

Quilt Camp – Candy Land Style

Sugar , Spice and Quilts so Nice

May 29-June 1, 2008

Dear Summer Days Quilt Campers,

Your Camp Tecumseh family is getting ready to serve up a big helping of food, fun, and fabric to celebrate summer memories and quilt camp friendships. “Can you come out to play?” Think back to when you were a kid. Do you remember visits to the candy store on the way to the playground, where you could swing, climb, hang, and teeter-totter with your friends? Oh, the simple joys of summer “back in the day”. June camp is just a hop, skip and jump away. It will be the perfect opportunity to reconnect, savor a slower pace and enjoy the warmer days. This is your special invitation to join us for Quilt camp– *Candy Land Style*. Come color your world with candy, candy quilts and candy colored fabrics. Make plans to join your friends who share your love of quilting, and get inspired to create playful, beautiful, bursting with color –deliciously fun quilts.

Junes forecast: Candy is Dandy. Sunny, blue skies, mid to upper 80’s, and increasing chance of giggles, and silliness. We love summer! Come to the Tecumseh Leadership Center where you can quilt, eat, sleep, and shop around the clock at the Creative Stitch Quilt Shop, from North Manchester. Quilt Camp officially begins on Friday afternoon. Dinner will be served Friday evening 6:00 pm.

Early bird summer fun fanatics –bags of candy in hand, are invited to arrive Thursday afternoon, May 31st!! We will have an adorable little project called *Milky Way* for you to make. It is a 16” X 40” 3 color runner, made with $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles and 4 patch blocks. Buy the pattern or get the complete kit in pinks, browns and greens and we will provide the candy and the how-to’s! YUM!! A great *Candy Land* memory quilt.

There are color photos of the projects on the Tecumseh web site, www.camp Tecumseh.org. Click on Retreats and Groups, and then Quilt Camp to view them. You will be stitching your “sweet” quilts, start to finish, with the help of Linda Cearbaugh who has made samples of each of the quilts. She is eager to share her “get-a-head-start-on-summer-fun- confectionary secrets” with you. Take a peek at the quilts we’ve gathered for you to choose from.

1. **Ribbon Candy**– Kansas Troubles. 70” X 88”. Razzle Dazzle ‘em with triple rail blocks and a checkerboard border! The Ribbon Candy quilt is better than the real thing and it’s saturated with a riot of color. Head to your favorite fabric store, and grab some refreshing, tangy, tart, bold fabric splashed with the colors of summer. Candy stripes adorn this simple quilt that could celebrate any holiday.

2. **Gumdrops**. Blue Underground Studio. 80” X 80”. This quilt is about using your favorite collection of fabrics to make a happy quilt anyone will love. The blocks are hard to resist, just like the gum drops on the candy store shelf. “One scoop or two”! I love the yellow ones! This is definitely a quick, easy, adorable quilt that beginning to advanced quilters will love to put together. We are making a smaller lap size version that is Jelly Roll friendly.

*Option: **Fatty, Fatty 2 X 4**, Thimbleberries. Lots of colors, lots of fun- 60“ X 72“

3. Salt Water Taffy, Ta Dah, You make it- you will love it. 64" X 64". The pretty quilt has a kaleidoscope of color with a high contrast between the taffy fabrics and the background. For the taffy take 20*plus* pieces of your favorite pastels, 30's, brights, batiks, florals, etc. Add a simple background or go crazy and grab some polka dots. The fabrics really look like they are good enough to eat. We think this will be a favorite quilt to cuddle under and it's a quilt for all seasons. Choose your favorite *flavor*- Easter, Christmas, Trick or Treat. Fill your candy bag to the top and you are guaranteed to have fun making this deliciously easy project.

4. Box Of Chocolates, Bits and Pieces: 18 Small Quilts from Fat Quarters and Scraps. This is the perfect book for transforming your scraps, fat eighths or fat quarters into small, sweet, and simple quilts in the 20" square size range, for decorating and gift giving. You will quickly fall in love with this adorable quilt. The little blocks are made out of pinks and chocolate brown that will melt your heart. It's love at first sight! Just looking at this quilt makes you think of Valentines Day and a big beautiful box of gourmet chocolates! Little white buttons add the perfect touch.

5. Chocolate Covered Cherries, Pacific Patchwork. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Fun, fast and easy! Three colors, simple blocks, and strip piecing leave you plenty of time to enjoy a few chocolate covered cherries while you sew. We are making samples in two different color ways, but you can go any direction you want on this one. Choose your favorite color combination and create your own version of this quilt. We can't wait to see what you come up with.

