



What's Humming?

Current Best Sellers

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Big Foot



A New Twist-Layer
Cake French Braid



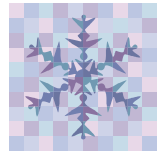
Stars and Stripes



Jelly Roll French Braid

Winter
Go Away!!!

February 2014



Well winter is still here! I am so ready for spring! I made this wall hanging this month. (Sorry no pattern. I had the polar bear design for over 25 years, but it was not my **original design, so I can't** use it in a pattern.)



Are you sewing, crafting, or just climbing the walls. I have made a commitment **to do some UFO's this year.**

This includes a couple of quilts I put on the back burner for a couple of years. I have one that was 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. I have been doing a lot of tracing the last week and getting it ready. The end of March I am going on a short retreat, and am planning to do the appliqué there. **We'll see how much I get done.**

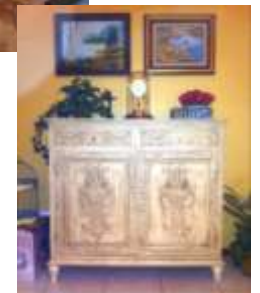
I also painted a garage sale find. Have you tried the chalk paint technique? It was a fun project. Here are pictures before, during, and after. A complete change! Google Chalk Paint for more information.



Before



Me
Painting



After

What's New!

I finished the Sophisticate pattern for the Windsor Lane fabric by Bunny Hill Designs. The Layer Cakes® in this collection are Junior Layer Cakes. They have 20 **10" squares instead of the 40 or 42 found in regular Layer Cakes.** This pattern will make a quilt with a finished size approximately **53½" x 59½"**.

This is a great size for a **child's quilt or small lap quilt.** I have kits available in each of these colors. Get them soon. **Limited Quantities!**



Happy Quilting!



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Easter is April 20th. You still have plenty of time to make this Easter Time wall hanging and Happy Easter Bib Apron. Order your patterns today.



Easter Time



Happy Easter Bib Apron

Tips & Ideas

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 consistent 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!