider making the borders in different widths to add interest. (i.e. don't make each of the 6 borders all 4 inches in width)

- 5. Color palate?- choose your favorite or try something new. It's up to you! Any color palate will work: 30's, batik, civil war, brights, etc.
- 6. The corners on your borders can be straight, mitered, or you can use cornerstones.
- 7. Bring your finished borders to guild each month to show off and inspire others.
- 8. How much fabric will I need? How big will my quilt be? Consider the diagram below:

