

On the Border

Interrupted Borders – December 2020

When you think of a border for your quilt are you thinking a frame, like a picture frame? When you are/were landscaping your yard do/did you have the same plants all around your yard like a frame? I suppose you might if you were planning a garden for Buckingham Palace!

QUESTION?

What about interrupting those framing borders and create a more original border? How about using some of your strips you have recently learned about and create a partial border radiating from a top corner going partway both across and down the side? Or from the bottom corner going across and up.



This picture was supplied by Judy Eckhart and is one of her own designs, using a bright medallion block in the centre and the Seminole Strips of the Month from last year as well as some of this year's borders.

Look closely at the second last black border, where she has an interrupted pattern.

Another idea is to pick a design element (ie a flower) that is part of your quilt fabric then scatter some of those flowers in random blocks along parts of your border. Caution: make sure your border relates to the rest of the quilt.

This second photo (also from Judy) shows random blocks. She was inspired by a similar project on the wall at Creative Sisters (now closed).

And below, a third pic from Judy, showing a completely different style of interrupted border!

Thanks Judy for sharing.



My challenge to you:

Be creative and give interrupted borders a try. Stay tuned for more ideas to consider using “On the Border” in the new year.

In the meantime try Lorrie’s ribbon border

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