



How would a virtual retreat look? Our version "Home Alone" will start with a ZOOM Pajama Party on Friday, March 12 at 7 pm. We will have a little fun and share what each of us has planned to sew and quilt on Saturday.

Saturday, March 13 is quilt day. Get up, have a good breakfast or lots of coffee and be ready to sew all day just like we normally would. There will be 2 short ZOOMS in the morning and 2 short ZOOMS in the afternoon. Each ZOOM will only last about 30 minutes and cover different things. Sat evening at 7 pm will be an evening ZOOM of Show & Tell to showcase your days accomplishments.

You will receive one eBlast ahead of time with a list of times, links and what will happen at each session. You may pick and choose which ZOOM you attend or join them all.

Here are some things that are planned. Exchange blocks (be sure to read Mona's article), Mystery Block challenge (1 clue given out at each ZOOM), Roundtable discussion, ZOOM Shop Hop, Visions of Retreats Past and a couple of demonstrations. If you participate in the Exchange Blocks you will receive by return mail (after the ZOOM Retreat) a special "patch/label" to commemorate being part of the 1st and hopefully only BTQG ZOOM Retreat "Home Alone".

Plan your quilt projects, fill the fridge with food and snacks, tune up your sewing machine and update your computer. Let's have a great time ZOOMING at the BTQG Virtual Retreat "Home Alone".

...Judi



### ZOOM Retreat Exchange Blocks

Mona Stevenson

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**LOOKING FOR  
Pictures  
Memorabilia  
Stories**

From  
BTQG Retreats Past

I will use them to include in one of the ZOOMS for our virtual retreat.

Please contact me if you are unable to share via text or email and maybe we can arrange something else.

— Judi  
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By tradition, special blocks have been made for retreat and awarded by drawing to one or more retreaters. With a slight variation, we'll do it for this year's retreat, too.

- The first block is a log cabin that will finish at **12"**. It will have 3 strips on each side of the center square, which will be red for a hearth or yellow for a window. Half of the logs will be very light – solid, batik or print – think snow. The remainder will be cool, wintery colors – dark blues, dark greens, dark purples. Again, these may be solids, prints or batiks. The logs will use 2.5" strips, so if you have some jelly roll strays, you can reduce your cutting.
- The second block will be a house. A pattern will be available, but you are welcome to use your own pattern for a pieced, applique, or embroidered house, as long as it finishes at **9"**. The block may have embellishments, as long as these don't interfere with quilting – or are easily removeable for piecing and quilting. Perhaps a bird or snowman button, or a small 3D flower?

You're invited to make either or both blocks for the retreat. The sets will be revealed at the pajama party on Friday night, with drawing for both at that ZOOM meeting. Patterns and tutorial links will be e-mailed and placed on the web site soon. Completed blocks should be mailed to **Mona Stevenson, 162 Co. Rd. 439, New Franklin, MO 65274**. Deadline for the blocks arriving there is Monday, March 8.