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4 New Projects, plus 3 BOMs and 1 Mystery

- * Join in *The HeartStrings Quilt Project*
- * *Book Review: Fabric Play*
- * *New Mystery: Earl Grey Diamond Mosaic*



Somethin' Fishy



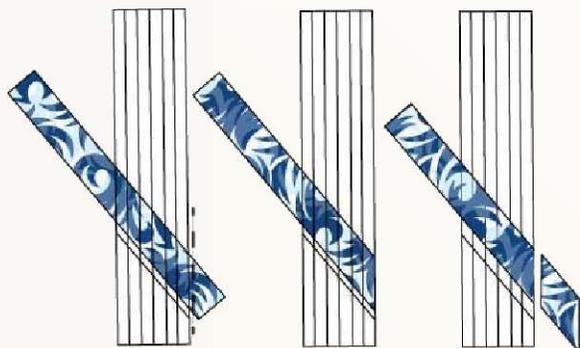
Flower Pot Covers



Striped Independence

From the Editor

Is your birthday in April? You lucky girl, you! The birthstone for the month of April is the diamond. Who doesn't love diamonds? Whether on our finger or in a quilt, diamonds are classic.



Diamond shapes of any size are easy to make with a rotary cutter and ruler. Cut a strip of fabric 2"-3" wide. Tilt your ruler so one of the degree lines will line up with the bottom left edge of the strip. Slide the strip to the right under the ruler far enough so the right edge of the ruler has enough fabric under it to cut and the bottom is still on the degree line. Make the first cut.



Karen Gass

Now just slide the ruler carefully to the right 2"-3" (whatever the width of the strip is) and make the next angled cut.

They are so easy to cut this way that, before you know it, you'll have a pile of diamonds in every color. I'm sorry to say it's not quite that easy to get a diamond to wear on your finger.

What to do with all those diamonds? Google "diamond quilting patterns" and you'll be making diamond quilts till the cows come home and then some. Many diamond quilt patterns are classic and have been around since before the pioneers came west. This is a great chance to play with color or make some two-color quilts. Use your scraps and make a picnic quilt for the warmer weather ahead.

April is the month for diamonds, so indulge in the luxury. April also has two flowers belonging to it; daisies and sweet peas. If you'd rather appliqué, that brings forth even more great ideas.

Happy April!

Karen



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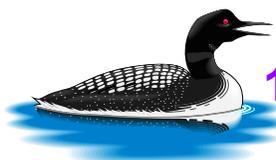
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Our Commitment to Our Readers and to Quality

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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Templates

Patterns with this symbol have printable templates in this month's PDF Templates file.

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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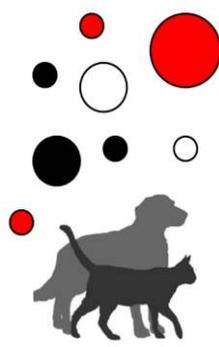


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