

## 2021 Bernina World of Sewing Feathered Friends Quilt Along

### 18 Reasons to Sign Up....

1. To further develop your sewing and piecing skills.
2. This quilt was designed by our very own Sona Thorburn and Sonja Shogren. This is a **FIRST** for Bernina World of Sewing. This pattern is not available to the general public, adding to the uniqueness of this project.
3. This year's quilt will be offered in **four color ways** – pink, purple, teal, and orange. This is another FIRST for BWOS.
4. There will be **50 kits for each colorway**, so choose your color and sign up today!
5. All fabrics are beautiful batiks. If you are a batik lover, this quilt is for you.
6. The cost of the program is **only \$25**, and includes over 5 yards of Anthology batik focus fabrics in the colorway of your choice, along with access to the instructional materials and videos, and access to the private FaceBook group. Participants are required to purchase 6 yards of background fabric for the quilt.
7. For the first time ever, we are offering an option for participants to have their **entire kit of focus fabric mailed to them** at the start of the project. This is great for those who live out of town.
8. IF you decide to purchase your background fabric at Bernina World of Sewing, you will receive a 20% discount.
9. You will have the opportunity to make the quilt larger if you desire by purchasing an add-on kit. Price TBD.
10. This year's quilt is a Medallion-style quilt and will be assembled every month as we make our center block and then add on interesting and unique borders each month. At the end of the 8 month program, if you have done your monthly homework, you will have a completed quilt top that is ready to be quilted. No waiting for end of year assembly instructions.
11. You will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with a variety of rulers used to make your cutting and piecing more efficient and precise.
12. If you already have one of these rulers, you will be happy to use it, maybe even for the first time!
13. If you do not have a specific ruler and would like to purchase one, you will get a 10% discount on the ruler at Bernina World of Sewing.
14. All participants will be offered access to monthly printable instructions showing exactly how to cut and assemble your blocks.
15. All participants will be offered access to monthly videos showing in detail how to cut and sew your fabrics.
16. All participants will be offered access to a private FaceBook group which will be monitored by people who have made the quilt, allowing you to ask questions and get answers from pros who have made this quilt.
17. In addition, through the private FaceBook group, you will be able to connect with others who are making the quilt – make new friends, share tips and photos of your progress.
18. Most importantly, a **GOOD TIME** will be had by **ALL** !

## Quilt Along FAQ's

### What is the Quilt Along?

*The Quilt Along is an annual program offered by BWOS. The batik focus fabric of the quilt is provided for participants, along with instructional materials and videos. Participants are required to pay a sign-up fee. To complete the quilt, participants need to purchase 6 yards of background fabric. The quilt cannot be completed without the background fabric.*

### What is the cost of this year's program?

*This year's Feathered Friends Quilt Along will have a sign-up fee of \$25. The sign-up fee will allow you to choose a colorway and get the 5+ yards of beautiful Anthology batik focus fabrics needed to make the quilt top. As mentioned above, participants will be required to purchase 6 yards of background fabric to make the quilt top. IF you choose to purchase your background fabric at BWOS, you will receive a 20% discount. Recommended notions for this project purchased at BWOS will be discounted 10%.*

### How does the program work?

*Signups will open on March 1, 2021. Each month, beginning in April 2021, participants will go to either the Raleigh or Wilmington store to pick up their focus fabric. There will be 50 kits available for each of the four colorways, so sign up early to get your desired colorway.*

*Links to instructional materials and videos will be provided via email for each month's assignment. When the homework is completed, participants are required to bring the completed homework into the store the following month, and they will receive their next packet of fabrics. This is an 8 month program.*

### What exactly do I get for the \$25 sign-up fee?

#### **Once you pay the \$25 sign-up fee, you will receive:**

- *Over 5 yards of beautiful Anthology batik fabrics in the colorway of your choice – either teal, pink, purple, or orange, distributed over the 8 months of the program. The program runs from April until November.*
- *Access to instructions for this in-house, custom designed, beautiful medallion-style "Feathered Friends" quilt, which includes printable PDF instructions and access to instructional videos released every month from April until November.*
- *Access to a private FaceBook group consisting of others who are also making the Feathered Friends quilt. Those who made the sample quilts will participate in this group to offer tips and tricks. This is a great way to socialize with your Feathered Friends and post pictures of your progress.*

- At the end of the 8 month program, if you have done all of your homework, you will have a fully assembled quilt top ready for finishing.

