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Block of the Month and Basic Quilting 102

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Overview for 2012

First, I'll be continuing my *Basic Quilting* series, but we will be going beyond the bare basics this year! I would like to share little hints and tricks that can only be gained through experience, trial-and-error, or if someone shows you! I will also be presenting additional techniques for patchwork piecing, quilting, binding and more. Be sure to download each month's issue!

The *Block of the Month* will be decidedly different this year! Because many of you have contacted me to ask if my blocks were done in-the-hoop, I took it into consideration. This year's series will have two parts. And each month will include at least *two* blocks!

The first part will be learning the techniques for paper foundation piecing. When I was first learning to quilt, this method was a real blessing. I will share my techniques for this highly accurate method of piecing.

The second part will be the same blocks created in-the-hoop! Whether you choose to foundation-piece or hoop-piece, you will be able to make the blocks! If you've never tried hoop-piecing, it is quite fun and easy to do once you get the flow of it!

Because of the hoop constraints of some stitchers, each block for 2012 will measure 3" finished. Yes, that's small, but it also gives you the opportunity to use up small scraps and try many different color combinations without using too much fabric. If you collect fat quarters or charm squares, this is a perfect project for them!

You won't need any special tools or materials to make either type of block. Regular, cheap printer paper and a light- to mid-weight stabilizer is all that's needed for foundations! A mini wand-type iron is extremely helpful, but not necessary. If you don't get the hang of it right away, there will be new instructions each month and plenty of time to practice!

As always, if you have any questions, please DO contact me! I look forward to chatting with you this year!

Happy New Year and Happy Quilting,

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