

The holidays are upon us once again. I've made my list, but have no time to shop, so it's off to the computer I go! A few years ago, the thought of shopping online seemed like cheating. Where's the thrill of the hunt (for a parking spot) or the joyful noise of the holiday shoppers (grumbling about sale items being out of stock) or the thrill of finding just the right gift for that special some-one (even though it's more than you budgeted because you can't find anything else)? No more! I'm over the guilt. Now, I put on a little Christmas music, Google my wish list while sipping hot chocolate in my pj's and click my way to a sane shopping experience. All I need to do now is wait for the UPS guy to bring it all to my front door. If only I could talk him into wrapping, too! However you enjoy shopping for the holidays, take the time to relax this season with a little pampering for yourself - a manicure, massage or an evening reading a good book. It will make your HoHoHo a little brighter for everyone.

Christmas Blessings to all of you,

Lynne

This month's project

Christmas Ribbon

Do you need a fast and easy project for a gift or to decorate your home for the holidays? Look no further! Traditionally pieced stars are the focal point and the star point units provide the pieces for the ribbon border. I appreciate that the beautiful floral print in the colors of the season (without being Christmas-themed) gives this wall quilt staying power into the New Year.

There's still room to cruise with Pam and I to Alaska next summer. What a great way to stuff your stocking!



SANDHILL PLUMS

Our newest collection of plum-tastic prints was shown at Fall Quilt Market to rave reviews. Here's a sneak peek before the collection ships to your local quilt shop in February.



Peanut Butter Chip Cookie Mix

Still need a few last minute gifts for neighbors, co-workers, hair stylist, etc.? This easy layered cookie mix is hard to beat for ease of preparation and cute presentation.

box chocolate cake mix
cup peanut butter chips
cup mini dark chocolate chips
cup chopped nuts

Layer cake mix, chips and nuts in a quart jar or other decorative container. Cover tightly; store for up to 6 months. Wouldn't this be great for anyone just out on their own with a cookie sheet tied up with a kitchen towel and a wooden spoon? On the enclosed recipe card: Contents of Cookie Mix ½ cup vegetable oil 2 eggs

In a large bowl, coming all ingredients. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes or tunil surface cracks. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes about 2 dozen cookies.

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