

# Like they say, if life gives you scraps, make a quilt

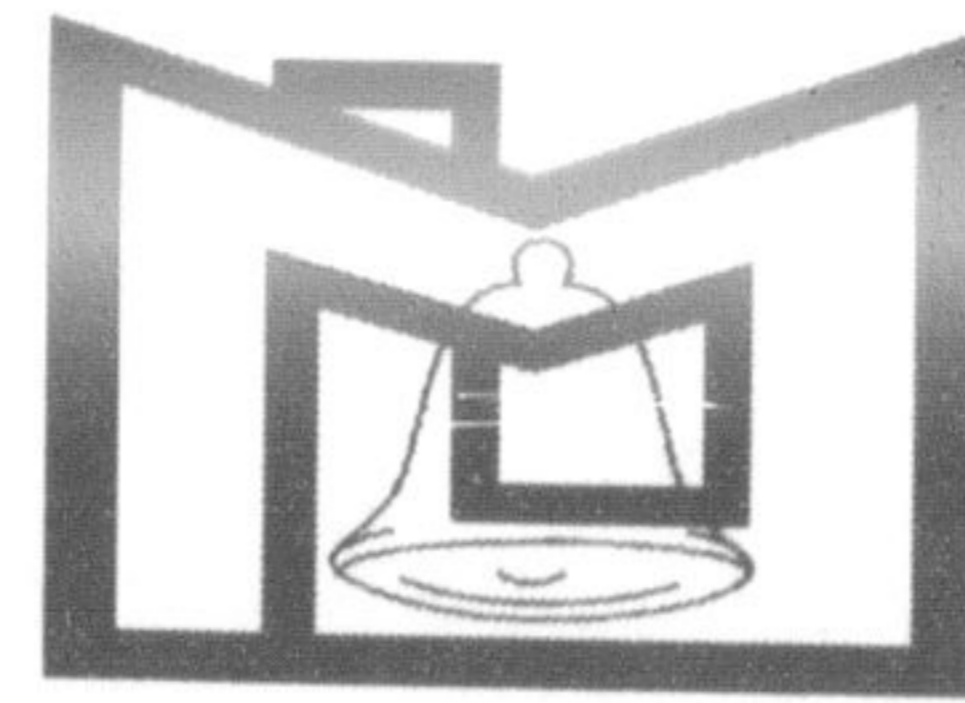
Quilters have a saying: "If life gives you scraps, make a quilt." Our grandmothers made quilts out of necessity. Today, quilting has been revived as an art form and revolutionized by the rotary cutter. Quilt shops are springing up around the country with a wide array of fabrics, tools and accessories.

There are hundreds of quilt sites on the Internet with patterns, instructions, fabric swaps, mystery quilts and more. Milton Public Library has many quilt books, videos and magazines to give you instruction and ideas.

If you have always wanted to make a quilt but didn't know how to start, check out 'Your first quilt book (or it should be!)'. It's a fun book full of light-hearted advice and suggestions for purchasing fabric, tools and supplies.

There are instructions for making a quilt from start to finish and eight small projects to get you going. The 'Quilter's complete guide' by popular television personalities Marianne Fons and Liz Porter is a complete quilt making resource including time saving tips and instructions for novelty techniques.

## Cover to cover



Quilts don't have to be full size bed coverings. Small projects can be found in 'Little quilts, all through the house' with many easy projects for wall hangings, table toppers and other decorative accents for your home.

Baby quilts make a wonderful gift. Take a look at 'Even more quilts for baby' for some simple examples. What could be cozier than quilts made of flannel as featured in 'Flannel quilts' by Sandy Bonsib? If you love floral fabrics, 'Watercolor quilts' is for you. 'Quilts from Larkspur Farm' is a beautiful book of photographs and quilts with each quilt designed to complement the gardens on

the farm.

Quilters are often good cooks. 'Favorite recipes from quilters' is chock full of good eating from quilters all over North America. Sprinkled throughout the book are anecdotes and stories about their quilting experiences. Books that combine quilts and recipes like 'Bed and Breakfast quilts' and 'Quilts a la carte' are becoming popular.

Quilts are also the subject of a number of fiction books. Each title in the Benni Harper mystery series by Earlene Fowler features the name of a quilt block beginning with 'Fool's puzzle'. The 'Elm Creek quilts' series by Jennifer Chiaverini are stories about quilters attending quilting retreats at Elm Creek Farm.

In the children's collection, 'The Quiltmaker's gift' is a visually stunning book about a quiltmaker who made the most beautiful quilts in the world and gave them to those in need.

'Oma's quilt' by Canadian author Paulette Bourgeois is the delightful story of a little girl who realized her Oma wasn't happy in her retirement home. She and her mom made a quilt from all the things that Oma loved in her former home. 'Pieces' is a wonderful book of poems and quilts through the seasons with each poem illustrated by a quilt designed and made by the author.

Make a quilt for someone special. Visit your library today and get inspired!

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## Bands to perform

Milton residents craving a taste of homegrown talent, listen up. Two local high school bands will play a concert Thursday night at John Tonelli Sports Centre on Laurier Avenue.

Infulltrate and One Last Pass, with band members from Milton District and E.C. Drury high schools respectively, will perform a blend of cover songs and original material.

Chris Seto, a graduate of E.C. Drury, sings and plays guitar in One Last Pass. He and his friend Steve Miller, who's in Infulltrate, said they wanted to put on one last concert before band members leave for university in September.

"We're going to put on a good show," said Mr. Seto, 19. Infulltrate is a hard rock band that will please heavy-metal fans, Mr. Seto said, while One Last Pass is more on the rock/alternative side.

Tickets for this all-ages event cost \$7 and can be purchased at the door, which will open at 7 p.m.



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**Mary Jenkins & staff**