

# Glenvale

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“Right! Now, we’re at that point all of you are rather familiar with ... the challenge.” Jane looked over the top of her glasses at everyone and rattled a piece of paper she was holding. “This year’s challenge will be a ‘commemorative quilt’. There are lots of different things you could choose to commemorate. Our ancestors commemorated the queen’s jubilee, Federation of Australia in 1901 and even their family’s births, marriages and deaths. We can commemorate similar things, but the most obvious commemoration for us this year is the birth of the Anzac legend. This year marks 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. Some of you may have Anzac ancestors and choose to commemorate them in your challenge quilt this year. If that doesn’t appeal to you, or if you don’t have an Anzac ancestor, many of you will still have had a relative who fought in the First World War, and we are commemorating that event over these next few years as we reach one hundred years since various major battles and turning points in the war.

“For those who do not wish to ponder the anniversary of war there are various personal events you could commemorate, such as twenty-first birthdays, golden wedding anniversaries, births of grandchildren, or you could even celebrate the anniversary of the year your ancestors arrived in this country, which could be a hundred and fifty years ago or five years ago.” Jane referred to her paper again. “Commemorative quilts can also be done retrospectively. You don’t have to think of something that will happen in the next year or two. Maybe you’re a monarchist and would like to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. That would be fine too.”

## The Rebecca Challenge Quilt



Margaret A. Rowe

### Commemorative Quilt Ideas:

- Major birthdays
- Wedding anniversary
- Child’s birth
- Deceased loved ones
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee
- Federation of Australia
- Anzac Centenary
- World War 1 Centenary
- The year your ancestor/s arrived in the country
- Graduation
- 50 years since man landed on the moon

You can make any item you like:

- bed quilt
- cot quilt
- lap quilt
- wall hanging
- bed runner
- table runner

## The Rebecca Challenge Quilt Rules

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