

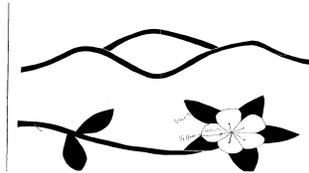
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# Columbine Quilters

January 2026



Hey there Columbine Quilters!

I have to say what a pleasure it has been to serve as your President in 2025. As I pause to reflect on the year we've shared, I'm so grateful for the creativity each of you bring in your creations; the generosity shown through charity quilts and other items given; and most importantly the friendships formed across our stitches. Your passion for fabric keeps the art of quilting alive and I am so grateful to be part of your journey.

I'm incredibly lucky to be able to stay in the position for 2026! It is going to be a fabulous year! I'm so excited for fresh ideas and new possibilities to learn new techniques. With Sally heading our programs, it's going to be an Amazing year! My goals for 2026 that I would like to extend to the group are: 1. Let's try a new technique or block, 2. Using that "too special to cut" fabric, and 3. Starting (or finishing) a meaningful quilt! 4. And, always giving back to our community in any way you can share your talents! And remember to give yourself some grace – Quilting isn't about perfection – it's about expression, comfort, and connection. May your sewing space be a place of peace and inspiration.

Thank you for being part of Columbine Quilters. Your support, enthusiasm, and love of this craft mean more than words can say.

Hugs, Shelly

## Columbine Quilters December 6, 2025

**17 members and 1 guest (Cathy Smith) were present**

**Minutes from last month were approved and the corrected balance noted**

**Please pay your 2026 dues in January. The cost is \$20**

**BCQS news- the 2026 boutique earnings will go to Sharing Ministries. The 2026 theme is My Colorado. Let Nancy Ballantyne know if you're interested in helping to make award ribbons for the quilt show. The 2026 raffle quilt has been quilted by Gale Smith. The 2027 raffle quilt will be a broken star and is currently in production. A beautiful quilt and notebook cover were displayed to show what Charisma Horton will be teaching at this year's quilt show.**

**By Laws- no changes**

**Community Service - 2 quilts to Celebrations Church, 5 shawls and two quilts to the Cancer Center, 4 quilts to Community Options, 42 pillowcases to Heads at Ease**





## Quilting Tips

To keep blocks from slipping when you're sewing them together, spray starch on them.

Running your needle and thread through a folded dryer sheet before hand-piecing helps prevent knots.

Sharpen your rotary cutters by cutting through a folded piece of aluminum foil several times.

To keep from accidentally cutting through fabric when you're snipping threads, use blunt-tipped children's scissors.

Scrubbing fabric with an old pair of nylon hose will help remove chalk markings.

### Community Service 2025

|                       |                    |                |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Dolphin House         | 7 Burden Bears     | 4 Afghan       | 34 Quilts |
| Angel Tree            | 10 Quilts          |                |           |
| Crisis Center         | 1 quilt            |                |           |
| Head at Ease          | 116 pillow cases   |                |           |
| Sharing Ministries    | 220 pairs of socks |                |           |
| Community Options     | 4 quilts           | 12 pillowcases |           |
| Touch of Care Hospice | 2 quilts           |                |           |
| Colorow               | 1 Adult bib        |                |           |
| Celebration Church    | 2 quilts           |                |           |
| Cancer Center         | 5 Shawls           | 13 quilts      |           |

This is the best I could come up with from going through the 2025 newsletters

**LADIES THERE WILL BE AN ADULT BIB PATTERN AT THE JANUARY MEETING. IF YOU WANT A COPY PLEASE BRING TISSUE PAPER OR NEWSPRINT TO MAKE A COPY. YOU CAN ONE BIB FROM TWO FAT QUARTERS.**



## December 2025 Columbine Quilters

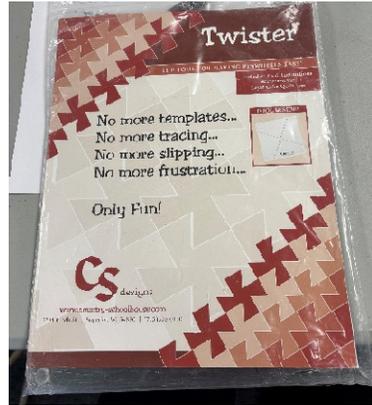




It was a FUN HOLIDAY POTLUCK meeting! So much SHOW and TELL – GIVING back to the community! And OVER 200 pairs of socks donated!



2026 Programs: Sally has SO many fun things planned for the upcoming year! She gave us a sneak peek of the TWISTER fun we are going to have in February!



SHOW and TELL



Ann shared her fun Christmas quilt she brings out each year!  
It is the inspiration for our January sew in – we will tie a quilt!



Evelyn shared her new batch of cute "Burden Bears" she gives to the Dolphin House!



Barb has been busy and shared her recent projects!

A placemat, a witch's hat, fun skelly and fire scene, table runner, and 2 quilts!



Cheryl made 3 quilts for donation! Thank you!

Deborah showed a beautiful quilt she finished and her sister quilted!



Cindy shared her fabulous Christmas tree skirt!  
And she made a pile of hats and scarfs to donate! Thank you!



Linda shared an amazing Christmas Tree quilt! And matching pillows!  
She also is making Chenille trivets / hot pads for fun!



Lisa shared an adorable baby quilt she donated – she used it to practice her quilting!  
She made a fun table runner with her house guests! Love our moms and aunts!  
And this ginourmous National Park Quilt was Stunning!



Marilyn listening to Paula's story about the quilt she'll share next month!



Tamara made 4 quilts to Donate! Thank you!  
She used the panel kits that Paula had premade and shared with whomever wanted!



Tamara also shared a fun CHRISTMAS CATS wall hanging she made for her kiddos!  
And shared her Amazing Christmas Duvet cover! Those stars are just incredible!



Shelly shared the 3 quilts she made from her friends race t's... a special Christmas gift to her friends boys! We miss you Christy!



Rebecca was Busy making Christmas pillowcases for her grandkids! Lucky!  
An shared this great Christmas Nativity wall hanging! So special!



Nancy crocheted some afghans / shawls to donate! Thank you!  
Marilyn looks great modeling the shawl!

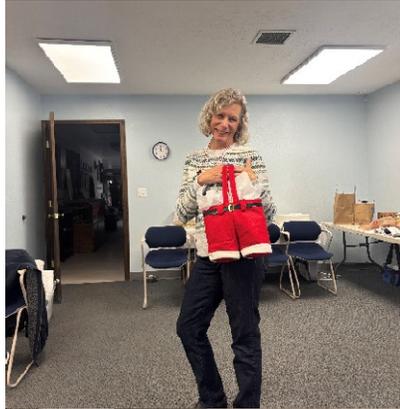
Tammy stayed busy making pillowcases for Community Options and Adult bibs for Colorow! Thank you for giving back to the community!



CHRISTMAS BINGO was a Fun Time!  
Thank you to Sally for putting it together! So creative!



*And we had lots of BLINGO winners...fun prizes!*





*Thank you for a Wonderful 2025!*