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4 New Projects, plus 3 BOMs and 1 Workshop

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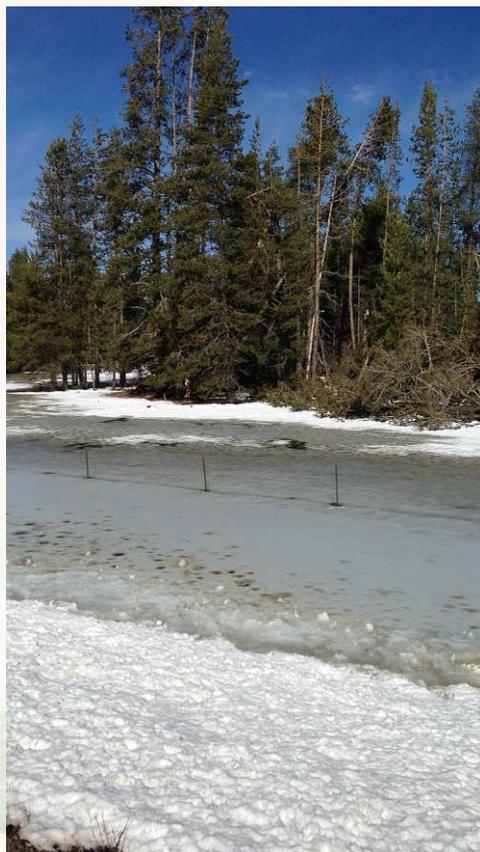
Trip Home



Yellow Pizzaz

From the Editor

It's here again: a new year. And, again, we have to deal with all the new resolutions: lose weight, stop smoking, be more organized, etc. Let's put a stop to that madness. Last month was stressful enough.



From now on, January is the month to relax and unwind. We need this time if we're to be creative and productive in the coming year. If you've read my editorials for the past few Januaries, you know I'm not a fan of resolutions. They put undue stress on us and they are useless. How many times have we ever held to a resolution for more than a week? Or a day?



Karen Saari

If we want to make changes in our lives, let's do them a little at a time. I do want to be more organized. But I'm not going to start with my entire house. I'll start with the junk drawer, or the bathroom. (I have a very small bathroom.) Maybe I want to get all my birthday cards ready for the year, even to the point of addressing them and putting them into a file ready to mail. My mother does this.

New decisions in our lives should extend to the people we love. Do we want to be more patient with our children? Take it an hour at a time. Do we want to spend more time with our spouses? Invite them to a movie. It's baby steps that grow into big changes.

From all of us here at TQPM, we wish you the best year you've ever had and all the good things that go along with a happy quilter: new fabric, notions and gadgets. Just remember one thing: go easy on yourself, enjoy this month, and relax.

Karen

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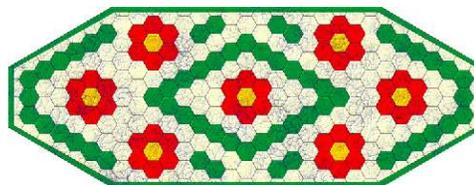
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Our Commitment to Our Readers and to Quality

Here, at *The Quilt Pattern Magazine*, we are committed to bringing you top-quality patterns that you can depend upon. Our designers are required to have completed their original quilts and to have their patterns tested before submitting them to us. Our team of editors (who are all quilters, too!) then format the patterns (retaining national spellings) and send them out for testing again. Our testers follow the directions from beginning to end, making the entire top (not just a few blocks), including multiple sizes when necessary, to ensure that the materials list, directions, illustrations, and templates, are all accurate.

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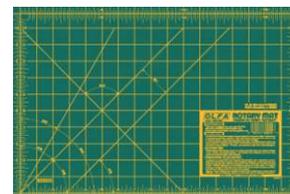


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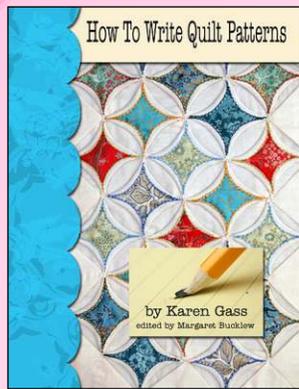
Definitions of skill levels:

- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge and have made at least one quilt. We will assume that you know how to use a rotary cutter and can understand and sew with proper seam allowances.
- **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



Knowing how to make a quilt and knowing how to write a quilt pattern are 2 entirely different things. Having knowledge of good design principles and color values are useless when it comes to actually writing the pattern for someone else to use.

But, this is a skill you can learn, just like you learned to quilt and learned to design. I will show you how to prepare a model of a quilt pattern that you can use every time you have a new quilt pattern. Just plug in the different numbers.

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