Welcome to the Phoenix Rising Challenge! This will be a Medallion style quilt challenge that will take place over 4 months. Each month you will receive instructions, or guidelines to follow for making the next border. To start you will need an 18” finished block (18 ½” at this point). You can start with a smaller block and add to it to make it 18” finished, but it should be something old, if possible – thus it will be your Phoenix – rising from the ashes (or dust). The finished quilt will be about 68” (a nice lap size), but you may add more borders if you’d like to make it bigger!

To start, you must purchase at least one yard of a background fabric and at least a fat quarter of 3 other fabrics from Pieceful Gathering. The background fabric must be used in all of your rounds, and each of the other fabrics must be used in at least two rounds. Outside of these fabrics, you may use as many fabrics as you wish.

Stop in the shop each month before the 10th to pick up your next set of instructions. You must show some progress on the current border in order to receive your instructions. If your border is completed and you’ve sewn it onto your project, your name will be entered in a drawing for the prize of the month!

Completed quilts should be entered in the Pieceful Gathering Quilt Show, which is the first Saturday in August. Quilts will be voted on by show attendees and the winner will receive a Prize Basket!

*Join our Pieceful Gathering’s Phoenix Rising Challenge Facebook group to share your progress and see what everyone else is coming up with!

**Month One Guidelines:**
*You have until March 10th to complete this part of the challenge*
Choose a block, and add to it, if necessary, to create an 18” finished block (18 ½” at this point). Cut (2) 17” squares out of your background or other fabric and subcut once diagonally to create 4 setting triangles and set your block on point. These triangles are designed to be oversized so that your center block will float. Trim your finished product to 28”.

Other Rules:
You must come into the shop in person each month to pick up your instructions, and you must bring something that shows your progress. If you can’t make it in, or you haven’t made any progress, you will be subject to a $3.00 charge for your instructions, so you will want to keep up!

In Closing:
This is supposed to be FUN! In the end, the quilt will be yours. Don’t get so hung up on following the rules that you don’t end up liking your quilt, or enjoy making it. If you have any questions, or if you want some help or suggestions, please feel free to call or come in and talk to us!