

**4** *New Projects*  
*plus*  
*2 BOMs*  
*1 Mystery*

- \* Let the mini button flower brighten your day.*
- \* Join the apple harvest.*
- \* Play with matches.*



Mini Button Flower



A Slice of Orange



Apple Harvest



Woven Matchsticks

## A Message from Nan

We all have our favorite months. Holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, special events, etc, make them special. But then other months of the year seem to take up space, and we wish them to pass quickly. January is one of those months for me.



It is my least favorite month for many reasons. Following a letdown after the holidays, the New Year, as reality, rears its ugly head with heading back to work or school. The magic time of fall creeps into winter. January is COLD, gray, and loooooooolooooong. It's usually the peak of winter and often has snow. Add that New Year's resolutions made usually disappear after two or three weeks. Let's face it; I just don't like January. I am sure there are some of you who would agree with me.

I don't like cold. I don't like snow. (The only "snow" I want to see are the snow white, "sugar white" sands in my big backyard.) However, the cold and snow are January's saving graces. When it's cold and dreary, it's a great time to stay inside and sew.

This month's issue has some great projects which help you do just that. We go from "apples to oranges" with fun quilts which will help brighten dull days. If you want to use those scraps you have been hoarding all year, make our scrappy project with a simple block that reminds you of matchsticks. Speaking of matches, there's a small hand project "purrfect" for you to make while sitting next to a warm fire and sipping a cup of tea.

Let's not forget our furry friends during these cold winter months. Those scraps can be used for Kennel Quilts to donate to your local animal shelter.

Wow! After writing about all these great projects, I am actually beginning to look forward to January (well, almost). Now instead of referring to it as *snowy* January, I will call it *sewing* January.

Hope you have a great one! Happy New Year!



*Nan Baker*



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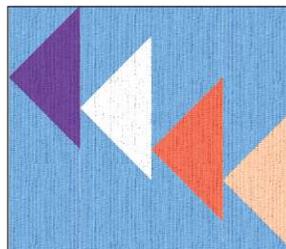
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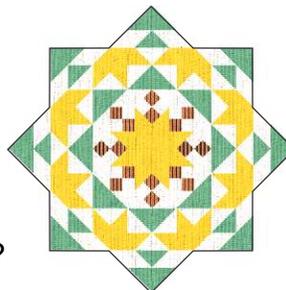
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- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and the beginning of intermediate skills.
- **An intermediate** quilter must have made several quilts in either pieced or appliqué styles.
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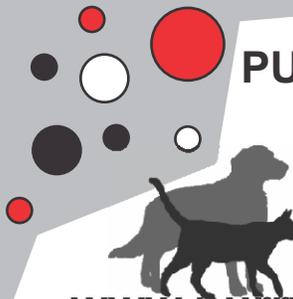
### Common Abbreviations:

**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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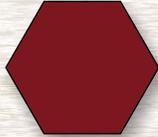
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