

4 New Projects plus 2 BOMs

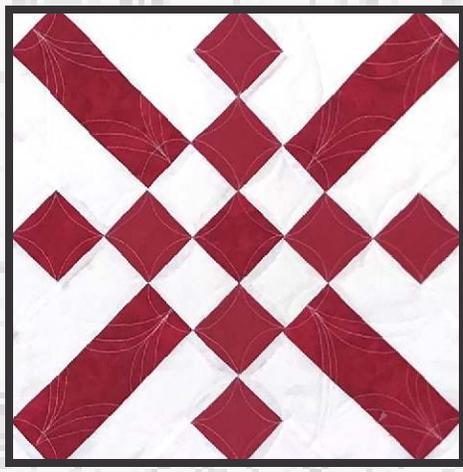
- * *What playing card is your valentine, a king or a queen?*
- * *Their gift won't be a secret for long.*
- * *Rapunzel would love your luxurious locks.*
- * *Get back on track!*



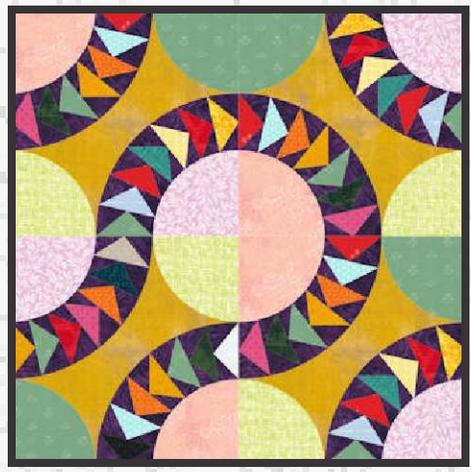
My Secret Valentine



Tresses



Playing Card



Tina's Track

A Message from Michele

Hello and welcome, 2022! Although January is usually one of the coldest months in the Chicago area, I am hot with excitement. I have a few New Year's resolutions that promise to start this year on a happy note, such as a full overhaul of my crafting room. Honestly, I didn't think my crafting room was too big until I needed to turn the master bedroom into the craft room and make the craft room (a second bedroom) into my sleeping quarters. It made perfect sense at the time—more square footage for quilting and an attached bathroom!



Michele Duffy

Now, though, I'm feeling a little cramped in there, which brings me to this year's word—Simplify. I'm going to start in the craft room and work my way throughout the house over the course of this year. My thought process is going to be pare down, consolidate, a place for everything and everything in its place.



While I'm cleaning and purging fabric (can you hear me crying?), I hope you are enjoying your own snazzy craft room. TPQM has a barrage of fun patterns and BOMs that will take you swinging into the new year or getting a jump on the next holiday. For example, Donna Westercamp's **Playing Card** is a

lovely choice for those who can't pass up a good red and white pattern. Speaking of red, Helene Knott's **My Secret Valentine** has a wonderful back story that you won't want to miss. RaeLyn Boothe's **Tresses** quilt is an easy pattern, which can be made quickly with the use of precut 2-1/2" strips. If you're in the mood for a more challenging pattern and love sewing curves, **Tina's Tracks** by Cinzia White is an excellent choice.

So, whether you're cleaning up, clearing out, or starting a new project, I hope the new year brings you happiness!

Michele

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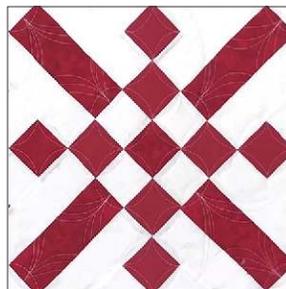
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Definitions of skill levels:

- **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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