



AUTUMN IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR! NO LONGER WILL I HAVE TO BARE ALL TO STAY COOL (& IT DOES SCARE THE CHILDREN) AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO SHAVE MY LEGS WHICH WILL SAVE ME MORE TIME SO I CAN QUILT MORE. OKAY, SO THE HAIR ON MY LEGS ISN'T EXACTLY A FOREST SINCE I AM NOW AT THE AGE BETWEEN MENOPAUSE & DEATH BUT WE ALL NEED MORE TIME. THIS ISSUE OF MY NEWSLETTER IS ALL ABOUT TIME, ENCOURAGING YOU TO GAIN MORE TIME SO YOU CAN QUILT MORE!

Diane/Queen of Stained Glass Quilts & Jester

I like September. It was nice to send my sons back to school and get a rhythm back to our lives. Now that they are grown and on their own I still enjoy sorting and organizing things that have gotten in disarray over the summer. And since September was 'Shameless Promotion Month', what better way than to shamelessly promote? Pumpkins, pumpkins everywhere so I am offering my Pumpkins pattern at a discount so you can have a festive autumn season in your home! For a limited time only...until October 17,2011!!

PUMPKINS \$10 usually \$12.50



**Pumpkins Runner-round:30" Table Runner: 16" x 36"
Chair Backs:15-1/2" x 16"**

All of these projects in one pattern with full size tracing sheets. Really artsy looking but so easy! Trace, cut and fuse pieces onto a black fabric background. It doesn't matter if you have a round table or a long rectangle, make the one that fits your table the best. Don't let the Prairie Points around the outside edges put you in a tizzy. I have easy instructions on how to make a string of them. Digital pics and written instructions show you how you don't have to cut out individual squares and try to nest them together.

OUR POSTAGE IS STILL ONLY \$2.50 (USA only) SO CHECK OUT THE KITS TOO!

September 25th was 'NATIONAL ONE HIT WONDER DAY'

Which got me thinking...what patterns or quilts have I made that were one hit wonders? I'm sure we all have them. What comes to mind is a really gaudy Betty Boop quilt. My sons don't want it and I even offered it to their friends and they didn't want it. What??!!!! It was my first try at Stack & Whack...haven't we all tried it? I'm not ready to show it yet, a queen must retain some dignity. But here is a pineapple wall quilt I designed since October is Pear & Pineapple month. Each slashed square in the pineapple has a wooden bead in it and the green top is in 3D. Hey, I designed this before I began designing as a career. Remember that everything we design or make from a pattern hones our skills and that is a good



thing. :)

And here is as good a place as any to tell you the bad news and the good news.

Bad news: we will no longer be attending guilds or shows because Jester Lowell has a new job that will not allow him to travel. And there is just no way around it, I have to have him travel with me as my bodyguard because the National Enquirer is always hunting me down, secretly taking my picture and putting me on the cover with Brad Pitt who I do not find very attractive.

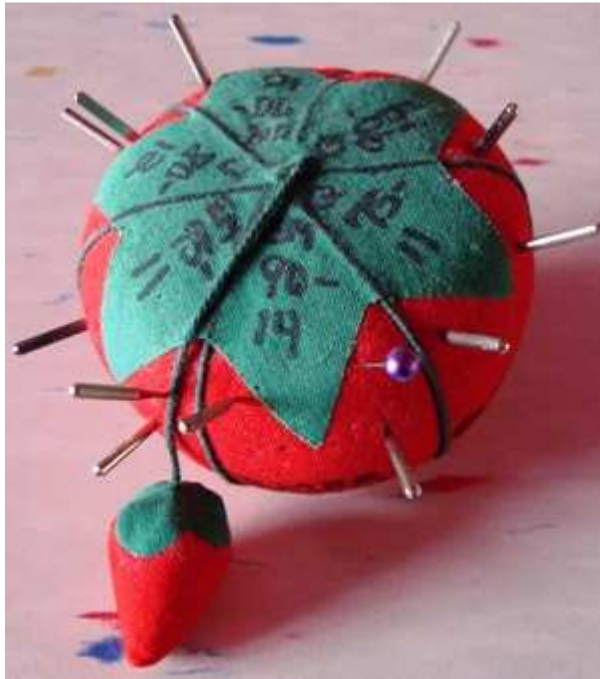
GOOD NEWS: I will continue to design and have some really fun patterns coming up. Being home more will give me more time to design and that is a very good thing. Seems like I say 'good thing' way too often so I must be watching too much Martha Stewart. But I think I am Martha's Norwegian sister, Marta (different fathers and not the same mothers, in case you were trying to figure it out).

Also, I plan on making a lot of YouTube videos so watch for them!

Living here in Iowa I think it is only appropriate to mention that ...Saturday, September 16th...was Cow Appreciation Day. Now, that may not seem like a big day to you if you are a vegetarian but for those of us who love a great hamburger on the grill...well, I don't need to say more.

To make a fantastic hamburger, take two thin patties and place a thin slice of raw onion in the middle and then press it all together. The onion cooks and releases steam that makes the burger tender and moist. (Now that tip alone was worth reading this newsletter!)

Oh, I almost forgot, be sure to put cheese on that burger. When I had my near fatal head injury last summer...fell out of a camper and slammed my head on pavement 12 feet away & the doctor was astonished that I did not crack my head open. I attribute this to eating lots of cheese! The moral of this story is to eat cheese & lots of it to have strong bones!!!



GREAT TIP!! Take that strawberry pincushion...you

know,

the one you bought when you first started sewing but you just can't get rid of because it reminds you of grandma! Mark each section with a sewing machine needle size & store your needles this way. As you can see, I place a colored head pin in the section 90/14, that shows me at a glance which size needle I have in my sewing machine! Am I smart or what!!!

www.detailsbydiane.com

Our first year of growing & selling garlic was fantastic! Garlic legend Chester Aaron even said that our garlic was some of the most beautiful he had seen and tasted. He is 88 years old and said he wasn't going to plant our garlic, just eat it, but guess what, his is going to plant some! We pretty much only have small eating garlic left that is a perfect size for a meal or two. Check it out before it is all gone since we are ready to plant the garlic again.

www.garlicmaster.com

LOOK FUNNY, ACT FUNNY, & MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, SMELL FUNNY!



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

I am still making at least one new recipe per week. Why not try that yourself?

Love, love, love this easy salad. You might just eat the entire bowl!

FLUFFY JELLO SALAD

Combine: 12 oz. cottage cheese

1-9 oz. container of Cool Whip

1-13 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

1-13 oz. can mandarin oranges, drained

Add: Any flavor box of jello, dry.

Stir and let meld in refrigerator. Keeps up to 10 days in fridge.

I like to stir mine before stirring.

Thank you so much for supporting us and our business. You are soooo appreciated! Your kind emails & pictures are very uplifting to me and further verify that I am in the right industry.

www.detailsbydiane.com

[563-546-7958](tel:563-546-7958)

www.detailsbydiane.com

[Contact the Queen](#)

3305 Paint Creek Road
Decorah, IA 52101