



## Pandemic Lemonade

This 71” square quilt called “Pandemic Lemonade” is a result of the Marathon Quilters community art project.

Participants were presented with the following – “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade”. The lemons represent sourness or difficulties. Making lemonade is turning them into something positive or desirable.

Those interested participated by writing a positive that happened during the COVID pandemic on a fabric triangle. The triangles were assembled into a quilt which will be displayed in the local communities.

At a very basic level, this fiber art project enabled people to share their single voice in a public and collaborative way. The following are their statements; 178 in all.

The quilt will be showcased throughout our area and then donated as a comfort quilt to a local support agency.

Thank you again for helping make this idea a warm reality.

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### Row 1 (center)

1. Made meals and delivered them to friends.
2. Less cars on the road = Less pollution. The Earth is starting to heal!
3. My house is very clean!
4. I stopped drinking and started taking better care of myself.

### Row 2

5. Baked sourdough bread.
6. I had a beautiful new granddaughter born in 2020.
7. Completed 40 quilts this year.
8. Spent time with my quilting friends.
9. My niece is pregnant with her first child – Siena, named after my late brother's alma mater!
10. My autistic son started college from home, making for a much easier transition to college. He is a sophomore now. Oh, campers doing fine.
11. Met two great girlfriends and walked every day and shared stories.
12. Did a lot of reading and quilting.
13. Travelogues – virtually visited Paris, London, and Italy.
14. I became a vegan.
15. Watching first child go off to college and spread his wings.
16. Cooked a meal from 40 + countries with my roommate. We learned so much about cooking, other cultures, and ate some really great food.
17. Enjoyed my family.
18. Spending quilting time with my friends and alone to refresh.
19. Lots of Legos with my granddad.
20. I got engaged to the love of my life after reconnecting after 25 years.
21. Teleworking has been a welcome change.

22. We are having a baby!
23. Maintained an 18 – 23 lb. weight loss during 2020-2021.
24. Time to learn more history (through books and videos).

### Row 3

25. Got a new puppy named GROOT.
26. I started driving on the road.
27. We lost two family members – we did not stop working – Stayed in the office. All throughout it we planted seeds through winter and gave seedlings to everyone in spring. We made it through with God's grace!
28. I am thankful for the amount of time I've been able to spend with my 92-year-old mom during the past two years.
29. Upcycled my first furniture project and loved it.
30. Power of Zoom! School! Dance! Piano! Flute! Grandparents!
31. Walking miles and miles enjoying the beauty of nature.
32. Spent more time with my husband than I ever expected to.
33. Held a zoom Thanksgiving.
34. Reread the classics and loved them.
35. Virtually travelled to Europe and places I had always wanted to see.
36. Entered a writing contest and rediscovered poetry.
37. Went to the beach on my birthday.
38. I was able to save up and move into my own apartment.
39. Be patient and kind.
40. I reevaluated life priorities.
41. Watched all my children adapt to having all activities outdoors and loving it.
42. Realizing that slowing down and savoring silence can bring balance to life and that relationships are gifts that feed our soul.
43. Rode 3D rollercoasters via YouTube (I'd never ride one in person).
44. Made lots of friends while administering the COVID vaccine at a Mass Vax site! We had lots of fun in the midst of a difficult time for so many of us.

45. Silver Linings of COVID: My sons fiancée came to live with us for three months... She is the best.
46. Went back to college.
47. I tried Chick – Fil – A for the first time.
48. As a teacher I saw so much resilience in my colleagues, my students, and their families.
49. Loved spontaneous and continual family time.
50. Spending time with my grandchildren.
51. Spent more time with my grandsons. Made a quilt for one of them
52. I learned how to throw pottery.
53. Fell in love with my high school buddy after 32 years.
54. Back to basics spending time in the yard with family and friends.
55. Listened to more audio books and knitted hats for those in need.
56. My children came home.
57. My older parents have embraced technology which has helped our family stay more connected.
58. I found that I can see and keep in contact with (artisan) friends from all over the world easily and frequently via zoom! We see each other more often than ever.
59. Enjoyed walking and talking with neighbors.
60. Started an online bakery.

#### Row 4

61. I was reminded of how beautiful taking walks in the woods can be... I became more aware and appreciative of nature.
62. Riding mopeds with the family on Block Island in July 2020 and 2021.
63. Being able to spend Mother's Day in person with my mother and three daughters.
64. Became a proud indoor plant parent and now have over 70 + pretty planties.
65. Hiked 1000 miles.
66. I made and donated many charity quilts.

