



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

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I know it's too early to put away my coat and mittens, but a few warm days in February always turn my thoughts to spring. And what better way to decorate for spring than with an abundance of baskets - full of gloves and scarfs, small quilts, spools of thread, skeins of yarn, charm packs, fresh muffins, flowers or lemons & limes. Even a pile of pretty baskets on a shelf is an interesting still life. In all shapes and sizes, materials and price ranges, baskets are a great value for sorting, stashing and hiding stuff. I cut out a square in the bottom of an inexpensive basket to feed the wires of my phone, iPad, etc. for a charming charging station that sits on a table without being "electronic ugly". (I hate wires!) Several baskets lined up on shelves under the TV store DVD's for the grandkids, Robert's collection of CD's, and my favorite candles when I'm in the mood to change the scent. Watch for baskets on sale at your local hobby store - but leave a few for me!

Lynne



TRAVEL NEWS

Lois & I are traveling to Wisconsin in April with a stop in Iowa on the way. Hope you can join us!

QUILMAKER'S SHOPPE, Manchester, IA - Saturday, April 2nd - workshop & program - 563-927-8017.

MILL HOUSE QUILTS, Waunakee, WI - Sunday, April 3rd - program 1pm. - 608-849-6473.

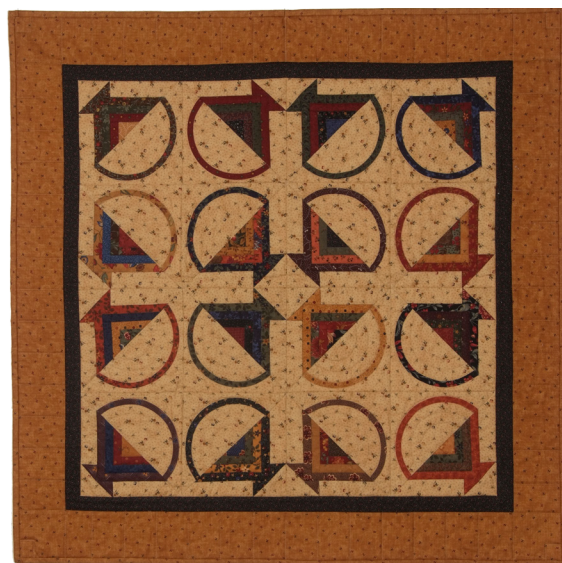
LODI VALLEY QUILT GUILD, Waunakee, WI - Monday/Tuesday, April 4-5th - program & workshop - Irene Stoll 608-576-7834.

PATCHES & PETALS, Belleville, WI - Sunday, April 10th - program 1pm. - 608-424-3889.

Watch for info about our June trek thru IN next month!

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

Who doesn't think of baskets for Spring - for Easter, Mother's Day, May Day? We're featuring our Scrap Baskets this month so you can have it finished just in time for the spring holidays. Pull strips and bits from your stash for an adorable collection of KT baskets.



WARM MEMORIES

The snowmen are barely packed away and yet, in the quilting world, Christmas is right around the corner again! Our new collection for Christmas 2011 is called Warm Memories and features KT's signature shades of red, green, brown, gold and tans for a great mix for the holidays and beyond. Here's a sneak peek at what the quilt shops will have in May. Watch here next month for the fun projects we've created using this group. Be one of the first to win a charm pack of this group on my blog in the coming weeks.



EASY APPLE CAKE

By now, you all know how I like to cook - start with a mix and embellish it like crazy! This whole grain version of apple cake makes the grade in taste. Great for a weekend brunch or weekday snack.

1 box (20.5oz) whole-grain
apple cinnamon muffin mix

2 large eggs

3 medium apples - Gala or
Granny Smith - peeled, cored
and cut into 1/4" slices

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9 in. springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. Prepare muffin mix as per package directions. Gently stir in 1 sliced apple with the provided apple-cinnamon pouch. Spread in pan.

Arrange remaining apple slices in concentric circles on top. Sprinkle 3 Tbsp. sugar, then the granola topping on top. (I like to add about 1/4 cup chopped walnuts, too.)

Bake 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
Serves 12.

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