



The KT Stash Society Newsletter

*for Kansas Troubles Quilters Fans
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The Fourth of July holiday is a special one at our house, not only because of the ties to veterans and active military in our family, but because the 5th of July is my birthday. We look forward to friends and family gathering together each year and begin planning the celebration right after the New Year! Smoked and grilled meats, potato salad, corn on the cob and lots of fireworks are always on the menu. Since we live "in the wild", it's the perfect place to make some noise and light up the night sky. We recently enclosed our screened-in porch so it's surrounded by windows and much easier to stop the Kansas fields from blowing right in. I can now decorate with more quilts with less dust. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, it's all about red, white and blue - I love it! I hope you all can make time to relax, renew and enjoy some leisure time with your favorite people this summer. And remember those who have sacrificed to keep our freedom alive with a firecracker or two.

Lynne

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

A WAVE TO OLD GLORY

Who doesn't love the color combination of red/tan/blue? Lucky for us our founding fathers didn't choose green and gold for our country's symbol. I give all the credit to Betsy Ross (a woman, of course). I try to make a new patriotic quilt each year to add to my collection. This year's project is surprisingly simple. Red raw edge triangles are stitched onto tan background rectangles, then sewn in strips alternating with red rectangles to create the illusion of a flag waving in the breeze. So fast and easy you could make it larger for a bed size salute to the USA.

JOIN ME THIS MONTH, JUNE 13-16, IN GRAND JUNCTION, CO AT THE SUNSET SLOPE QUILTER'S GUILD AND QUILTER'S CORNER QUILT SHOP FOR A TRUNK SHOW AND SEVERAL WORKSHOPS.



HARVEST MOON

Introducing KT's newest fabric collection and project booklet, Harvest Moon. Moda has added a new precut to their repertoire - 2 ½" square mini charms, or Moda Candy. I love mixing them with 5" charm and 10" Layer Cake squares for a new twist on traditional pieced blocks. The Harvest Moon quilt features the moon/acorn applique from the fabric, then adds pieced/appliqued borders all around. The first row is simple, pieced 9-patches with charm and mini charm squares raw edge stitched on top to create a square-in-a-square look. Too easy!

Watch for our Harvest Moon fabric and pattern booklet with lap & wall quilt (featured next month) in September. Retail \$10.95

Lots of Harvest Moon giveaways begin soon on my weekly blog - check it out!



CHOCO CARAMEL MACAROONS

A sweet combo of chocolate, caramel and coconut is hard to beat for an easy summer grab-and-go cookie. Yum!

Sarah Meuser, New Milford, CT from the 45th Pillsbury Bake-Off Cookbook

1 - 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1 - 12.25 oz. jar Smucker's caramel ice cream
topping

1 cup flour
1 ¼ tsp. sea salt
2 - 14 oz. bags shredded coconut
1 ½ cups chopped pecans
1 cup Hershey's semi-sweet chocolate baking
chips (mini dark chocolate chips are great, too!)

Heat oven to 325*. Line 2 large cookie sheets with parchment paper; spray with no-stick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine condensed milk, caramel topping, flour and ¾ tsp. sea salt; mix well. Stir in coconut, pecans and chocolate chips until well mixed. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 1 inch apart onto cookie sheets. Lightly sprinkle tops with remaining ½ tsp. sea salt.

Bake 15 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 30 minutes. Store in airtight container. Makes 60 cookies.

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