

A Monthly Pattern & Newsletter from Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles Quilters

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The geese have returned to nest, the tulips are poking thru the dried remains of last year's garden and the fields of wheat are a beautiful shade of green - thank goodness spring has finally arrived! If you're like me, you can't wait to slip into your Crocs, grab a trowel and dig in the dirt, bringing life back to your flower beds. In the meantime, piece a bit of springtime to grace your walls and bring a few sunny blooms inside while you wait for the real thing outside your windows.

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THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

PICKETS & PETALS

Who doesn't love a white-washed picket fence as a backdrop for lovely spring blooms? Even though we don't need a fence out in our neck of the woods, I found a section of old picket fence in the barn that will find a new home next to our driveway - just because. I can already see the Morning Glories and Zinnias popping up to welcome me home!

BLOG News

Join us for Charming Thursdays each week to win a "vintage" KT charm pack. We're starting at the beginning and giving away pieces from my stash with a grand prize of over 1200 different charm squares in November! Don't miss your chance to win a piece of KT history!

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WARM MEMORIES

CHARM PACK PATTERN

We had so much fun decorating our Advent Feather Tree Quilt* with 24 different ornaments, we couldn't stop! There are so many ways to embellish these simple ornaments surrounding our snowball center - add buttons and trims, stitch family names or experiment with all those cool stitches on your sewing machine you've been itchin' to try. Let your imagination run wild - it's simply a charm pack!



*Warm Memories Feather Tree Advent Quilt to be featured in the May KT Stash Newsletter.

PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS

My twin sons LOVE Reese's Peanut Butter cups, so when I found this recipe for homemade peanut butter Easter eggs, we had to try them. The grankids helped mix and form the eggs, but we only had enough for 13. Wonder where the extra peanut butter and graham crackers went?

½ cup butter, softened
2 ⅓ cups confectioners' sugar
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
½ cup creamy peanut butter
½ tsp. vanilla
1 ½ cups dark chocolate chips
2 tablespoons shortening
Pastel sprinkles

Yield: 16 eggs

In a large bowl, cream butter; gradually add the confectioners' sugar, cracker crumbs, peanut butter and vanilla. Shape into 16 eggs; place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm.*

In microwave, melt the dark chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip the eggs in chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Decorate with sprinkles; return the eggs to waxed paper. Chill until set. Store in an airtight container in the 'refrigerator.

*It took about an hour for our eggs to set up well enough to dip in chocolate. Maybe it was all the hot little hands "helping"!

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