Hello BAMQ Members,

My challenge for 2024 is about using items we purchased and have never used. There are two parts to the challenge – fabric and rulers. Let's pull out these unused items, play with them, remember what drew us to them in the first place, and finish a project using them.

-Melinda

Rules

- Your project can be anything, a quilt, bag, household item, or clothing.
- You must make it into its final form.
- You submit a **Using the Unused** project form, including a photo of the finished project.
- Your project will get points awarded as described below.
- You must complete the project during 2024 and submit the project form by January 4, 2025.

Part 1 – Fabric I had to have …

These are the fabrics you purchased because (a) you knew you would never see it again and if you didn't buy it, you were missing out on the best fabric ever, (b) the universe would cease to exist if you didn't buy it, (c) you really, really liked it and knew your stash would not be complete without it, (d) other reason you used to justify the purchase, including just because it spoke to you and you wanted it.

The fabric requirements:

- Has been in your stash for at least 1 year,
- Is something that you purchased and did not have a definitive plan for it, and
- Has not been used in any project.
- At least 1/8 of a yard is used.

Part 2 – Rulers I've been meaning to use …

These are specialty rulers or templates you purchased and either never used or never finished the project for which you purchased the ruler/template. Another option is to borrow a ruler/template you have been wanting to try and use it on a project. These can be acrylic templates, specialty trimming or squaring up rulers, or free-motion quilting rulers.

Examples:

- Latifa Saafir's Clammy
- Denyse Schmidt's Free-Wheeling Single Girl
- Creative Grid's Pineapple trim tool
- Natalia Bonner's 4-N-1 Machine Quilting ruler

Points

Points are awarded for each finished project:

- 5 points for each "I had to have" fabric,
- 5 points for each "I've been meaning to use" ruler/template, and
- 10 bonus points if the project uses both "I had to have" fabric and a "I've been meaning to use" ruler/template.