



What's Humming?

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Happy Easter!

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Happy Hunting



A New Twist-Layer
Cake French Braid



Stars and Stripes



Jelly Roll French Braid

I think Spring has finally arrived here in North Texas. It was a hard winter for all of us in North America though.

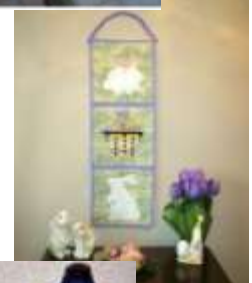
This week is actually one of my favorite weeks of the year. The hummingbirds come back for their 6½ month stay. I always see them by the first week of April. They were right on time too, arriving on April 1st. Yea!

I had a good month in March. Thanks to all of you who placed your orders with me. It was especially busy for international orders. (Australia, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK) Love to have new friends all over the world.

I was able to go on a 3 day retreat with fiends at the end of March. It was awesome to spend some time with them. I did machine appliqué the whole time on a Block of the Month from a quilt shop I go to. It is all appliqué and will take a lot of time to complete. Still more to do too.

I did manage to get a quick Easter pattern done. I is called "Happy Hunting". The table runner pattern is approximately 16" x 72" when completed.

A couple more Easter patterns I have are shown at the right. The wall hanging is "Easter Time" and the apron is "Happy Easter".



What's New!

I know its not even Easter, but holiday fabric is arriving. Here's some Halloween fabrics I just added.

Christmas fabrics will be arriving the over the next 3 months.



Happy Quilting!



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Windsor Lane

Spring always seems to bring on the arrival of babies into our lives. There are a number of fabrics on the website perfect for the baby in your life. Check them out. The Windsor Lane fabric is now sold out from the distributor. This is all that will be available.



Baby Feet



ABC's



Shower

Tips & Ideas

This was so popular, I decided to leave it here for one more month.

Using strip tubes to make your half square triangles:

Once you have created half square triangles this way, you may never go back to the old way. It is very easy and there is little fabric waste. Your half square triangle units will be perfectly square using this method.

This method is done by using one of the strip rulers on the market or by using a square ruler.



If you want 3½" unfinished (3" finished) half square triangles, with tape mark across the ruler at the 3½" mark on each side. I used painters tape, but any type will work. It just gives you a line to follow so your cutting is consis-

tent and until you get used to this technique.

Take 2 different fabrics and cut a strip of each a 3½" x WOF strip and sew together with right sides together. (1/4" Seam) Sew together



along both lengthwise sides making a tube.

Lay your ruler's 3½" marked edge on the seam line of your tube. Cut the first triangle by cutting down both sides of the ruler. Flip the ruler over and cut the next triangle from the opposite side of the tube. You will

need to leave a small strip about 1/4" wide between each triangle.

Open your half square triangle units and press to the darker fabric. Trim dog ears.

Remember you now have bias edges, so don't pull as you press your seams open.



You can use this technique to make any size HSTs. Just cut your strips and size of the unfinished HST and mark your ruler accordingly. The number you get from each strip will vary depending on the size you are cutting.



Give it a try!