67. More nutritious home cooked meals.
68. There are still some great people in this world.
69. Time with my kids.
70. Made masks for many, many people and got back into sewing again.
71. Time to unplug and spend time with family.
72. Read 60 books. Broke Netflix.
73. Lots of quality time with my adult children.
74. Planned and took some outdoor adventures.
75. Made myself more available for friends going through health and mental health crises.
76. We made great advances in our garden.
77. Got married and had a baby.
78. Started and stuck to a workout regime.
79. Spending more time with family and loved ones.
80. My son moved home for a few months. We did a lot of cooking.
81. We played more board games and laughed more.
82. Cleaned out closets, drawers and made quite a few donations to charity.
83. Created a bucket list of places I would like to travel to and started to check some off.
84. I had a very productive garden this summer.
85. Took online language class and learned Gaelic.
86. Retired Happy!
87. I called my parents more and had some wonderful chats.
88. I moved to NYC.
89. My first grandbaby was born this May. A treasure and a joy.
90. Read many books over facetime to my grandson.
91. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION! (So lucky to have it).
92. Virtual zoo visits around the world.
93. Spending more time with Jesus.
94. Went on a cross country motorcycle trip.
95. Very happy to be able to gift our sixth grand baby a quilt. God has blessed our family. C.
96. Learned how to knit.

97. We have gotten to know our neighbors better.
98. Long isolated walks – Peaceful reflection and tranquil lake views.
99. I destress through cooking and baking.
100. Spent more time sewing.
101. Practiced being grateful for what I have.
102. I had time to train my rescue dog.
103. Got a new pet.
104. I'm so grateful for extra time with my adult children and for them to have time together.
105. Mandatory relaxation.
106. Because there are fewer places to go, I have spent less money and saved more money than ever before.
107. Bringing love, inclusion and trust (LIT) to our community.
108. I am thankful that during quarantine I got to have breakfast, lunch and dinner with my husband and three teenagers.
109. Video chats – they helped me connect with more distant family.
110. More family time.

Row 5

111. Community Art Quilt Project 2021 "Pandemic Lemonade" Marathon Quilt Guild.
112. Planned some epic travel itineraries for future trips.
113. Completed several DIY projects.
114. Fell back in love with photography.
115. We started raising chickens.
116. Went on daily walks during my workdays at home.
117. Spending time with my sisters.
118. Visited the library more.
119. We bought our first house. Have been able to explore nature more. Happy that our family is safe and healthy.
120. Learned more about topics that have interested me.
121. Trained for my first marathon.
122. Changed careers.

123. Our family developed a new love for hiking and being outdoors.
124. Tried and liked camping and hiking. New adventures!
125. Got back to reading and some sewing.
126. Explored more areas of MA in our car on the weekends.
127. Finished several unfinished projects.
128. Started learning yoga.
129. Got back into knitting again.
130. Really learned to cook and bake.
131. Read 300 books and took 2 online classes.
132. Cleaned out a lot of closets.
133. I am way less stressed.
134. I learned to play violin.
135. Focusing on our basic needs.
136. Bought and flipped my first house.
137. I am taking more walks with my dog and playing with him more.
138. I have more time to work out and exercise.
139. We have gotten to know our neighbors.
140. I have noticed that people sat hello more and wave more than I used to.
141. Saved up enough money to buy my first car.
142. I grew my hair out and then donated it to "Hair We Share" for wigs for medical patients.
143. I am getting much more sleep.
144. Learning more about my family history.
145. After a 10 year creative void, I designed, cut and assembled a beautiful batik quilt for a wedding gift.
146. Read the Old Testament.
147. Time to reassess and reconnect.
148. Became a much better cook.
149. Counted my blessings and felt grateful everyday for what I have.
150. Published my first children's book.
151. Almost retired.
152. Started a new job.

153. I survived cancer.
154. Moved closer to family.
155. Lost weight and got fit.
156. Read a lot of books.
157. Lots of snow shoeing with the whole family.
158. Caught up on my scrapbooking.
159. I have had more time to work on myself.
160. I quit smoking.
161. Opened my own Etsy shop.
162. Watched a great deal of documentaries and learned more about the world.
163. Learned to be just still.
164. Read a lot more books and finished a lot more craft projects.
165. Decluttered our home.
166. Decluttered the basement!! Free cycling.
167. Organized a family cookbook to share family recipes.
168. Eating healthy and walking more.
169. Have gotten better at prioritizing needs over wants.
170. Friends showing up and staying in cars for a pizza party – socially distanced friendship.
171. Got back to doing daily crossword puzzles and the Sunday crossword puzzle.
172. I closed the long – distance gap with my girlfriend! Got a new job and moved to her city.
173. Played weekly trivia games with long distance family members on zoom.
174. I quadrupled my whiskey collection.
175. I finally had the time to learn to use my phone and computer.
176. We held our annual New Year's Eve dinner virtually with friends sharing the same menu and wines and activities via zoom.
177. Beat previous weight loss record and have maintained the weight loss.
178. Got my GED