

4 STEPS TO A BEAUTIFUL TEMPERATURE QUILT

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This quilt was made by Elizabeth Eastmond using flying geese.
Her border was added after she had completed all her blocks

WHAT IS A TEMPERATURE QUILT?

A quilt that uses a typically 2-color block for each day of the year to represent the high and low daily temperature of a chosen location.

Knitters, crocheters and needleworkers also make temperature pieces.

REASONS TO CONSIDER MAKING A TEMPERATURE QUILT

Great way to enter the world of quilt design and
make a unique quilt.

Join a sew along and make new quilty friends.

Great way to use Stash.

Great project to share with kids.



Linda Hungerford, MQG member from Central Florida
Quarter circles arranged vertically



JOIN A SEW ALONG

MQG member Rebecca Cartwright (@rebcartwright) made this quilt in an Instagram sew along.

She used half-hexies with a scrappy low volume background.

Dark gray delineates months.



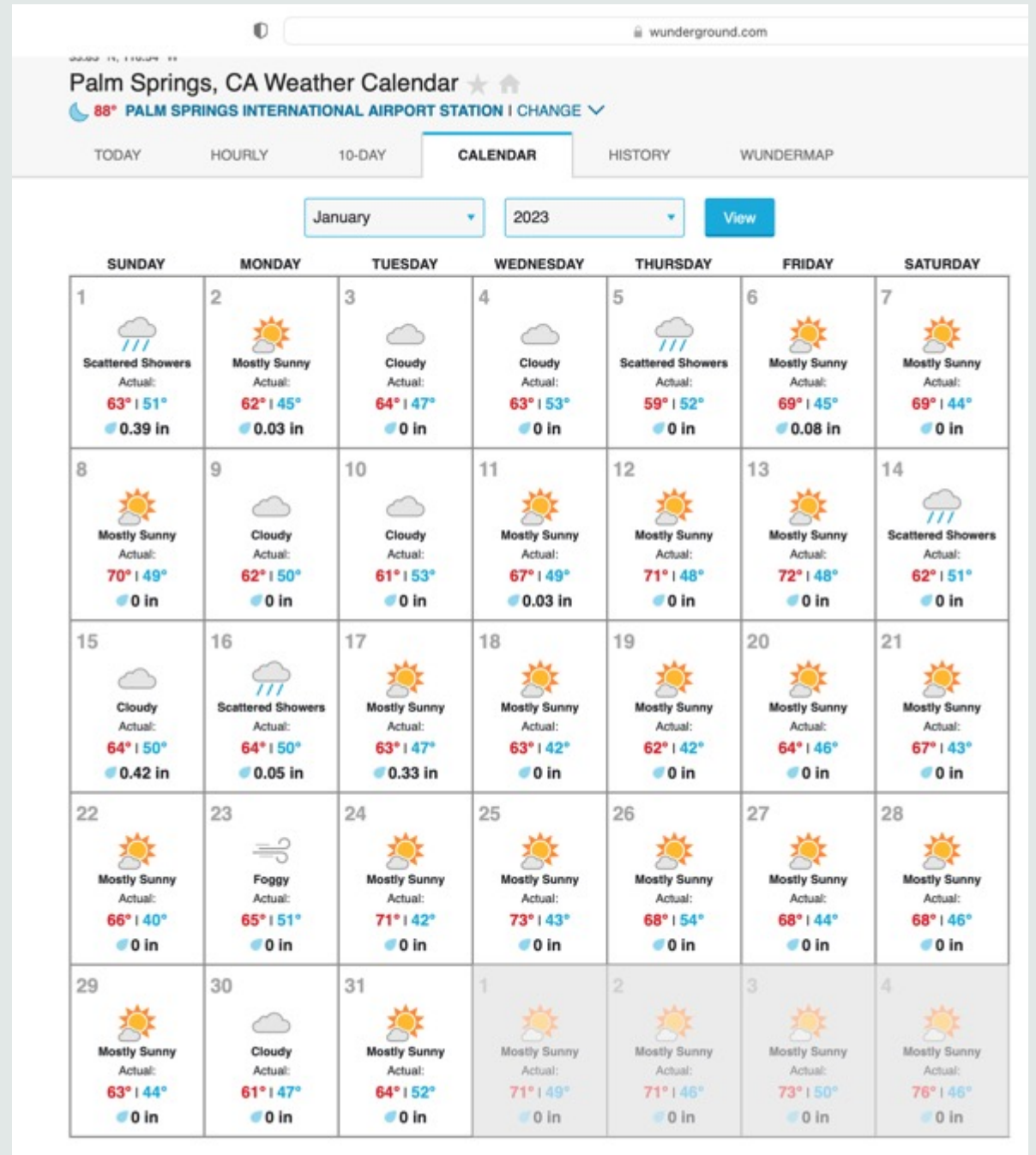
USE STASH AND GET YOUR
KIDS INVOLVED

MQG Member Karen Foster (@capatolaquilter) partnered with her granddaughter whom she babysat once a week. Together they would go online and get the weeks' weather data, pick stash fabrics and make improv blocks.

