



## Black Forest Quilting

### Personalized Machine Quilting

## Newsletter

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### Problems With Dye Bleeding?

Do you have problems with dye bleeding? We recommend "Short Color Catcher." These look like dryer fabric softener sheets. Just add 2 or 3 sheets to the wash, using cold water, the first time you wash your quilt. Don't put your quilt in the dryer if you pick any color on these sheets. Continue to use this method every time you wash your quilt until is no more color on the Color Catcher sheets. You can find this product at grocery stores in the laundry aisle.

### Binding Tips

We have found a new method of doing binding in two publications from Alicia's Attic in Ft. Collins, CO. Their website is [www.alicias-attic.com](http://www.alicias-attic.com), or call 888 348-6653. The first publication is "Binding – Joining Ends, Basics" and the second is "Binding – Mitered Corners, Basics." This is the best method for achieving professional quality binding that we have seen. If you decide to have Black Forest Quilting do your binding, we are offering a special for January and February. We will give you a 10% discount on binding services for any quilt you drop off during these two months.

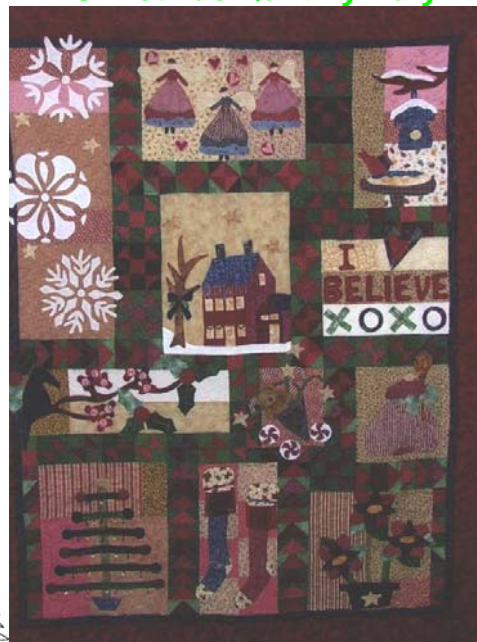
### A great holiday Cookie – Toffee Squares

A rich cookie that looks and tastes like toffee candy.

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- 3-4 milk chocolate bars (7/8 oz ea)
- ½ cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to 350 deg. Mix butter, sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla. Measure flour by sifting. Stir in flour and salt (omit salt if you use self-rising flour) until dough is well blended. Spread in a rectangle about 13"X10" on greased baking sheet, leaving about 1" all around edge of baking sheet. Bake 20-25 min or until nice browned. Crust will still be soft. Remove from oven. Immediately place separated squares of chocolate on top. Let stand until soft. Spread evenly over entire surface. Sprinkle with nuts. Cut in small squares while warm. Makes 6-7 doz. squares.

### A Christmas Quilt By Karyn



## **Black Forest Quilting Now Offers Batik Fabric**

We are pleased to announce that we have entered into an agreement with the SewBatik company to offer their Batik fabrics through our quilting business.

### **What is Batik Fabric?**

Batik fabrics are hand made in Indonesia by highly skilled batik craftspeople. Like all hand made products, no two yards are exactly alike. While SewBatik has gone to great lengths to standardize their fabrics to insure that you have a consistent experience each time you order their batiks, you will experience subtle differences in pattern, color and feel from one yard to the next. Like paint, clay and other art media, these variables are all part of the unique charm of working with batik and contribute to the fabrics' special appeal. Your completed projects will be one-of-a-kind keepsakes that will be treasured and admired for their beauty and individuality.

SewBatik offers a wide array of batik fabrics, quilt and non-quilt kits, bundles, and quilting and crafting accessories. We know there are days when you have extra time to browse page after page of fabrics and kits looking for something special. Other times you want to quickly find a specific hand-dyed batik, stamped batik or wide batik backing to complete your project. We have a display of batik samples at our studio and you can drop by to select the one that is best for your project.

### **Caring For Your Batik Fabric**

Pre-Wash your fabrics; batik fabrics contain wax and dye and must be cared for properly prior to using in quilting and crafting projects. SewBatik recommends pre-washing all new fabrics to minimize shrinkage and transfer of color using Woolite Dye Magnet or Synthrapol, a concentrated surfactant. Woolite Dye Magnet is available in the laundry products aisle of most supermarkets. Synthrapol is available from Black Forest Quilting.

SewBatik fabrics are created with the same attention to detail that you give to your special projects. Designed to be used in a variety of applications, SewBatik fabrics are made using the ancient Indonesian mastery of batik - vivid and rich in color, the perfect complement to your creative genius. Your imagination knows no limits, and SewBatik has created 104" stamped batik backings and 108" hand dyed fabrics - by far the largest assortment in the market. SewBatik is committed to offering the largest selection of coordinating fabrics in the industry. Whether you pick one of their 100% silk batiks, velvety soft batik flannels, or 104" batik backings, you will choose from a multitude of colors that work harmoniously with many other pieces in their collections.

To assist the artist in you, SewBatik collections are designed with the complete project in mind. Select from a wide array of project kits created with an easy-to-follow pattern and all of the fabric pieces needed to complete the project. Mix and match on your own, knowing that all SewBatik fabrics are made by master Indonesian craftspeople using the same hand-stamped and hand-dyed techniques for each piece, assuring you continuity in your project.

SewBatik fabrics are special. They will not sacrifice the integrity of their products by mass marketing these unique designs and fine artistry. You will only find them at a "Batik Associate" like Black Forest Quilting or the SewBatik website.

Stop by our studio and see our display samples of SewBatik fabrics and product catalog.

