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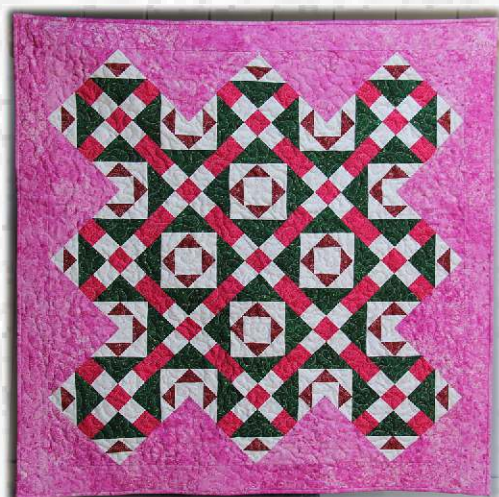
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Christmas Candy



Christmas Stockings



Gift Wrapped

From the Editor

Oh, I do love the holiday season! I love all the sights, the sounds, the smells, the decorating, the shopping, the wrapping, the eating, and the napping. All of it is my favorite. I couldn't pick out one thing from all of that for a million dollars. Okay, I might for a million dollars, but I could also change my mind later!



Decorating for our celebrations is a joy to my heart. I love to use the same decorations, but in a new way. Maybe in another room, or shaped into a wreath instead of a swag. I change ribbons on things, and make new decorations whenever possible.

One year, my daughter and I made a gingerbread house from scratch! It was a bit wobbly, but people didn't seem to mind as long as they could still pick the candy off. We used a small mirror and surrounded it with pillow stuffing to make a lake. Oh, the memories!

And there was the year of the ice storm, when we couldn't get out to get a Christmas tree. We had no electricity, except what the generator could provide. I had a small half-table I put up against the wall in our living room, and then stapled the greenery we used to decorate the outside porch to the wall in the shape of a tree, and then to the table. It gave the illusion of a tree, and when my family came in from clearing branches, they really thought (for a minute) that I'd rustled up a tree from somewhere.

Holiday memories are the best. Make them yourself; don't wait for them to happen. Tell stories about past holidays and the funny or heartfelt things that happened. Above all, love each other with all the love you have to give. Don't hold back; afraid of what people will think. Forget about disagreements. How important are those issues? Forgive and love each other. The most important gift is Love.



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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.

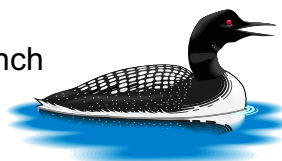
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **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.
- **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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