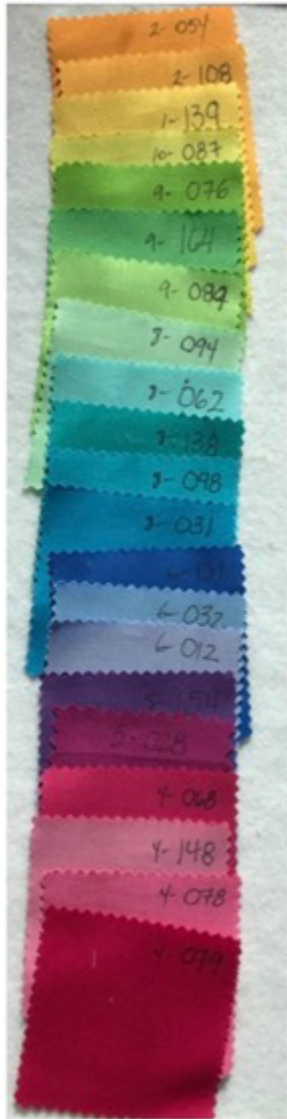
Her quilt has hung at several major quilt shows and has been featured in several quilting magazines.

STEP 1: FIND A
WEATHER STATION
IN YOUR AREA

www.wunderground.com



Organization tip for keeping track and re-ordering ↓



Temps	Paintbrush Color
rain	020 Sky
below 38	124 Carrot
39-42	054 Tangerine
42-45	108 Clementine
46-49	139 Daisy
50-53	087 Lemon Ice
54-57	076 Apple Green
58-61	164 Jolly
62-65	089 Island
66-69	094 Agave
70-73	062 Pale Aqua
74-77	138 Gulf Stream
78-81	098 Cyan
82-85	031 Turquoise
86-89	131 French Blue
90-93	032 Waterfall
94-97	012 Pale Iris
98-101	154 Dewberry
102-105	028 Fuschia
106-109	068 Rosebud
109-112	148 Impatient
112-115	078 Bubblegum
above 115	079 Raspberry

Elizabeth's color Chart - 23 colors

STEP 2: MAKE A COLOR CHART

First: What is your areas Temperature Range
(me - 25 deg. F to 125 deg F)

Second: pick one color for every 3 to 5 degrees
(I need 20 to 30 colors)

Consider alternatives:

- Maybe only show Daily Average or Daily High.
- Omit colors you don't like.

BE CREATIVE!

- Eva Maria Evans @bijouxbaby, Central Iowa MQG, used a grayscale palette.
- Or use the basic rainbow with 3 shades of each color.
- Or use low volume fabrics for the low temps.
- Or use a 2-color palette with a range of shades in each color



2-COLOR PALETTE
WITH RANGE OF
TONE/SHADE



Jean Mackie @jean_mackie
Prince Edward Island
Highs on the right, Lows on the Left



Diane Lyles @lyles.diane
Madison, AL

DON'T BE AFRAID TO
USE SCRAPS.

@capitolaquilter



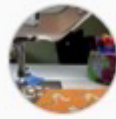
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The Spool was the low and the Thread was the high



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20 blocks wide by 20 blocks high



