



What's Humming?

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Big Foot



A New Twist-Layer
Cake French Braid



Stars and Stripes



Jelly Roll French Braid



December 2013



The holidays are winding down and it will soon be back to normal around here. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. I enjoyed a couple of days off with a quick trip to my sister's in N.E. Oklahoma for Christmas.

December came in with a bang around here. If you are on Facebook, you saw my posts about the ice storm here. For those of you who aren't, we had an ice storm like I had never experienced.

It came in on a Thursday night and coated the streets with over 3" of solid ice. (6" some places)

Our town, (Van Alstyne), is

about 50 miles north of Dallas and 40 miles south of the Oklahoma border. There were people stranded along the highway for days. Semis were jackknifed all over the highway and many ran out of fuel. They even shut down the highway coming into Texas.

My husband took me to the post office the following Wednesday to get some orders out. (He has 4-wheel drive!) We didn't have mail delivery for a week. I didn't actually drive until that Friday. I couldn't get out of our driveway. (Very sloped).

Anyway, we survived. I was very thankful I had loaded up on groceries. I

went to the store soon after and restocked almost everything!



Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your support in 2013.

I appreciate all of you! I hope your 2014 is blessed with all the joys and happiness life can bring!

What's New!

Home for Christmas

Log Cabin Wreath



Jubilee

A Layer Cake Pattern



I recently added two new patterns. The first is Home for Christmas - A Log Cabin Wreath. It makes a beautiful way to dress up your home for Christmas.

The second is Jubilee. It is a quick and easy Layer Cake Pattern. You won't believe how easy it is to make all the Half Square Triangles.

Happy Quilting!



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Welcome to Pure Joy Patterns (Pure Joy Designs). **That's me, Sharon McCurdy, in the photo. I have** been creating patterns for a long time, though not as a business. Years ago, I would make clothing using my own designs. Back in those days, I did a lot of machine appliqué, which I still love today.

When I was introduced to quilting, my world changed. I found myself creating patterns and samples for the quilt shop where I **was working. That's when my love of designing and writing (I wrote software manuals as a technical writer), finally came together...and** the rest, I guess you could say, is history.

Everyone always asks where I came up with the name "Pure Joy Designs". Well, my mother's name was Joye. Years ago, my sister and her husband (owners of [Wire Works Custom Jewelry](#)) made **Mom a necklace that read "100% Pure Joye". I always loved the** necklace and decided to use the concept as my company name. Additionally, Pure Joy is a daily reminder of Mom, who passed away in 2007.

What's Happening?

I will be getting a lot of new fabric in during January. I don't know when exactly. They haven't notified us yet of a ship date. I will let you know. It is gorgeous though! Here's a sneak peak of one line!

Grant Park by Minick and Simpson for Moda



I will also be making a buying trip. I absolutely will get in trouble. I already know I will spend way to much!

If you are looking for something let me know, I will see if I can find it.

I am also working with a friend who designs special jewelry pieces. She is working on some designs for me.

Now that I have all my Christmas decorations put away, I feel like I can finally make a mess again. I haven't been doing any sewing. One of these days, I will have a real studio. I have looked a little in town, but haven't found anything. We are on some acreage, and my ideal studio would be here. I just have to save enough to build it!

It's not too late to think about Valentines. I have a lot of people making these patterns for Valentines. The patterns are all available on my web site.



Be My Valentine Table Runner



Patchwork Heart



Heart to Heart