



HOPSCOTCH

Delectable citrus colors set the stage for this delightful group by Red Rooster Studios. Stylized flowers and sprightly birds capture the imagination and bring a smile to your face! The collection is nicely balanced with a multicolor large-on-small dot motif, semi-tonal tiny harlequin geo and charming small-scale stripe. A dynamite wavy plaid pattern has so much movement that it can easily be cut at any angle and still look great! A subtle fern pattern lends a quiet touch to the collection while still offering a touch of texture. To round out the palette, we are offering five new colorways to our basic Tokyo pattern – from lemon to pink grapefruit to lime! Yum! This group will work wonderfully with both quilting and home dec projects alike – think nurseries! Consider offering classes that target new, younger sewers with fun and easy projects – even a “Mom and Me” class would be perfect! *8 patterns/24 sku's, Tokyo 5 new colors.*

From the bookshelf...

- *The New Handmade: Simple Sewing for Contemporary Style* by Cassie Barden. That Patchwork Place. Choose from totes and bags, cases and covers, fashion accents, and home decor projects.
- *Start with a Sweatshirt: Sew a Stylish Jacket* by Nancie M. Wiseman. That Patchwork Place. Asymmetrical openings, unique collars, and clean finishes give the garments style. With easy construction, these projects allow even those new to sewing to succeed.
- *Cool Girls Quilt: More than 15 Fresh, Fun & Funky Projects* by Linda Lum DeBono. That Patchwork Place. Girls, get sewing—because crafty is cool! Teens and tweens with a funky fashion sense will love creating these fast, fun quilts and gifts. Hip projects use bright fabrics and simple-to-stitch designs.
- *Oh Sew Easy® Lifestyle: 20 Projects to Make Your Home Your Own* by Valori Wells & Carolyn Spencer. C&T Publishing. Projects include pillows, mail and toy organizers, totes, and more for kitchen, bath, parties, and around town. Great as gifts for baby or wedding showers, house warmings, or for hostess gifts.

To the pattern rack...

- *Apron Jazz* by Cabbage Rose. This little cutie whips up so fast that you'll want to make a few. It has speedy quilter techniques of rotary cutting with a mat and ruler. It's slimming, too!
- *Batafuri* by Toadusew Creative Concepts. This contemporary geometric design is the perfect quilt for showcasing large scale prints. You will be amazed at how quickly this quilt comes together with the creative use of both strip-piecing and sashings.

And, don't forget your display!

It's spring! Go outside and pick up a sturdy tree branch with lots of smaller branches; paint white. Nestle base of branch in an interesting crock or flowerpot that has been filled with sand or pebbles. Make soft-sculpture stuffed birds and tie or clip onto smaller branches. (Place one of the “bird” fabrics on your copier or scanner and enlarge to desired size.) Cut project kits and tie with lovely ribbon. Drape table with sewn project or Hopscotch fabric and place project kits around base of tree.

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