## Saturday Sampler 2024

## Hi Friends!

Happy September! It's my favorite time of the year! New school year, new beginnings, and it's almost cozy season. I am ready for all of it, well almost. I am in the middle of dorm prep and getting ready to move Gracie out to start her new adventures. It's so exciting and bittersweet. She will still be close by, so I don't get to totally take over her room with my stuff, but I am going to do some quilting/scrapbooking in there. Just one table. That should be easy to take down when she comes home, right?

I have been doing a lot of reflecting lately, thinking about my big life plans at that age and what I would do differently. In the quilting world, what things would you do differently? Did you start with big ideas or goals? Did you shift to make room for other things? Do you have advice for a beginning quilter? I would love to hear about it. I'm going to start a thread in our <u>Facebook Group</u>. If you feel like sharing, pop over there and tell us. I have a couple. I had goals to make more donation quilts for Children's. I have not let go of that goal, I just need to re-prioritize. I also wish I was more intentional about finishing projects all the way through. I was waiting to quilt things until I got better at it, but I won't get better until I do it. Now I have a ton of tops to quilt and need to just start. September is the time for goal setting for me so those will go on my list.

This month we are doing pinwheels for each quilt. There are some pattern issues with Bridle Path, so pay attention to the tutorial. We are in the home stretch with both of the quilts! Speaking of quilts, I think I have next year's quilts picked. Announcements will be coming. One quilt will be modern and the other more traditional. We will be offering a kit for each. I am just working on the fabric selection for one of them now.

There is so much happening in the store! Lots of great <u>classes</u> coming up! <u>Jelly Roll class</u> is this month (Sat. Sept. 21), <u>Beginning Quilting</u> is starting up again, so if you know someone that wants to start quilting, it's a great time to jump in. <u>Mystery Quilt</u> is next month (Sun. Oct. 6). We have some really great project classes from a variety of teachers. <u>Here is a link to the schedule</u>.

Our September sale is on now, Cuddle, Flannel, Fat Quarters, Tea Towels, Kits and Pre-cuts...<u>Check it out</u> <u>here</u>!

Thanks for hanging out with us another month,

Love ya, Carrie



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