



## Review & Resolution

Timeless Stitches – Quilt Capital of Kansas

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As the year draws to a close, many quilters review what they've accomplished over the last twelve months as well as begin planning for the coming year. As with any self-imposed review and resolution, we each take our own path to deciding what works best for us.

Some quilters review their work individually, looking back on what projects they started, which were taken a step or two closer to completion, and which ones were actually completed. For myself, 2022 was not overly productive as far as finishing projects. I started far more than I finished; although, several of those were learning projects in classes that may or may not ever be completed. The pile of quilt sandwiches pinned and projects half-quilted sitting on my quilting table are a testament to my lack of motivation to stick with the projects unless they had a specific deadline. Yes, I admit I work better under pressure, although it can drive those around me a little crazy.

In past years I have taken part in challenges to provide outside incentives to complete more projects. In 2020, a fellow guild member organized a virtual challenge to select a project to move a step closer to done each week, as well as to share a finish per month. All of our weekly and monthly posts were shared in the guild Facebook group where we continued to encourage each other while keeping our distance during the early months of the pandemic. I can honestly say that I moved numerous projects forward and actually finished well over two dozen projects! In 2021, without that accountability, most of my finishes were commissions with specific deadlines that kept the number of new projects limited. For 2022, I definitely started a lot more projects, but only brought a few to completion. I did take several classes to challenge myself with new inspiration from other quilters, while continuing to teach and share my own passion with new and returning students. Still, I look at the pile of quilt tops waiting to be quilted, at least ten of which I already have backing and batting ready and waiting, and feel like I need more motivation. And then there's the totes and bags with unfinished projects that are still sitting untouched.

For my 2023 New Year's resolution, I think finding an accountability group to take part in again to provide me with, albeit intentional, incentive to complete projects would be a great idea. I'm not so much interested in numbering my UFOs (unfinished objects) and drawing a number to tell me which one to work on, but rather just having some incentive to share moving projects forward and working towards completion. Even planning now which quilt(s) I might want to enter in the 2023 Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival, the Douglas County Fair, the Kansas State Fair, and the Maple Leaf Quilt Show, will give me deadlines to work towards. Regardless of where these quilts may go--gifts, donations, for sale in my Etsy shop, or remain in my personal collection to be shared during trunk shows and/or workshops, having more of them finished would be a good thing overall. Here's hoping I can keep the motivation going to meet this new resolution beyond a few weeks.