



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!
Here is a fun project &
recipe. Enjoy!

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Do you have all of your homemade Christmas gifts ready to wrap?
As quilters we sure do expect a lot out of ourselves. We have what we call a 'creative' Christmas. We skip the stores as much as possible & make something for each other. Our sons say these are the best Christmases we have ever had since there is no stress. So, I wanted to give you a quick project to make in time for Christmas or even for yourself (you deserves something new too).

Okay, I am telling you a secret about myself...a secret so secret that you may be surprised or even go into shock. I save the threads I cut off from the edges of my washed fabrics and collect them in a clear vase. I also keep the slivers of fabric I cut off of a fold when I am cutting for kits. So, what to do with those goodies?

I finally figured it out. Put them into clear Christmas bulbs! So much fun!
What a fun gift for a quilty friend or even something new for your tree. :)



Just add a hanger of leftover rick-rack or bias binding, or????
The bulbs on the left are those threads I clipped from the edges of fabric.
The bulb in the center on the right is made from the slivers cut from the fold.

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Hey, I live in Iowa...what did you expect me to say?

I'm just glad the weather isn't hot anymore. I was tired of watching women strip down and scare the children. giggle

I am in a cookie baking frenzy this year. I will make at least 10 different kinds and I am making up tins of them to give to single neighbors & couples who can't bake. They will think I am giving them a gift...they may not realize they are giving me something greater...a blessing.



I love my tree! It is unusual. I once had someone ask me if it was real.

I said 'yes, it is an albino tree and is very rare'. True story!

She was blonde....but then so am I...these moments happen. ha ha

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE QUEEN'S KITCHEN?

I should say 'Who's cookin' in the Queen's kitchen...Jester is! Our kids request these pretzels year round...and ya, they do eat most of them in a visit!

Hopefully Jester will not see that I am sharing his own special recipe for..

Lowell's Spicy Pretzels

3 bags Pretzel rounds (16 oz. per bag)

Heat oven to 200 degrees

Mix all of the ingredients below in an 8 cup Pyrex glass bowl

2 Ranch Seasoning Dressing Packets (dry)

2 T. Jalepeno salt

1 T. Onion Powder

2 tsp. Wasabi Powder (a horseradish powder)

2 tsp. Dill Weed

2 tsp. Chili Powder

2 tsp. Cayenne Pepper

2-1/2 cups of Vegetable Oil

Heat it all together in the microwave for about 4 minutes.

Pour over pretzels. Mix carefully so pretzels don't break.

Place on cookie sheets and bake for 1-1/2 to 2 hours..stirring every 15 minutes. Let cool. Stores great but we don't know for how long because we never have any left. ha ha

Yesterday, December 16th was 'Chocolate Covered Anything Day'. Let's just make the entire weekend 'Chocolate Covered Anything Weekend'. Who names these days anyway? And what if 'they' find out I changed the day to 4 days? What could they do, take away my birthday? giggle

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Your kind emails & pictures are very uplifting to me and further verify that I am in the right industry. Have a wonderful, blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Year!

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