**Participants in the \$25 program are responsible for:**

- Purchasing 6 yards of background fabric, either at BWOS or the store of your choice.
- Bringing your completed “homework” into the store at the beginning of every month and picking up your next month’s fabrics.

**For an additional postal fee of \$64**, paid at the start of the project, you can choose to have ALL of your focus fabrics mailed to you at one time. This is a great option for out of town people, but open to everyone. Printed instructions and instructional videos will still be released on a month-by-month basis. If you choose this option, you are **not** required to bring your completed homework into the store every month. You can only sign up for the mail delivery option at the start of the program.

**What exactly do I get when I pay the additional \$64 fee?**

**Once you pay the \$25 sign-up fee and the \$64 postal fee (\$89 total), you will receive:**

- A one-time bundle of over 5 yards of beautiful Anthology batik fabrics in the colorway of your choice – either teal, pink, purple, or orange, packed up and mailed to your designated address. All of the focus fabrics for the quilt will be mailed at one time, postage and handling included. **No monthly store visit to show your homework and pick up your next month’s fabric will be required.**
- Access to instructions for the in-house, custom designed, beautiful medallion-style “Feathered Friends” quilt, which includes printable PDF instructions and access to instructional videos released every month from April until November.
- Access to a private FaceBook group consisting of others who are also making the Feathered Friends quilt. Those who made the sample quilts will participate in this group to offer tips and tricks. This is a great way to socialize with your Feathered Friends and post pictures of your progress.
  - At the end of the 8 month program, if you have done all of your homework, you will have a fully assembled quilt top ready for finishing.

**Participants in the \$89 program are responsible for:**

- Purchasing 6 yards of background fabric, either at BWOS or the store of your choice.

**What if I am in the \$25 program and can’t make it into the store with my completed homework?**

You can give your completed homework to a friend or family member to bring into the store, and they can pick up your next month’s fabric for you.

**What if I don't get my homework done in time to pick up my next month's fabric before the deadline?**

*You will be required to pay a \$6 fee to get your next month's fabric if your previous month's completed homework is not presented before the deadline.*

**Can I email or text a photo of my completed homework?**

*No. Unless you have opted to have your fabrics mailed to you at the start of the Quilt Along, the completed homework must be seen in person by a store employee.*

**Can I ask for my fabrics to be mailed to me?**

***For an additional postal fee of \$64**, paid at the start of the project (see above for more details), you can choose to have ALL of your focus fabrics mailed to you at one time. If you choose this option, you are **not** required to bring your completed homework into the store every month. You can only sign up for the mail delivery option at the start of the program, meaning that once the program has started, you cannot opt in to having your fabric mailed.*

**Are there sewing sessions held in the store?**

*No. All sewing is to be done at home. If there is sufficient interest, we may hold one or more virtual sewing sessions via Zoom.*

**Can I use my own fabrics to make this quilt?**

*Yes, as an add-on project. You must still pay the \$25 registration fee, choose a colorway, and present blocks made from your chosen BWOS colorway each month in order to get the next month's fabrics.*

**What are the details on this year's quilt?**

*This year's quilt is called Feathered Friends. There will be finished quilts displayed in the stores starting on March 1. It is being offered in four batik colorways – orange, teal, pink, and purple. There will be 50 kits available for each of the four colorways, so sign up early to get your desired colorway.*

*Feathered Friends is a Medallion-style quilt, meaning that in month 1 you will make the center block, and in the months that follow, you will add on various interesting borders. By the 8<sup>th</sup> month, if you have done all of your homework, your quilt top will be completed and ready for quilting. The quilt also requires 6 yards of background fabric which*

includes fabric for the binding – the background fabric is NOT included in the kits.  
**Background fabric purchased at BWOS will be discounted at 20%.**

The finished quilt top measures approximately 69 x 69 inches. An optional add-on kit consisting of two more borders will expand the size of the quilt to approximately 92 x 92 inches. The cost of the add-on kit is TBD.

