

Quilt Canada Mini Swap FAQs

1. What is the Quilt Canada Mini Swap?

Participants make a mini quilt (no larger than 24" x 24") for another quilter and receive one in return. It is a great opportunity to make some new quilting friends. **Sign-up will be from January 2nd to January 23, 2020.** Swaps will take place in person at Quilt Canada 2020 in Edmonton Alberta **OR** by mail.

2. Should I sign up if I'm not sure I want to participate?

You should **not**. Please **ONLY** sign up if you are sure you can commit to completing and delivering this project on time. If you sign up and do not complete your project on time, your partner will be disappointed and you will not be eligible to participate in future Quilt Canada swaps. You can only cancel participation **BEFORE** assigning partners is complete (*mid-February 2020*). If you **DO** need to cancel in this timeframe, please email miniswap@canadianquilter.com

3. What is the deadline to make my project?

You have about three months to make your project. The deadline for shipping within Canada is June 1, 2020. The deadline for shipping outside Canada is May 15, 2020. If you signed up to swap at Quilt Canada, you will need to bring your completed Mini with you to swap on **June 19, 2020**.

4. Who can participate?

Any quilter may participate by signing up between January 2 and January 23, 2020. **Sign up early before the program is full.** You do **not** need to be a member of Canadian Quilters' Association/Association canadienne de la courtoise, but you may want to join when you see how much fun CQA/ACC members have.

5. Who will I be paired with?

You will be matched with a partner based on skill level, quilting style preferences and shipping preference.

6. Is this a secret swap?

No! You will be introduced to your partner via email. We encourage partner communication throughout the process. The idea is that everyone makes a mini as well as a friend. You can keep the design secret if you wish to – but you don't have to. You might want to meet your partner before or after the swap as well as at the swap itself.

7. What are the project requirements?

You have about 3 months to make a mini quilt no larger than 24"x 24". You will have information about your partner and your project should be made for **THEM**. This is a fun chance to push yourself and try something new. Please use high quality quilting fabrics in your project.

8. Where can I get help or information?

Swap Leaders will help to keep things on track. You will be connected to a Swap Leader during the swap. They can answer questions and will touch base with you throughout the challenge to see

how things are going. If you post updates and your finished project on Instagram, please tag your Swap Leader so they can keep track and ensure that everyone gets a mini quilt. If you want to sign up to be a Swap Leader, email miniswap@canadianquilter.com

9. How do I change my shipping address or other information if something changes?

Please email your assigned Swap Leader if you need to make any changes to information submitted on your sign-up form.

10. What do I need to do for shipping my swap project?

Double check your partner's shipping information before you send your package. Include your return address on your package so that it can be returned if there is any problem. We recommend getting a tracking number or some other form of delivery confirmation and keeping your shipping receipt. Remember to include your social media name/handle so that your partner can find you and thank you when they get their mini quilt!

Deadline for shipping within Canada: June 1, 2020

Deadline for shipping outside of Canada: May 15, 2020

11. How do I indicate that my project has been shipped? My partner's package received?

What happens if I do not get a package?

Email your Swap Leader when you ship your package (including the tracking number) and again when you receive your package. Please post the mini quilt you receive to social media (tagging your partner), to say thank you! If you do NOT get a package, please let your Swap Leader know asap.

12. Do I need to share my work online and check in with the Leader?

We like when you share your work-in-progress via social media – but maybe give only sneak peeks for your partner to see. You are required to check in with your Swap Leader 1) at the midway check-in, and if you are swapping by mail then again 2) when you ship your package, and 3) when you receive your package. You will get emails from us at each of these points reminding you. When you receive your package, please consider either tagging your partner in a public thank-you on social media or sending an email or thank you note to your swap partner.

13. What if I want to swap with my partner in person at Quilt Canada?

If you are paired with someone else who will be at Quilt Canada, Friday, June 19, 2020, you will get more information in a few months about how and where you'll meet to do that exchange in person.

14. What if I have other questions?

If you have questions about making your project, getting ideas for your partner, shipping, etc, please contact your Swap Leader, whose name and contact info will be provided when you are given your partner's information

If you have issues with the signup, do not get an email with your partner's information, or need to drop out of the swap for an emergency, please email us at miniswap@canadianquilter.com