



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

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My Christmas list is getting shorter each year as the grankids grow older. They all have so much stuff and their parents' major complaint is that they're constantly picking up/stepping on toys. This year, we're giving the gift of imagination as much as we can with lots of toys that spark creativity - beads to make jewelry, Crayola products to color and light up, fashion designer paper dolls and ways to make their own music. I hate the waste of traditional wrapping paper, so we'll "wrap" the gifts in cute storage boxes, totes or bags to make clean up easier and more fun. It's one way to go green for the holidays and save a tree. Here's hoping your holidays are calm, content and free of coal in your stocking.

Lynne



THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

I saw several Hunter's Stars at market - one even had a special ruler with it! - all beautiful in their own way. But none were as easy to piece as ours! We start with a large bias square, raw edge stitch a diamond on opposite corners, sew 2 different colored bias squares together and viola! The easiest Christmas version of a Hunter's Star out there! Try it a variety of color combos - 4 colors work best - for any time of year.

The Stash bonus project is a Christmas bag perfect for gift giving. Fill it with fat quarters for a quilting friend, cocoa mix, marshmallows and a mug for a neighbor or hairdresser, or as a special gift bag for anyone on your Christmas list. Substitute a variety of other pieced blocks instead of our wrapped package (9" wide x 11" tall) to use all year long. Just make a block smaller than the package and add extra background fabric to fill in to the 9" x 11" size. How about a basket block for Mother's Day or an 8" Ohio star would be great for any gift giving occasion. The possibilities are endless!

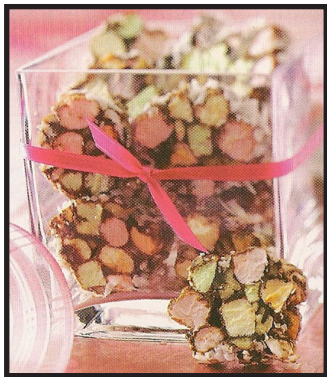


PERENNIALS

Raw edge quarter- and half-circles stitched onto background squares and borders create the look of curved piecing without any of the headaches. Our simple technique adds a fun twist to a traditional block for a quilt blooming with character. Fused flowers and button embellishment complete the look.

Booklet includes lap & queen options, wall quilt and pillow topper. Retail \$7.95

It's the perfect stocking stuffer!



QUILT COOKIES

MY GRANDAUGHTER, ALEECE, THINKS I'M A COOKING GODDESS IF I MAKE ANYTHING WITH MARSH-MELLOWS, SO WHEN SHE TASTED THESE COOKIES SHE WAS DELIGHTED! SHE ASKED IF I MADE THEM FOR THE QUILTERS SINCE THEY LOOK LIKE SCRAPS OF FABRIC.

1 cup (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
2 tablespoons butter
1 egg, beaten
3 cups pastel mini marshmallows
½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
1 cup flaked coconut

Yield: 5 dozen

Melt the chocolate chips and butter over low heat, stirring occasionally. Stir a small amount into the egg, then return all of chocolate and egg to the pan. Cook and stir over low heat for 2 minutes. Pour into a bowl; let cool for 15 minutes. Gently stir in marshmallows and nuts. Chill for 30 minutes.

On a sheet of waxed paper, shape dough into a 1 ½" diameter log. Place coconut on another sheet of waxed paper. Gently roll log over coconut to coat sides. Wrap up tightly, twisting ends to seal.

Freeze for 4 hours or overnight. Remove waxed paper. Cut into ¼" slices. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

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