

4 New Projects plus 2 BOMs 1 Mystery

- * *Yes, you can!*
- * *Empower the heart.*
- * *This is for your sweet valentine.*



Sweet Valentine



Yes, You Can!



Looking Lovely
Eyeglass Case



Empowering the Heart

A Message from Nan

The holiday season is upon us, and it is my favorite time of year! There is just magic in the air!



Starting with the food, I fix the same Banana Nut bread every year that my dear sweet friend in Louisiana made. It is the best and it really connects me to some happy times. Then there is the music and all the fun times we have singing the wonderful carols followed by the promise of cookies and hot chocolate afterward.



Nan Baker

However I think my favorite part is the decorations! I love to decorate! When I start opening the boxes, I feel like I am getting reacquainted with old friends which bring so many warm, wonderful and bittersweet memories of Christmas's gone by.

I have ornaments and decorations handed down through the generations and of course I will keep that tradition going. But I also find so many decorations that were handmade with lots of love. They always find a prominent place on the tree, the couch, the wall, doorknob, etc.

Since our last name is Baker, we started a "Baker Christmas Village" right after we married and give it a special place in our home every year. It has nothing but bakeries and after 30 years we have quite a few. We look forward to setting it up each year and often find it stays long after Christmas is gone!

I have little precious felt decorations that were all the rage way back when, advent calendars, Christmas pillows, tree skirts, placemats, table runners - do I need to keep going? Let's face it; we love to make things and this is a "purrfect" time of the year to show off our creativity.

And speaking of creativity, the projects found in this December issue will encourage you to get your fabrics out and sew. There are some lovely quilts that will literally "warm your heart" on these cold winter nights. And if you are like me and keep leftover squares, there are projects that will help you get rid of your stash beautifully.

However, one of the greatest things about the holiday season is the opportunity to use our creative gifts for others. I delight in making gifts and it is a tradition in our family. That also counts by giving gifts to those who don't receive many gifts, especially our animal friends. Yes, I am talking about Kennel Quilts for shelter pets who don't have a "furrever" home. What better way to spread the love than to share our talents to help our furry friends! Believe me, the furbabies won't be the only ones who feel the warmth!

Have a "pawsitively" safe and happy holiday season! Merry Christmas!



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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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