

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

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Each New Year brings the same resolutions - lose weight, get more organized, design more projects for publication. Maybe instead of making the same resolutions each year and falling short, I need to make a few new ones that I'll want to keep. For example, eat what makes me smile and enjoy every bite, sew on projects that are fun and exciting even if they aren't finished right away, take a walk to enjoy the fields and wildlife without checking my pedometer, play with the grankids and not worry about what I "should" be doing, enjoy a little porch time with a good book or magazine. Let's all adjust our list of resolutions into wish lists of what makes us happy and the rest will all fall into place.

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TRAVEL NEWS

Robert and I are busy packing our suitcases for a week long cruise on the biggest ship afloat - the Oasis of the Seas with Royal Caribbean. Stitchin' Heaven quilt shop in Quitman, TX is hosting this floating quilt bash the end of January. What a fabulous way to start the new year! I'll be teaching workshops for 75 quilters along with Sandy Klop of American Jane and Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts - both fellow Moda fabric designers. Lissa Alexander, marketing guru of Moda, is also joining us for a week of stitching, relaxing, playing in the ocean and eating way too much. I'm hoping to blog from the boat on my new iPad, so follow along at kansastroublesquilters-lynne@ blogspot.com. I'll be writing next month's newsletter with a tan!

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

Raw edge triangles buttoned in place frame a classic square-in-a-square-in-a-square, etc. for a simple background on your table. Plaids work best for the triangles because when the edges curl the fabric is the same on the front and back. Ask your local quilt shop to carry KT Classic Plaids for all your raw edge applique projects.



Perennials Charm Quilt Add classic charm to your home with our 30" square wall quilt. Raw edge stitch quarter circles cut from a Perennials charm pack to create a modern KT twist on the traditional Drunkard's Path block – no curved piecing required! Our color palette features perennially favorite deep reds, greens, eggplant, black and navy with a touch of golds and tan. Charm patterns available at participating quilt shops or online at ktquilts.com.



LEMON CHEESECAKE BARS

After all the chocolate of the holidays, I crave a little tartness for the new year. These lemon bars with a bit of fruit filling fit the bill perfectly.

Crust

3/4 c. butter

1/3 c. packed brown sugar

1 c. rolled oats

1 1/4 c. flour

½ tsp. salt

½ c. seedless raspberry jam

FILLING

1 ½ c. sugar

4 eggs

4 tsp. grated lemon peel

4 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

½ c. flour

1/3 c. lemon juice

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and brown sugar. Combine the flour, oats and salt; gradually add to butter/sugar mixture. Press dough into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Bake at 350° for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown. Spread with raspberry jam.

For filling, beat the cream cheese, sugar and flour until fluffy. Add the eggs, lemon juice and peel just until blended. Carefully spoon over jam. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack. Cover and store in the refrigerator.

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