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Sew, What's New at the Shop?

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WELCOME, 2012!!

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and hope your holidays were good ones! Now that the celebrations and chaos are over with, come join us at the shop as we begin another year of relaxing and enjoyable quilting projects for yourself, or those you love.

Even though Mother Nature has yet to share some winter snow with us, snowflakes will be flurrying in the shop with two wonderful projects. If your desire for snow is for a solitary event, then the *January Snowflake* from the book, Simply Charming: Seasons will fit that request perfectly. It is a single snowflake center sur-



rounded by beautiful shades of winter blues. For the more adventurous snow lovers, try the pattern *Snowman Toppers*. This adorable and easy pattern combines snowmen faces with snowflakes to create three different options of a table topper (or a small wall hanging). It's the perfect thing to set a steaming mug of tea or cocoa on when friends come to visit this winter.



If your "heart is fluttering" with happy anticipation for the annual arrival of Cupid, we have the perfect solution! From Lots of Scraps It's Time to Quilt comes *Hearts A -Flutter*. Although the pattern is designed for a baby quilt, this crib-sized quilt can easily be used as a comfy and cozy lap quilt. Follow the example in the book and make yours from beautiful 1930s reproduction fabrics, or choose a





selection of pinks and reds to make your hearts glow. The simple combination of appliquéd hearts and striped rows is framed by three hearts in each corner. Also for Valentine's Day, another project from Simply Charming: Seasons. *February Hearts* offers a four patch of hearts created from a beautiful array of red triangles on a white background. Although the pattern calls for four of them, each 16" heart block could easily be used singly as a pillow top, or smaller wall hanging by varying the sizes of the borders. Either would be a wonderful project to show someone how much they are loved by their favorite quilter!

With Spring just around the corner, posies and Easter bunnies can't be forgotten! Simply Charming: Seasons provides a wonderful idea for a lovely wall hanging, this time for Easter. *April Easter Baskets* showcases a classic basket block on point, with an open center just begging to be filled! Lynette Jensen's classic Thimbleberries patterns for Spring come to life with *Lily Pond Runner* and *Pillow Poppin Flowers*. The runner is a center of hourglass blocks surrounded by two borders and highlighted by two appliquéd flowers in opposing corners to bring the whole thing together. The pillow pattern is a row of three proud flowers standing tall on a checkerboard ground. Even though this pattern is for a pillow sham, it can easily



be customized as a topper for your bedside table. Make up a matching set of shams and toppers for your bedroom and you're all set for the new season to arrive! Pattern *Mum's the Word* plants a single Dresden Plate bloom in a colorful saw tooth border. The perfect project to usher in Spring!



We've left some room on the schedule for you to indulge your creative nature with pattern *Simply a Pleasure*. This versatile pattern shows off a fussy cut flower in the center of a set of chain links, easily created by clever sewing of 4-patch units. These blocks can be used to make single potholders, or a set of placemats and matching table runner. And remember your resolution to finish those UFOs hanging around your sewing room? We've got time for you to complete those, too.



NATIONAL QUILTING DAY IS MARCH 17! We'll be celebrating with a day of fun, refreshments, and surprises! This is a great day to celebrate the hobby we all enjoy and love so much! Maybe even a leprechaun will join in the fun!

Our next issue of *The Fat Quarterly* will be ready for April. Till then, we'll look forward to seeing you in the shop. Happy sewing!

