

The KT Stash Society Newsletter

for Kansas Troubles Quilters Fans by Lynne Hagmeier, designer

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The hot, dry weather has convinced me to put the flower gardens on hold until cooler fall weather. I'm still watering – and praying – but for the most part, if it can't stand the Kansas heat, it just ain't gonna make it this year. Over the past 3 years, my garden has grown, changed and expanded with this theory. I lose a couple plants by August, then keep track of what worked. We make a trip to the garden center in the spring to buy more of the perennials that survived, replacing the victims. Each year, more and more plants survive and thrive, filling in gaps and coming up stronger the next year. Wouldn't it be great if our fabric stashes did the same thing? If we nurtured them, added a few new fat quarters every so often, loved and petted them, they would reproduce and yield yards and yards of brand new cotton. Oh well, guess it's good for me that it doesn't work that way. Stay in, stay cool and quilt all summer.

Lynne

This month's project

HOLIDAY TIES

With all the Christmas-themed fabric arriving recently at your local quilt shop, it's a great time to start planning your holiday projects. Here's one that makes bowties easy with a little help from raw edge applique. Simply piece 4-patches in black, reds and greens with careful placement of tans so that when they are on point, they create rows of prints. After the quilt top is pieced - and quilted - cut little squares of matching fabric to magically transform a 4-patch into a bowtie. The secret? Cut the square on the bias so the edges curl but don't unravel when washed. So easy it could be the quilt you make for everyone on your Christmas list this year!



HARVEST MOON

Our newest fabric collection and project booklet, Harvest Moon is ready to ship to the quilt shops soon. Included with the lap quilt (see June newsletter), is a wall hanging created from leftover blocks. By stitching up 4 different seasonal 14" square quilted medallions, you can change the look of your decorfor the seasons.

Watch for our Harvest Moon fabric and pattern booklet with lap & wall quilt soon at your local quilt shop. Retail



MINI CHEESECAKE TARTS

Sometimes just a bite or two of a yummy dessert is the perfect finish to a meal. 45th Pillsbury Bake-Off Cookbook

1-8oz. package cream cheese, softened 1 - 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk ½ cup lemon juice 1 tsp. vanilla extract 24 tart size fillo shells, thawed 2 Tblsp. apple jelly, melted

Assorted fruit such as strawberries, blueberries, bananas, raspberries, oranges, cherries, kiwi, grapes or pineapple

BEAT cream cheese in large bowl until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla.

SPOON abut 2 teaspoons mixture into each mini shell. Top with fruit. Brush with melted jelly to prevent browning. Chill 2 hours until set.