

Hi Crafters

Thanks for your interest in the inaugural Marcelle's Patchwork Cottage Swap! A swap is a great way to get to know other people in our little community, and gives you an excellent excuse to try a small project that might be a bit different to your usual style, while receiving a personalised gift in return!

Please read the guidelines below. If you want to join the swap please fill out the questionnaire and return it to Nic by Friday 18th May 2018. Nic will then let you know who you are making for by Friday 25th May, 2018. You have over a month to create a mini-masterpiece for your swap-partner, and we'll celebrate the finish with a Christmas in July pot-luck lunch at Marcelle's Patchwork Cottage on 7th July 2018 – where we can present our creations to our swap-partners!

Here is how it will work:

- Nic will assign each participant a person to make for.
- This is a secret swap. You may or may not be making for the person who is making for you, and you are not meant to contact the person you are making for with regards to the swap.
- Each participant will make one cushion cover for their partner approx. 16"x16" (41cmx41cm). Envelope closure is sufficient. We suggest you start by purchasing the cushion or cushion insert that you intend to cover. These can be found for \$5-10 from Big W or Target.
- You are not limited to traditional machine piecing for this project. You can use applique, English Paper Piecing, Foundation Piecing, embellishments (e.g. embroidery, patches, or buttons). Please keep in mind your partner's likes and dislikes.
- If you're having trouble expressing the kinds of things you like, start by Google searching the kinds of things you like, and you can talk to Nicole about making a visual mosaic as inspiration for your partner. Likewise, if you feel you need more information than your partner has given you, you can ask Nicole to request that your partner makes an inspiration mosaic for your reference.
- If you use social media, feel free to use the hashtag #MPCswap2018 so everyone can see your progress. We'd love your profile to be "public" for the duration of the swap so everyone can see your posts and your partner can get a sense of your style.
- Please follow Marcelle's Patchwork Cottage on Facebook for the duration of the swap so you don't miss any information. Nic will be communicating primarily by Facebook posts and using the hashtag #MPCswap2018.
- You must finish your cushion and bring it to the shop by our Christmas in July party (Saturday 7th July, 2018). Don't forget to RSVP for lunch!
- Please let Nic know asap if you are not able to finish the swap (hopefully not!) or are having any other difficulties/concerns.

This is meant to be a fun exercise! There's no competition and no prizes, just the joy of participating, so please talk to Nic if it's becoming stressful or overwhelming, for whatever reason. Please note the information in the questionnaire will be given to the person making for you!

Happy crafting! Feel free to Facebook message us, or SMS/call Nic on 0402 609 489 with any questions!

Nic