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*New Projects plus*

*1 BOM*

*1 ROM*

*1 Workshop*

- \* *Perfect your piecing skills.*
- \* *Make a fun tote.*
- \* *Create an improvisational piece.*



Practice Makes Perfect



Cascading Hearts



Spools Tote

## A Message from Barbara

January is one of my favorite months. Things are quieting down after the holidays and here in New England we may be blanketed in snow. It's time to put dinner in the slow cooker, and hunker down to quilt! It's a time to make resolutions which we often don't keep. We can also look at the New Year as a time for new beginnings.



Do you make quilting resolutions as in "I will not buy any more fabric until I make at least three projects from my stash" or do you set goals such as "This year I will finally learn to free-motion quilt"? **TQPM** can help you with either.



*Barbara Chojnacki*

This month we have Carol Dockery's **Spools Tote**. Who can't use another cute tote, especially one you can make from your stash? It's perfect for

carrying your stitchery with you. And if, like me, you are always looking to improve your machine quilting, I review a wonderful book by free-motion quilter extraordinaire, Lori Kennedy. Do you need help with your piecing techniques? Practice makes perfect, and Bonny Peters' quilt by that name will certainly perfect your quiltmaking!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and you have a choice of projects with a heart motif. Irish quilter Sandra Healy shares her **Fluttering Hearts** pillow, and our own Nancy Noah's **Cascading Hearts** can serve as either a wall quilt or a table runner.

Here's hoping 2018 is your best quilting year ever!

*Barbara*

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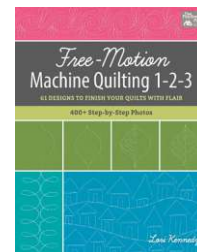
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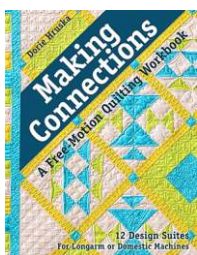
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- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and 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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