

Blocks on the Go, for Quilts on the Grow!

AKA - The Always Done Quilt!

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I will be in Paducah during AQS Quilt Week!

April 20-23, 2016

I'll be hanging out at the Hexie House

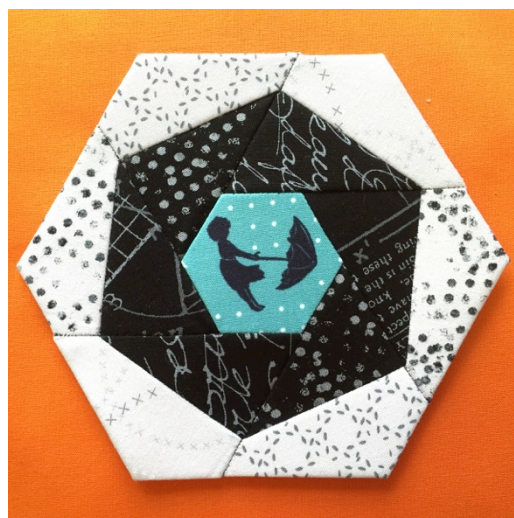
And would love to see your projects inspired by 'The New Hexagon'

Check at PaperPieces.com for a schedule of events!

April Showers?

This month's free block could be called April Showers with that lovely fussy-cut Cotton+Steel print from Zephyr by Rashida Coleman Hale, but instead I call it 'In the eye of the lens'. Pick your favorite little novelty print to capture 'In the eye of the lens' to bring your own block to life. Remember the free block is a separate download.

Below is where I call home, captured by my lens on a beautiful wintery day. Kamloops is nestled in the Coastal Mountains at the junction of the North and South Thompson rivers. It boasts a semi arid desert climate, so receives less precipitation and more sunshine than most other areas of this amazing province.



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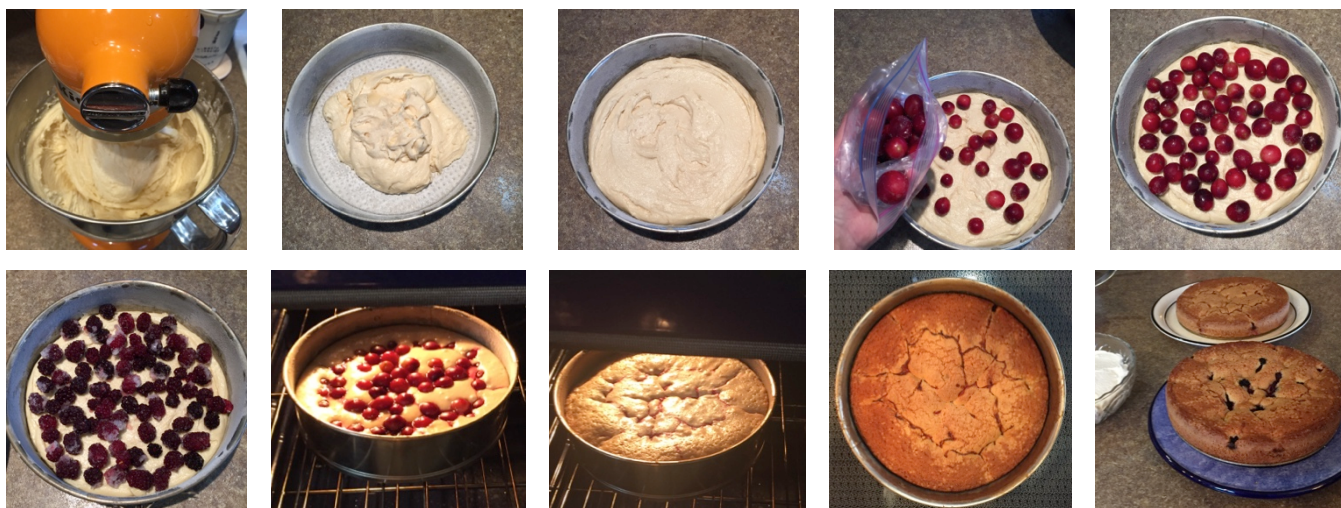
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This is my go-to recipe whenever I need a quick and easy cake solution!



Blackberry Cake (Kuchen)

1/2 cup (1/4 lb) butter cut into chunks
1 cup all purpose flour
1 cup plus 1 tbsp granulated sugar
1 tsp baking powder
2 large eggs
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups fresh or frozen blackberries



1. Butter and dust with flour a 9" spring form cake pan.
 2. In a bowl, combine 1-cup sugar and 1/2-cup butter. Slowly beat with a mixer to blend, then beat on high speed until well mixed, about 3 minutes.
 3. Add 1-cup flour, baking powder, vanilla, and eggs. Stir to combine then beat on high speed until the batter is well blended, about 2 minutes.
 4. Spread batter evenly in the cake pan, smoothing the top.
 5. Scatter berries evenly over batter. Sprinkle fruit with 1 tbsp sugar.
 6. Bake on center rack of oven until cake begins to pull away from pan. My original recipe said to bake 40 minutes at 350. I've tried raising the temperature to 375, but the cake is never done in 40 minutes. I now bake it for 1 hour 15 minutes at 350 or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Almost any juicy berry except strawberry or pitted cherry will work. I've used chopped prune plum, pink gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries, and apricot.

Top with whipped cream and have a slice on me!

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The details: The week, the block number, the name, and the fabric.



Week 14
Block 14: Willa

Kaffe Fassett for Rowan. Westminster Fibers #PWGP 148 Dream

Modern Backgrounds Essentials by Brigitte Heitland for Zen Chic for Moda - Paper



Week 15
Block 15: Lorna

Philip Jacobs for Rowan. Westminster Fibers #PWPJ 055 Feathers
Philip Jacobs for Rowan. Westminster Fibers #PWPJ 073 Spiral Shells

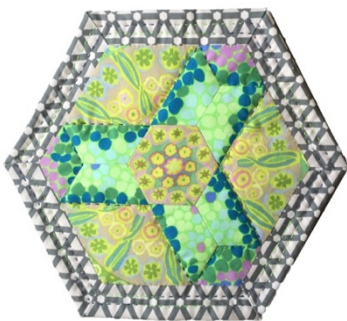
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Week 16
Block 16: Louise

Philip Jacobs for Rowan. Westminster Fibers PJ44 Begonia Columns

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Week 17
Block 17: Brenda

Brandon Mably for Rowan Westminster Fibers #PWBM042 Pebble Mosaic
Kaffe Fassett for Rowan. Westminster Fibers #PWGP 092 Millefiore

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Another block done and what do I get? Another block done, how will it be set?

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Fourteen block settings:



Sixteen block setting:



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