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New Beginnings



My Colorado Backyard



Starlight-Aurora
Borealis



Starburst

A Message from Sharon

Here in southeast Texas, February can often be a pretty gray and dismal month. The weather might be cold for a while (though never cold long here) and there is often rain. February has the last winter holidays including Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, and Presidents' Day. It is also my birthday month.



I share my birthday with Thomas Edison. Although there is a growing body of evidence that says Edison did not actually invent much of what is credited to him, I still think of light bulbs when I think of him. Remember the cartoons that have the picture of a light bulb when one of the characters has a great idea? February seems like the perfect time of year to put away the chill and all our wintry things and begin to produce some of those great ideas. Maybe you can take a little time to peek through your stash (Oh, you know you have one!) and pull out some floral prints, pretty pastels, or even some cheerful brights.



Sharon Kirkpatrick

Need a little inspiration to get started? We've got it! Browse through the pages of this month's issue. You will not only find great inspirations but several lovely projects to tackle, including a sweet and whimsical baby quilt and the latest in our series of rows to quilt.

Yes, we may all have a few more cool, gray weeks, but spring is coming and it's a great time to quilt something special!

Sharon

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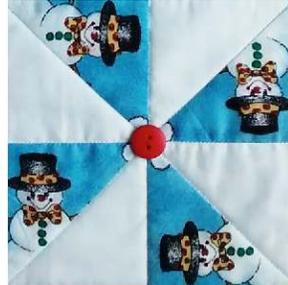
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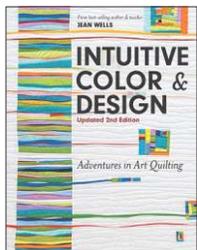
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **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.
- **An intermediate/advanced** quilter has more than intermediate quilting skills and the beginning of advanced skills.
- **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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