



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

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Every day, there's a new garden or seed catalog in the mail. It's that time of year when we can begin to hope for the first signs of spring. I love pouring over page after page of perfect blooms, envisioning how the new shade of daffodils or a climbing wisteria would work into my informal plan (Robert calls it overgrown, I just call it organic). For now, we can dream of all the time we'll have to spend in our gardens once spring arrives - digging in the black earth, experimenting with new varieties for shade or sun, and dividing/transplanting the ones that are a bit wild (organic) to a larger spot so they can sprawl as they desire. Here's wishing the guy from White Flower Farm comes to visit your house with a truckload of goodies!

Lynne



TRAVEL NEWS

Lois and I are off to more than a dozen different guilds and quilt shops this year, beginning in March with a trip to visit the TNT Quilt Guild in Glen Carbon, IL on March 15th. For more information, contact Beth Krouse @ 618-792-5028.

In April, we'll be traveling to Lodi, WI via Quiltmaker's Shoppe in Manchester, IA. Watch for more info here next month.

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

Tulips are the first brave blooms at my house to poke their heads thru the ground (sometimes still covered in snow!) announcing that spring is on it's way. My homage to the tulip is this fast and easy table topper/runner that starts with a trio of 9-patches on point surrounded by a floral border. While quilting, add the tulips and leaves to create an applique border. Choose your border first in a color to coordinate with your decor, then add tulips to compliment. Happy Spring!

Check out Moda's Designer Pillow Talk Blog Tour beginning February 1st (KT is featured on Feb. 7th). Each designer created a pillow that tells a story about their life and inspirations. There will be prizes and lots of interesting tidbits - don't miss a day!



MINI CHARM PATTERNS

Not only are the 2 ½" mini charm packs way too cute for words, they're fun to play with and make up quickly. So far, we have 3 delightful projects for your stitching pleasure. Go to ktquilts.com for single mini charm packs or kits for any of the projects shown here. It's just one more way to add a little KT to your life.

KT FAVORITES
14" x 17"



WARM MEMORIES
28" square

SPARE CHANGE
1 Charm + 1 Mini charm
32" x 36"

TURTLE TART

OUR ANNIVERSARY IS FEBRUARY 13TH, SO IT'S EASY TO FIND CHOCOLATES AND MUSHY CARDS. BUT USUALLY, I JUST MAKE A DECADENT DESSERT AND WE STAY HOME AND WATCH MOVIES. I TRIED TO CONVINCE ROBERT THAT BY SUBSTITUTING DARK CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN THIS FABULOUS CONCOCTION, IT'S ACTUALLY HEALTH FOOD!

COOKIE BASE

1 pouch Betty Crocker oatmeal cookie mix
½ c. butter
1 Tbsp. water
1 egg
1 c. chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In large bowl, stir cookie mix, butter, water and egg until soft dough forms. Stir in 1 cup pecans. Press dough in bottom and up sides of ungreased 9" tart pan with removable bottom. Bake 19-21 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 10 minutes.

FILLING

40 caramels, unwrapped
⅓ c. whipping cream
¾ c. chopped pecans

Meanwhile, in medium microwavable bowl, melt caramels and ⅓ cup cream on high 2-4 minutes, stirring twice, until caramels are melted. Stir in ¾ cup pecans. Spread over cooled crust. Refrigerate 15 minutes.

TOPPING

1 bag chocolate chips (2 cups)
⅓ c. whipping cream
¼ c. chopped pecans

In another medium microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate chips and ⅓ cup cream on high 1-2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until chocolate is smooth. Pour over filling. Sprinkle with ¼ cup pecans. Refrigerate 2 hours or until set. To serve, let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before cutting. Store covered in refrigerator.

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