### **What are the skills and equipment required for making this quilt?**

This quilt is most suitable for an **advanced beginner**. When making this quilt, you will need to have good rotary cutting skills and be able to cut accurately using a plastic ruler, be comfortable sewing an accurate ¼ inch seam on your sewing machine along with the ability to interpret written and video instructions. Internet access and an email address is also required to access the videos and printed instructions.

You will need a sewing machine in good working condition and a ¼ inch foot or another way to sew an accurate ¼ inch seam, perhaps a piece of tape on your machine marking the ¼ inch mark. You will need a rotary cutter and an 18 x 24 inch cutting mat, a 24 x 6 inch cutting ruler, fabric marking tools such as a heat erasable marker, other basic sewing supplies like thread, pins, bobbins, an iron and ironing surface, and a seam ripper.

A rotating cutting mat will be very helpful in trimming your blocks prior to assembly. Rulers and other recommended notions purchased at BWOS for the Feathered Friends Quilt Along will be discounted at 10%.

### **What are the recommended notions for this project?**

There is no requirement to purchase any specialty rulers for this quilt. However, there are rulers that will make the cutting and piecing of this quilt faster and more precise. You may already own one or more of these rulers. These rulers will be referenced in the printed materials and videos. The rulers are:

- Tucker Trimmer 6.5 inch ruler
- Wing Clipper ruler
- Square Squared ruler
- Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star ruler (only for those making the quilt larger)
- Stripology Squared or StripologyXL ruler
- Olfa 6 x 12 ruler
- Olfa 6 x 24 ruler
- 18 x 24 inch cutting mat

### **Other recommended notions include:**

- Olfa Rotating cutting mat 12 x 12in. minimum – for faster trimming of blocks

- Strip Stick 18 inches – makes pressing seams open a breeze!
- Rotary cutter blades
- Heat soluble marking pen / chalk wheel marker
- Thread
- BladeSaver Thread Cutter

Any of these notions purchased from BWOS for this project will be discounted 10%.  
Background fabric purchased at BWOS will be discounted at 20%.

**Key dates to be familiar with:** [REVISED 3/29/21](#)

<b><i>Email with links to Instructions / Videos</i></b>	<b><i>Show Homework From Previous Month / Pick up Kit</i></b>
<i>April 5 – Center Block</i>	<i>April 5-10 (pickup first kit)</i>
<i>May 3 – Quarter Square Triangles</i>	<i>May 3-8</i>
<i>June 7 – Stacked Squares</i>	<i>June 7-12</i>
<i>July 5 – Flying Geese</i>	<i>July 5-10</i>
<i>August 2 – Nine Patch</i>	<i>August 2-7</i>
<i>September 6 * - Sawtooth Patchwork</i>	<i>September 7-13*</i>
<i>October 4 – Feathered Friends</i>	<i>October 4-9</i>
<i>November 1 – Assemble and attach FF and SS border and outer border.</i>	<i>There is no kit pickup in November – blocks from September and October will be assembled into final border for November per the instructions.</i>
<i>December 6 – LeMoyne Star Border (supersizers only)</i>	<i>December 6-11</i>

*\*September 6<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day and the stores will be closed, so we are extending the September pickup period to go until the following Monday.*

***Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> – wrap up party, hopefully in person, if not, virtually. Be ready to show your completed quilts.***

**How will the printed instructions be distributed?**

*A link to the PDF file containing the printable instructions will be sent in an email at the beginning of every month. It is very important that we have your correct email address, and that you allow your email to receive messages from BWOS.*

**How will the video instructions be distributed?**

*A link to the instructional videos will be sent to you in the monthly email, and the instructional videos will be posted on the BWOS YouTube channel at the beginning of every month.*

**What if I am not a FaceBook member?**

*If you are not a FaceBook member, you will not be able to access the private Feathered Friends FaceBook group. However, you will still have access to the PDF instructional files and all instructional videos.*