

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



TIS THE SEASON FOR RUNNING OUR SEWING MACHINES UNTIL THEY SMOKE! IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME THAT I NEVER GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON UNTIL AROUND THE FIRST OF DECEMBER. I ALWAYS SAY TO MY CUSTOMERS THAT CHRISTMAS COMES SAME TIME EVERY YEAR! DUH! WHY CAN'T I GET INTO THE SEASON UNTIL IT IS UPON ME? DO YOU HAVE THAT PROBLEM TOO? THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT MY PATTERNS DON'T TAKE VERY LONG TO MAKE, JUST TRACE, CUT AND FUSE!

KEEP READING! I HAVE A LOT TO SAY! AFTER ALL, IT IS THE SEASON OF EXCESS. ha ha

Diane/Queen of Stained Glass Quilts

I wish I could visit all your homes and see what is under the tree...AKA tree skirt .

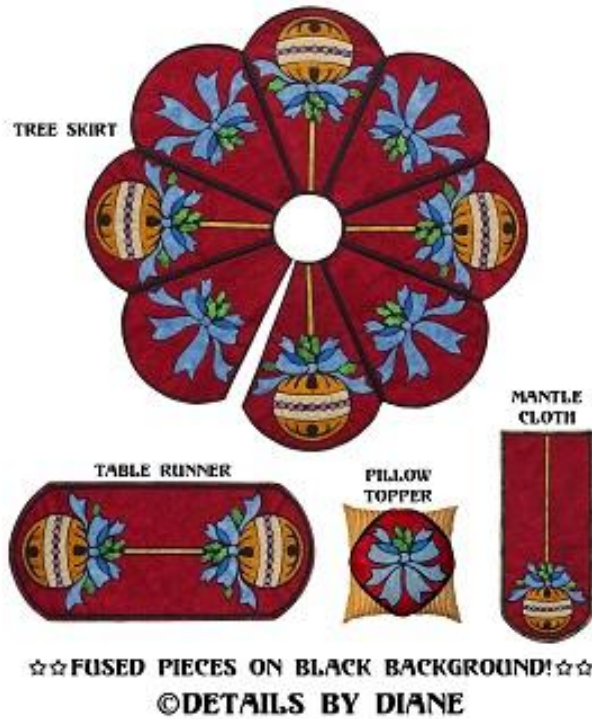
- Dost thou throw presents under the tree fast so as to cover up what is under there?
- Dost thou looketh in thy fabric stash and throw whatever fabric looks like Christmas underneath the tree?
- Dost thou current tree skirt have pom-poms (Jester calls them dingle balls)?
- Has the local museum curator been trying to get you to part with it?

Since I am a Queen who taketh pity I am offering my Ornamental Christmas tree skirt pattern at half the price! Oh, yes, you may proclaim what a generous Queen I am also. :)

[ORNAMENTAL CHRISTMAS](#) **\$6.25** usually \$12.50

Only thru the month of December!!

"ORNAMENTAL CHRISTMAS"



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. Tree skirt is 56" across! Check out the details here [ORNAMENTAL CHRISTMAS](#).

If you are less formal in your decorating check out the [SANTA](#) tree skirt pattern.

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

It has been wonderful to see all the pics and know in what church your 'UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN' banner is hanging. Thanks for sharing!



December National Celebration days you may not have heard of and may not want to hear of again

December: 15-Cat Herders Day (do they leave Christmas trees alone?)

16-Chocolate Covered Anything Day (tired of wrapping presents yet?)

21-Humbug Day (does that include relatives, cooking or are you tired of wrapping presents yet?) Go into your studio and look at all the fabric you have been blessed with...that could mean an attitude adjustment. Works for me. :)

26-Whiners Day (is anyone helping you clean up the after Christmas mess?)

30-BACON DAY!! I don't fry bacon in a pan anymore...too much mess.

I take a large baking sheet with sides, line it with aluminum foil, place a cookie cooling rack on top. Lay bacon strips onto it and bake at 425 degrees for about 20 minutes. Watch it closely so it doesn't burn. The grease runs to the bottom of the pan and the bacon is the best on the planet! You can also top your bacon with crushed black pepper and sprinkle brown sugar on it before you bake it if you want it sweet. Enjoy!

Every Christmas season I try to make a new ornament or decoration. This year I will be cross stitching 3 kings and including beads on them. Gives me a chance to put my feet up and still get something accomplished.

One year I took my straight pins with the colorful heads, threaded on beads and stuck them into a wine bottle cork. They were really fun to make!



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My sons are probably going to be upset but I just had to share my two favorite ornaments that are on my tree. Our oldest son is now 31 and our youngest is 28. Two sons because God knew we couldn't afford girls. ha ha



David's pic was taken when he didn't tell me it was picture day, notice the messy hair and he chose his own clothes. Michael came home with his ornament and threw it on the floor and stated 'he was wearing a dress!' Hubby and I laughed til we cried!

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

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

Notice to all of you who made fun of my last recipe because I wrote, " I like to stir mine before stirring." Give me a break! A queen has a lot or responsibilities and maybe, just maybe, I like to stir....a lot! Too funny! Keep those emails coming!

I love sugar cookies but sometimes don't have time to roll and cut them out. These are a great substitute! I give myself permission to eat as many cookies as I want in December. Hey, if I had wanted to be a super model I wouldn't have had children which would mean I could not give myself permission to eat as many cookies as I want in December! Glad I am a quilter instead!

DROP SUGAR COOKIES Makes 4 to 5 dozen

Turn on oven to 375 degrees.

Cream together using a mixer: 1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 cup shortening
1 cup vegetable oil

Add to above mixture and mix well: 2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cream of tartar
4 cups flour

Form into small balls. Place on cookie sheets and press down.

Bake 10 minutes.

(If cookies stick when pressing down, refrigerate dough, then dip the top of the cookie ball in white sugar first).

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.

Jennifer wrote: "Love your newsletter email, it's like having a best friend to talk to! You and your husband are really special! Keep up the good work!"

Yes Jennifer, a Queen must always be a best friend to everyone she meeteth.

Kay P. wrote: You are so very funny, I have been sitting here laughing out loud while reading it. Can hardly wait for the next one, thanks for the good laugh. Yes Kay, a Queen must always be full of merriment and must never have a bad day. Laughter doth help keep thy blood flowing to thy brain.

Merry Christmas & tons of blessings!!!

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