@wxninja Retired Meteorologist

3: PICK A BLOCK

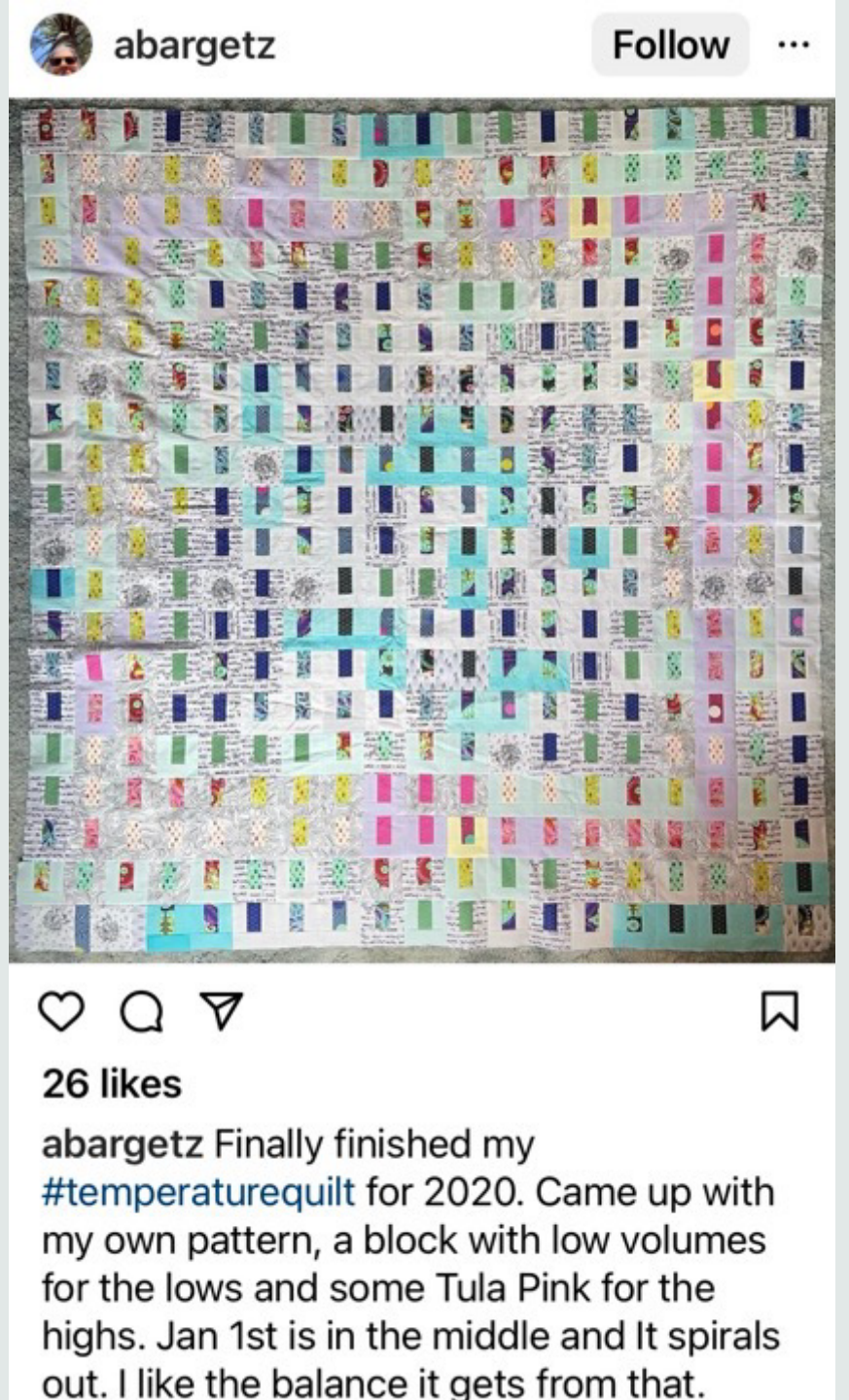
Keep blocks to 3 or 4 inches For a 70"
+/- quilt

