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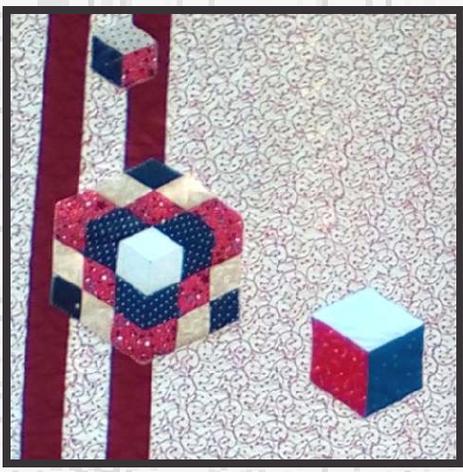
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- * *Recording your quilts*
- * *Completing a BOM*
- * *Finishing quick projects*



Barn Raised Birds



Star Containers



Row for Readers



Twirling Tulips Table Runner

A Message from Barbara

There is an old saying, "April showers bring May flowers", which is a variation of the c.1557 small poem,

**Sweet April showers,
Do spring May flowers.**



The poem is attributed to English poet and farmer, Thomas Tusser, in his writings: ***A Hundred Good Pointes of Husbandrie***. Husbandry is the care, cultivation, and breeding of crops and animals.



Barbara Douglas

In a time in which most people lived close to the land and didn't have our modern-day conveniences or entertainments to see them through the winter, April was a welcome transition month when daylight hours became longer and people were able to be outside more. It held a hope of better weather to come for planting and pasturing the livestock. With this hope also came the spring rains that nourished the land for early blooms in May but also hindered any lingering outside in the freshening weather.

I am not sure our foremothers of the 1500s were able to use the longer daylight hours of the rainy days of April to ply their hand to stitching, but today it provides a perfect excuse to come in from spring garden prepping to work on small quilt projects between rain showers.

In this April issue, we have two great projects from two staff members, Barbara Chojnacki's ***Row for Readers*** and Isobel Meekins' ***Twirling Tulips***. Nancy Scott created a stunning light and shadow batik quilt, ***Barn Raised Birds***, and Linda M. Anthony provided us with ***Star Containers***, which all of our quilt testers say is a fun and great weekend project. Each pattern is perfect for a rainy weekend in April!

As a gift to our **TQPM** subscribers, ***April Showers***, a mini quilt or table hot pad, is available as a bonus pattern this month. To download your copy, log into your subscriber page and click on the link.

Barbara

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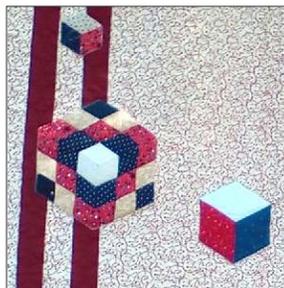
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and the beginning of intermediate skills.
- **An intermediate** quilter must have made several quilts in either pieced or appliqué styles.
- **An intermediate/advanced** quilter has more than intermediate quilting skills and the beginning of advanced skills.
- **An advanced** quilter will have made many complex quilts.



Common Abbreviations:

- BA:** Baltimore Album
- BOM:** Block Of The Month
- COC:** Cream On Cream
- EPP:** English Paper Piecing
- FPA:** Freezer Paper Appliqué
- FQ:** Fat Quarter
- HST:** Half Square Triangle
- LOF:** Length Of Fabric
- NS:** No Steam
- OG:** On Grain
- OTB:** On The Bias
- PWF:** PreWashed Fabric
- QST:** Quarter Square Triangle
- RST:** Right Sides Together
- SST:** Side Setting Triangle
- UFO:** UnFinished Object
- WIP:** Works In Progress
- WOF:** Width Of Fabric
(from selvage to selvage)
- WOW:** White On White



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