



TIME TO VOTE FOR Sew-Jo's Spring 2024 Challenge

WHAT WAS THE CHALLENGE???

Participants purchased a MYSTERY KIT for \$20.

The kit was in a sealed numbered paper bag. That was the mystery! It contained these 4 long quarters (10" x width of fabric) of fabric and surprise embellishments of lengths of yarn.

Participants did not know what they were getting!



THESE WERE THE CHALLENGE RULES/INSTRUCTIONS:

- Completed Mystery Creation can be any size as long as you utilize at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of each piece of fabric you are given. The surprise embellishments are optional.
- Creation can be anything you feel like sewing, clothing, a quilt, a wall hanging, dolls, an art piece, ... maybe reupholster a chair surprise us!
- Mystery Creation must include 2 or more decorative stitches from your sewing machine.
- May use up to eight (8) additional fabrics to complete your Mystery Creation. If it's a quilt or wall hanging, the backing fabric and binding are not included in the additional fabric count. If it is a bag or fashion item, the lining fabric will not be included.
- There are no restrictions on which techniques you use. In fact, we encourage using your extra accessories and specialty feet, try new quilting techniques, or add some embroidery, or applique. Add decorative stitches and anything else you can think of!

We were blown away by the variety and quality of the entries we received!

We are sure glad you're voting and not us!!!

HOW DO YOU VOTE?

BY EMAIL (send an email to: info@sew-jos.ca)

- In your Subject Line: [Mystery Challenge Voting](#)
- Content of your email: Indicate the # of the entry you are voting for ([just the entry # you are voting for, please](#)).

We invite you to view the entries in person; we have set up a Gallery in the store.

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WINNER WILL BE DETERMINED BY VIEWERS' CHOICE

SEW... VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE BY EMAIL

(Limit one vote per person)

VOTING WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON MAY 13, 2024

Entry #1



This participant was sew happy to be #1!

This is a banner to celebrate family birthday occasions. She was going to include the flowered pennants, but found them to be too much. So instead, they are matching cutlery holders. Notice the yarn embellishments on the top.

Entry #2



This contestant chose to make placemats and embellished them with her embroidery machine. Notice the yarn embellishments along the curved seams.

Entry #3



This contestant chose to create a Touch Quilt that can provide hours of entertainment and calming for someone in need. Many different embellishments were included as well as decorative stitches. Notice the pieces of yarn on the zipper pull to make it easier for crippled hands to use the zipper. The pocket under the zipper holds a surprise to find.

Entry #6



This contestant chose to create seat cushions. Note the decorative stitches she used to provide quilting. The yarn is used to hold the cushions onto the hard chair seat.

Entry #9



This contestant chose to use her fabrics to take a class. The yarn is used for the hanger to display her project.

Entry #10



This contestant only used two more fabrics: one for the binding and back of the quilt, the other for the bunny's inner ears and soles of the feet. She used the yarn bits for the whiskers on the rabbit and to embellish the strawberries. Not visible are the many carrots in the basket, which also used yarn for their tops. The basket is embellished with decorative stitches.

Entry #11



This contestant had so much fun making “Fun with Flora and Fauna”. She added to the original four fabrics – green leopard-spot backing and border fabric; How does my Hare Look? Panel; and made the two appliqués from a tablecloth she embroidered when she was 15. She used straight stitch, zigzag stitch and blind hem stitch in the yellow triangle.

Entry #12



This is the first item this contestant has ever sewed. He and his wife both purchased the kit and hid from each other what they working on. This enterprising gentleman has an art background.

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