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4 New Projects, plus 3 BOMs and 1 Mystery

- * *Book Review: Welcome Home*
- * *Earl Grey Diamond Mosaic Mystery is Solved*
- * *Anna Branch is Passing It On*



Under the Apple Trees



Disco Lights



Little Owl

From the Editor

It's time to start making our Christmas gifts. I realize it's difficult to think of Christmas when we're still smacking mosquitoes, trying to find AC wherever we can, and the thought of cooking makes us faint at heart, but truly - the heat is on! If we want to give handmade gifts for Christmas, we need to get to it.



Karen Saari

Put some Christmas music on while you sew. If you can manage this next tip, go ahead and try it, but be careful. My friend, Karen Bush, the hand quilter, used to pull the grill up to the window of her quilting room. She had an old coffee can with a few holes punched into it. Into the can would go a few dried leaves, and she'd light them with a match and let them smoke. The can sat on the grill, where it was safe from tipping over. The smell reminded her of wood smoke, something you smell at Christmas. If you can't manage that, or don't want to, find a Christmas candle. That should do the trick.

You could also get out a few decorations and pretend it's Christmas. Your family will think you've finally lost your last marble, but they'll understand once you explain about the gifts. It's possible you could get away with closing the door for a few hours of peace of quiet. Not likely, but possible.

Have you made your Christmas list yet? Are you making gifts or new decorations? I want to make both, so I should really get started!

Karen

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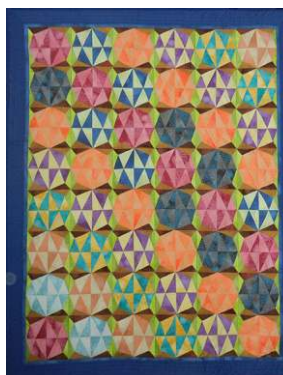
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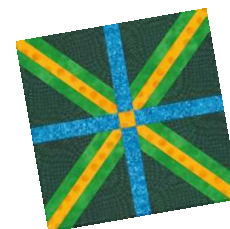
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **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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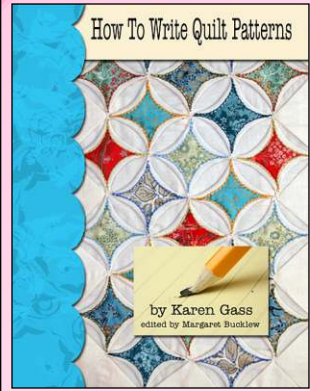
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How To Write Quilt Patterns
 by Karen Gass
 edited by Margaree Bucklew

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