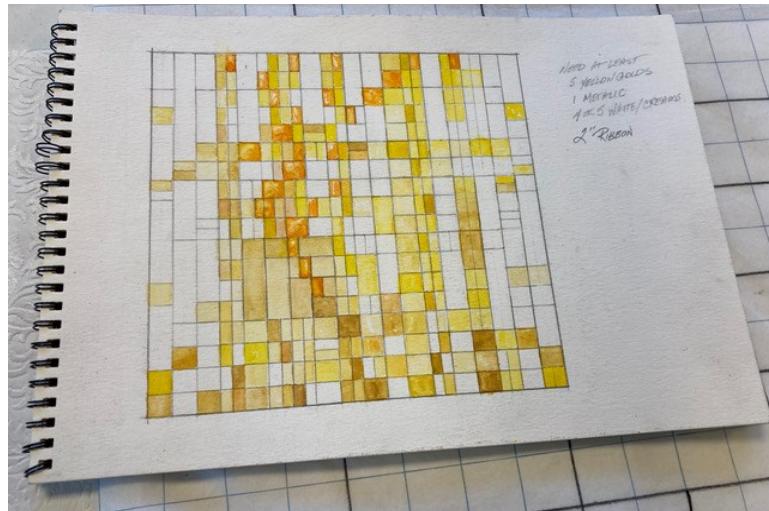


## The New Easter Banner

How did we come up with the new Easter banner?

It started with an idea from Pastor Sue, who said she thought something inspired by sunrises or light bursts, in yellows and golds on white, would complement the white and black Alleluia banners. She said, "I've also thought abstract would be great too – because Resurrection is a pretty abstract concept."

The next step was a consultation between Catherine Blacka and Sarah Brenner. Sarah came up with a design – a grid of 4" squares, sort of a fabric mosaic.<sup>1</sup>



1. Sarah's Design

Then Sarah and Catherine went shopping for fabric. They used fabrics left over from earlier projects, like the Stewardship banner and the Advent story banners, as well as fabric that Catherine had on hand (as a quilter, she has a fabric stash built up over many years), and they had a great time looking at white and yellow fabrics at local fabric stores. The banner has ten different white and off-white fabrics and nineteen different yellows, ranging from a pale yellow oxford cloth to a dark ochre with metallic bits. They tried metallic golds, but although those fabrics looked good in person, they all photographed as brown! They decided to use dandelion yellow satin ribbon to provide that shiny gold effect.<sup>2</sup>



2. The Fabrics

Sarah made a full-size pattern and they met at the church to lay out fabrics to see which ones to use and where to put them. Catherine cut the pieces and sewed the fabrics together in columns<sup>3</sup>, then she and Sarah met again at the church to tweak the layout and test the effect of the ribbon.<sup>4</sup>



*3. Catherine at her sewing machine*



*4. Sarah tweaking the fabric layout*

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Then it was ready to finish.<sup>5</sup>



*5. The completed top ready to finish*

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The final product will be displayed on the wall behind the choir on Easter Sunday.

What do you see in this abstract Easter celebration? Do you see an empty tomb with the stone rolled away? A cross? Sunrise? All of these or maybe none of them? Enjoy the happy colors as we celebrate Easter!