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4 New Projects, plus 3 BOMs, and 1 Mystery

- * *Country Rooster Place Mats*
- * *Book Review : Harris Tweed Applique for Beginners*
- * *Men and Textiles*



Butterfly Garden



Scrappy Bed Runner

From the Editor

I don't know about you, but I've had enough winter. About this time of year, I get so excited about spring arriving, even though I know it's a ways off. So, I throw myself into the 'month of love' and make heart-shaped anything and everything for all my sweethearts. All 19 of them. My grandchildren.



When my kids were little, I'd start the day off with some heart pancakes. Any kind of metal cookie cutter will work (just remember to lightly coat the inside of it with a cooking spray so the batter doesn't stick to it). Place the sprayed cutters in the pan, fill with batter, and continue on making them as you usually do.



Karen Gass

Here are some other ideas to share the love with little ones –

- Cut their sandwiches into a heart. (Don't do this past 5 yrs old, The kid can take some serious teasing for it.)
- Make a heart pillow with their name on it.
- If you live far away, send little messages every day like, "I love you so much!", "You are the cutest _____ I know" (fill in their name), "I've loved you for _____ days" (figure out how many days since their birth), "Your smile shines light into my life", "I giggle when I think about you", etc.
- Kids love to get things in the mail.
- For older kids, take them to lunch on Valentine's Day and let them order whatever they want.

I offer no advice on the grownups in your life. I'm just not going there! But I will say this: all of us here at **TQPM** have much love in our hearts for you, our wonderful subscribers. Without you, there would be no **TQPM**, so we are blowing kisses out into the universe. Try to catch one! Or not. Remember, it's the thought that counts.

Karen

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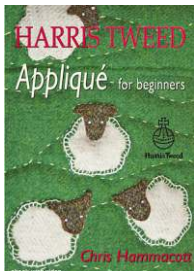
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Our Commitment to Our Readers and to Quality

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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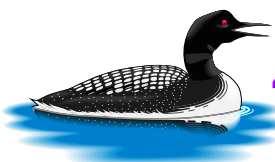
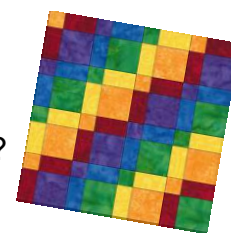


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Definitions of skill levels:

- **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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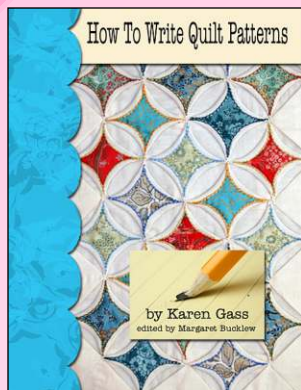
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