

2026 Month by Month: Reducing Our Stash:

The challenge for the year is to make items exclusively from our current stashes.

Let's admit it-we quilters love fabric, but every so often we should use some things we already own.

No runs to the fabric stores. (Not saying you still can't buy fabric for other projects, just not for this challenge).

Each month make one or more quilted or sewn items from the fabric you already own. No purchasing of anything new is permitted! Only use supplies you already own. That includes batting, backing, thread, fusible, zippers etc. Each guild meeting the items made will be shown and admired by the members. It will be fun to see how creative we all can be!

Some ideas to inspire you:

Finish an already existing project such as a pieced item just needing to be quilted.

Make a scrap quilt from leftovers of other projects or orphaned blocks

Sew a tote bag or shopping bag. purse or wallet

Use smaller pieces to make quilted key fob, small-zippered bag or a water bottle holder Make an item for your pet like a collar, leash, pet bed etc.

Create fabric baskets to fit your custom size needs in your home

Sew some reusable gift bags

Make quilted placemats and coasters. mug rugs or bowl cozies

Sew up some potholders, oven mitts or an apron

Make quilted wall hanging

Make fabric bookmark, notebook/journal cover, iPad or laptop case

Make a pincushion

Quilted pillow cover

Sew a dust cover for your sewing machine

Use your fabric stash to embellish clothing (add quilted pieces to jeans, sweaters, shirts etc.)

Make a quilted coat or quilted sneakers

Toys like stuffed animals, quilted story books, doll blankets

Sew a quilted hat

Sew a fabric bowl or basket

Let your imagination be your guide!