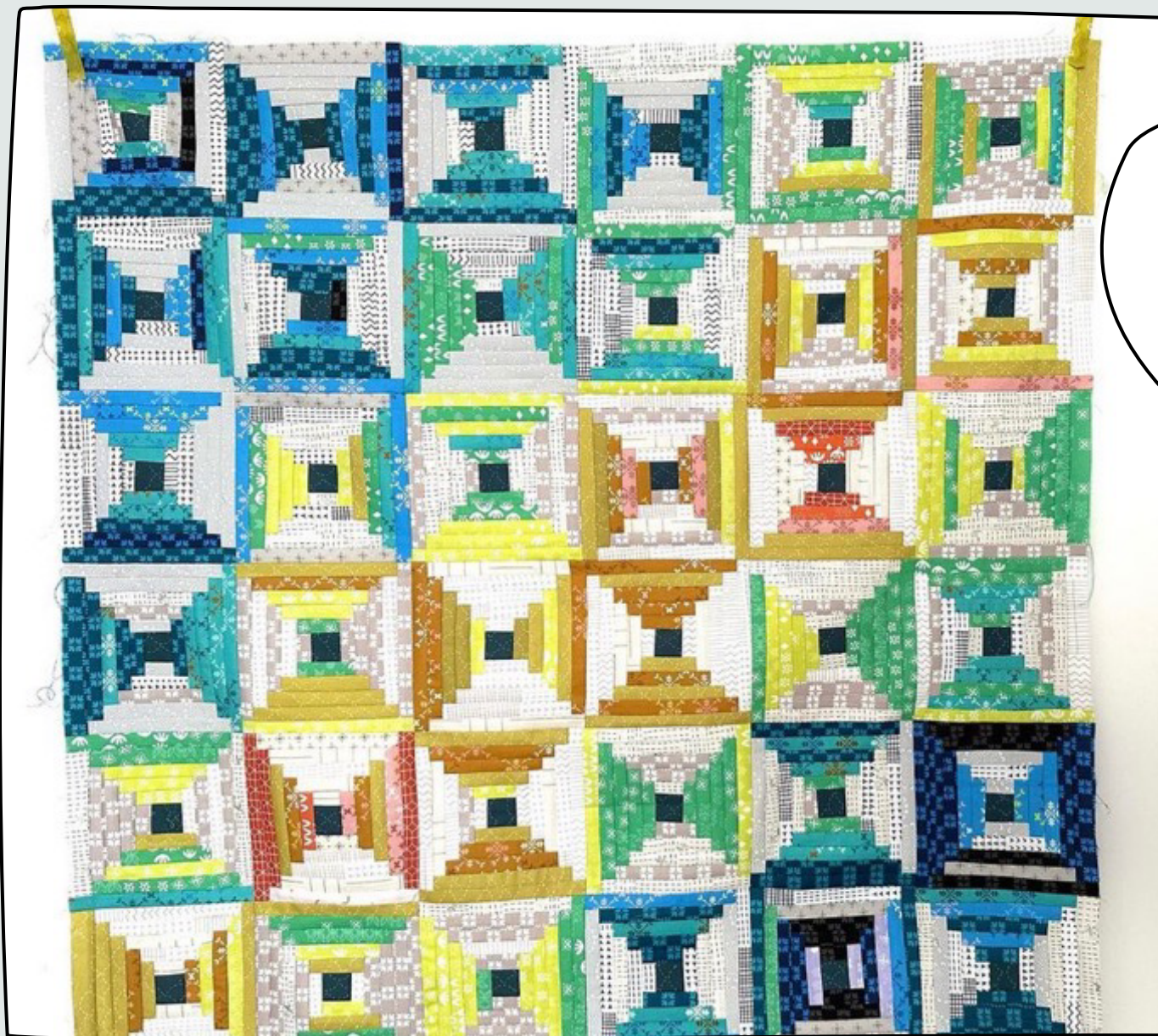
20 rows x 20 columns of 3.5"
blocks = 70" x 70 "

Stephanie Hedstrom, Omaha, NE (Jan-May) and Tucson (Jun-Dec)
Above normal - upward slant. Extra stripe for precipitation.
She also used Month Markers and Decorative Corners

4. PICK A LAYOUT

1. Serpentine - down, up, down
2. Right to Left
3. Diagonal Serpentine
4. Spiral out from the middle





KAREN LEWIS, UK

Ten Days per block.

Highs are in color and lows are low volume fabrics.

Courthouse Steps.

Diagonal layout.



SARA SCHREINER,
COLORADO

Modern Wedge Quilt

One wedge for each month.

Lows on one side and highs on the other.



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BRETHANNE NEMESH

One feather per month.

Lows on one side and highs on the other.

Paper pieced.



