

**Apple Blossom Quilts**



February, 2018

Dear Quilter,

We've got snow! We have been slow to get our winter snow here in central Iowa. We have gotten an inch or so now and then but nothing serious. Until this past week. We got 10 inches. Watching our Daisy trying to navigate when she goes out is hilarious.

Dot Murdoch gives us a different take on "Connie Sue's Sketchbook" with her pieced backgrounds. I love it. It truly makes it a scrap quilt.

I have added a new feature in this month's newsletter. I will give you a sneak peek at the next six blocks to be published in "Connie Sue's Sketchbook". This will allow you to plan ahead on your fabric requirements.



**Reader's Photos**



Candace O'Keefe's "Grandma's Hen"



Dot Murdoch's "Christmas Bells"



Dot Murdoch's "Dazzling Butterfly"



**Top Tip**

For a great tip on "How to stitch small patches", check out "Apple Blossom Quilts" on our Facebook page.

(You will also get to see an advance peek at "Carpenter Sue" - another 6"

block in "Connie Sue's Sketchbook".

Dot Murdoch's "Easter Eggs"

Dot Murdoch's "Hearts Entwined"

## ***QuikPrep Applique - Lesson 2 - Initial Preparation***

In last month's newsletter we began a new series of lessons on QuikPrep Applique. This is an applique method that I have developed over the past 12-13 years. Each month I will publish a lesson in PDF format. If you miss a lesson you can find it on my website under "Quilting Tips". [Click here to get last month's lesson.](#) ([quilting-tips.htm](#))

[Click here to get Lesson 2.](#)

(<https://media.rainpos.com/4811/lesson2initialprep.pdf>)

[Click here to get a free pattern to use with these lessons.](#)

(<https://media.rainpos.com/4811/myfirstappliquequiltcombined.pdf>)

## ***Connie Sue's Sketchbook - A sneak preview of upcoming blocks***

2/19/18 - Single Rose



02/26/18 - Hope



3/5/18 - St. Patrick's Day



03/12/18 - Baby Rattle



03/19/18 - Birdie in a Tree



3/26/18 - Spring Birdhouse



[Click here for the download page for "Connie Sue's Sketchbook".](#) ([/2018-free-hom-called-connie-sues-sketchbook.htm](#))

[Click here to purchase any missed patterns.](#) ([/shop/Connie-Sues-Sketchbook.htm](#))

*That's it for this month.*

*Happy Appliqueing*

*Connie Sue*

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