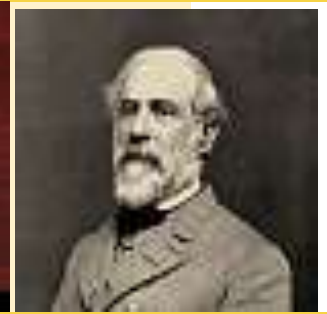




## The Buzz from Two Bees

### April 2011



**1861 - 1864**

This month marked the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the American Civil War. On April 12, in 1861, only 39 days after President Abraham Lincoln became our 16th President, Confederate cannons opened fire against Ft. Sumter, SC, which held a small garrison of Union soldiers in Charleston harbor. The Civil War had begun. American men were fighting and killing American men. It was a very sad four year period in our country's history.

During the Civil War, the women, in both the North and the South, supported the war effort by making quilts. They designed and sewed quilts for fund raising raffles and auctions and they made quilts to send to war with their loved ones to keep them warm while serving their cause.

Beautiful Civil War reproduction fabrics are available today for quilt makers to make replicas of those wonderful quilts and to pay tribute to the women who made them.

To read about quilts from the Civil War Period, click on the following link:

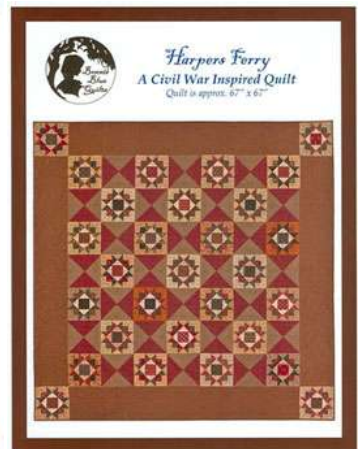
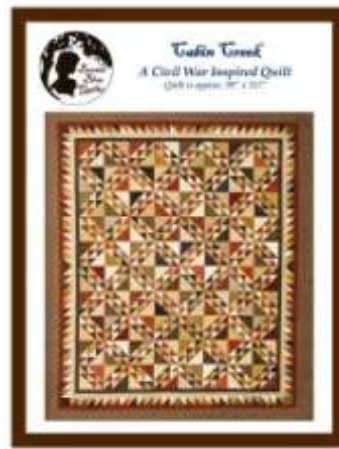
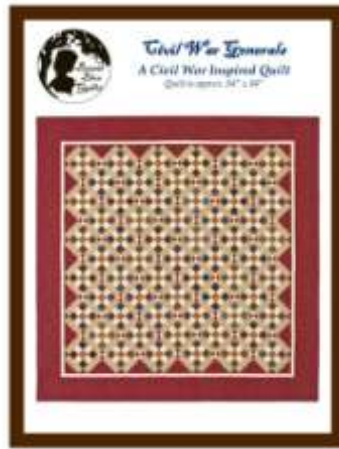
[http://www.womenfolk.com/quilting\\_history/civilwar.htm](http://www.womenfolk.com/quilting_history/civilwar.htm)

written by Judy Anne Breneman.





Make a Civil War Quilt -----Bonnie Blue Patterns are \$8.00 each





Redwork Rendezvous by  
Alex Anderson of P&B Textiles  
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Available in Red, Blue and  
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## Quilting Tip

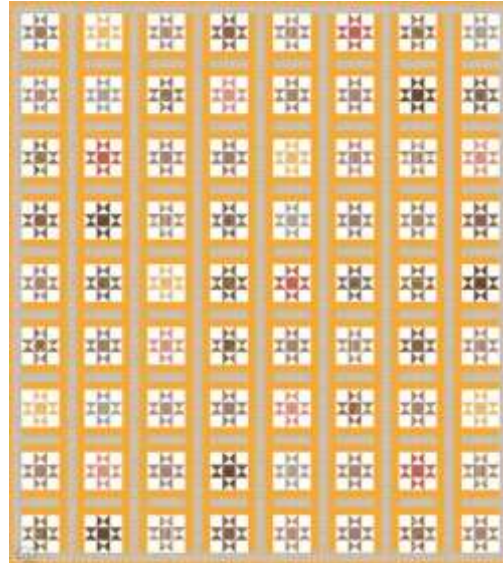
### Quilt Backing Preparation

If it is necessary to piece the backing for your quilt, be sure you remove the selvage. Do not leave the selvage on; it will cause the seam to pucker. It does not "give" at the same rate that the rest of the fabric and may not allow the seam to lay flat. Press the seam open.

CUT OFF ALL SELVAGES , regardless iof whether the fabric is for the backing or in your block piecing for the same reasons.

Make certain that your backing is "squared up" if you are going to have your quilt machine quilted. It should be the same length on both sides and the same width on both ends. If you do not pay attention to this important aspect of backing preparation, your quilt backing may not lay smooth and flat and you risk having creases and folds being quilted into the backing.

**CUT THE SELVAGE OFF**



These quilt kits are available online. Click on image.

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**The winner of the March Newsletter drawing was Sue  
from Peosta, Iowa.  
Congratulations, Sue!!**