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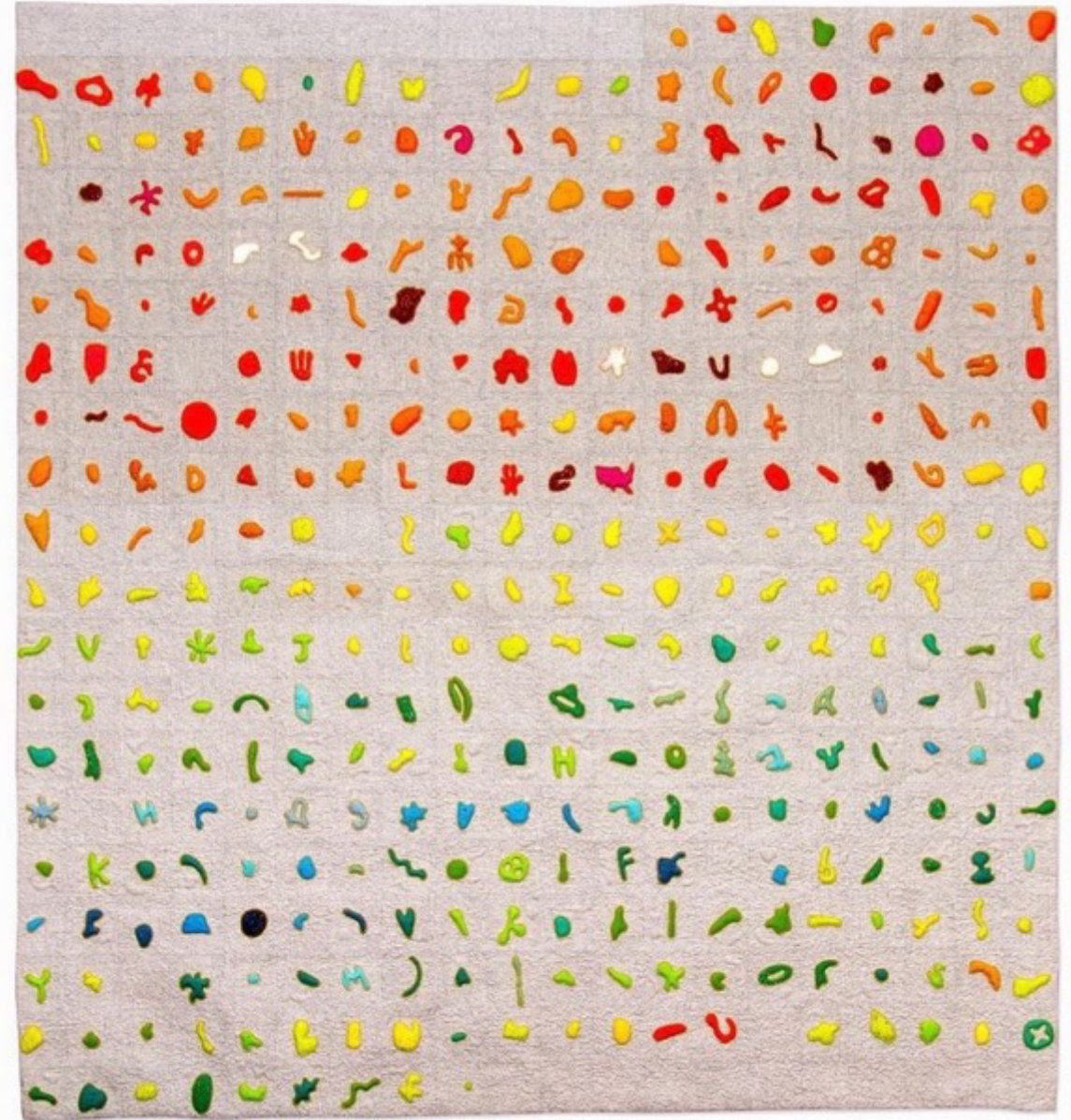
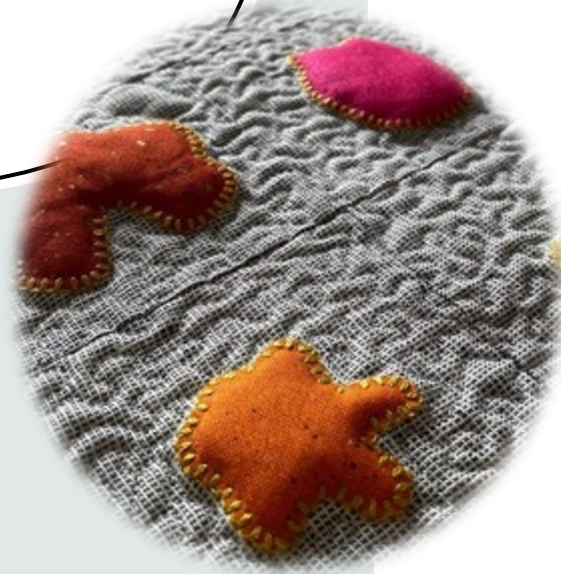
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NICHOLAS BALL, UK

Highs only.

Organic virus shapes appliqued on
Essex linen background





PATRICIA BUSSEMEIER,
GERMANY

Houses arranged horizontally with
trees to separate months.

Lows are roof tops and highs are the
lower structure.

Windows added for special days.

ADDITIONAL TIPS

Stay Organized

1. Write the date on the back of each block.
2. Place each month's blocks in a labeled Ziplock bag
3. Use fabrics that can easily be re-purchased or substituted.
4. Keep track of fabric name/order # for reordering (see Elizabeth's color chart)





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Following ...



Search #temperaturequilt for more ideas

4 STEPS TO A BEAUTIFUL TEMPERATURE QUILT

1. Find an online weather source with a temperature gage near you.
2. Make a color chart using easily accessible colors that you like.
3. Pick a 2-piece block 3 to 4 inches in size.
4. Decide on a layout that displays your blocks well

Remember: The only rules are the ones made by you.