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plus 3 BOMs,
1 Mystery,
1 Lesson, and
1 Workshop!*

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- * *Making Wide Bindings Mini-Workshop*
- * *How to Make and Use an Appliqué Overlay*



Flying Balloon Zoo



Confetti Toss Mystery
Quilt Block



Modern Baby #1

From the Editor

August - the dog days of summer. Have you ever wondered about that phrase? Why is the end of summer called the *dog days*? Is it because the dogs are hot and loll about under the porch with their tongues hanging out? Forget about the fact that we also call our feet dogs, and when they are hot, swollen and hurting, we say, our “dogs are barkin”.



Let's take one dog at a time. The *dog days of summer* originated (according to Weather.com) in ancient Rome. *Caniculares dies*, or *days of the dogs*, was what the Romans called the period from the first week of July to the second week of August.



Karen Gass

Why dogs? The constellation, *Canis Major*, Latin for the greater dog, is said to be the dog following Orion, The Hunter, and contains a star named Sirius, called the Dog Star. With the exception of our sun, Sirius is the brightest star visible from Earth. Its name comes from the Greek word for “searing.” The reasoning was that since Sirius was so bright and up there with the sun, it must be adding

to the heat to produce the hottest time of the year. Therefore, *dog days of summer*. This might be more than you ever wanted to know, but at least now you can use the phrase, and when your 5-year-old asks the inevitable question, you know the answer!

You might ask, what does this have to do with quilting? Not a thing, but it's interesting! And to celebrate these dog days you might whip up a little dog quilt for your dog lover friend, or perhaps, you will be inspired to join the **TQPM Small Kennel Quilt Team** to help a homeless pet. Here is a link to learn more.

www.quiltpatternmagazine.com/program/KennelQuilt/

Always remember to provide plenty of water and adequate shade for your outdoor furry friends. How would you like to wear a fur coat all summer? Not me!

The picture is of our little beagle Sally. She was an outside dog and we kept plenty of water for her, and she had access to the cool basement. She has since crossed the Rainbow Bridge....

Karen

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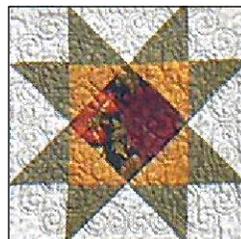
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Our Commitment to Our Readers and to Quality

Here, at *The Quilt Pattern Magazine*, we are committed to bringing you top-quality patterns that you can depend upon. Our designers are required to have completed their original quilts and to have their patterns tested before submitting them to us. Our team of editors (who are all quilters, too!) then format the patterns (retaining national spellings) and send them out for testing again. Our testers follow the directions from beginning to end, making the entire top (not just a few blocks), including multiple sizes when necessary, to ensure that the materials list, directions, illustrations, and templates, are all accurate.

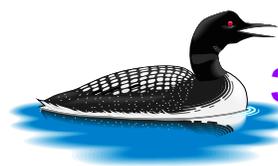
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge and have made at least one quilt. We will assume that you know how to use a rotary cutter and can understand and sew with proper seam allowances.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and the beginning of intermediate skills.
- **An intermediate** quilter must have made several quilts in either pieced or appliqué styles.
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- **An advanced** quilter will have made many complex quilts.

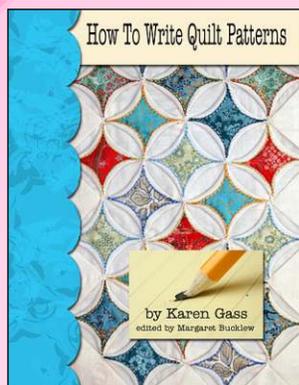


Common abbreviations:

- BA:** Baltimore Album
- BOM:** Block Of The Month
- COC:** Cream On Cream
- EPP:** English Paper Piecing
- FPA:** Freezer Paper Appliqué
- FQ:** Fat Quarter
- HST:** Half Square Triangle
- LOF:** Length Of Fabric
- NS:** No Steam
- OG:** On Grain
- OTB:** On The Bias
- PWF:** PreWashed Fabric
- QST:** Quarter Square Triangle
- RST:** Right Sides Together
- SST:** Side Setting Triangle
- UFO:** UnFinished Object
- WIP:** Works In Progress
- WOF:** Width Of Fabric
(from selvage to selvage)
- WOW:** White On White

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But, this is a skill you can learn, just like you learned to quilt and learned to design. I will show you how to prepare a model of a quilt pattern that you can use every time you have a new quilt pattern. Just plug in the different numbers.

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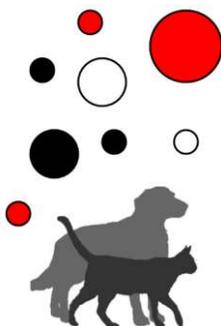


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