

2014 Spring Quilt Market Highlights

With Memorial Day weekend behind us, it's now safe to say we are fully recovered from Spring Quilt Market 2014. A few blisters and bruises are to be expected. Quilt Market is a contact sport, right? It's definitely a marathon! The most experienced know that it is important to pace yourself!

This was our first trip to this year's venue, Pittsburgh, PA. Even though we arrived during a torrential downpour, this city was beautiful and inviting. When we thought of Pittsburgh, we pictured steel mills, factories, and soot. We were pleasantly surprised to see lush trees, interesting terrain, and beautiful bridges.



The David L. Lawrence Convention Center, with it's 1.5 million square feet and 75% natural light, was the perfect setting for Spring Market. Even though there was still a chill in the air outside, the market floor felt like spring when the sun peeked through the clouds and illuminated the gorgeous fabrics and quilts.

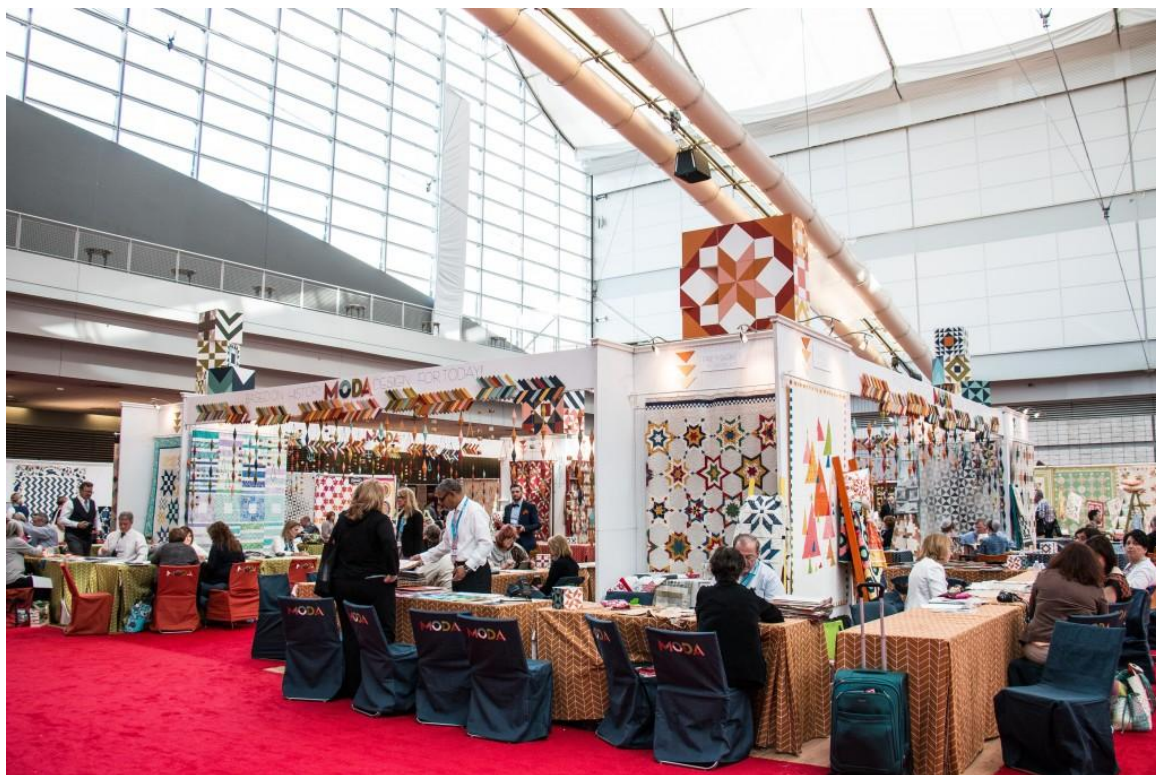


There was so much to take in! It's difficult to summarize, but among the highlights here are just a few of our favorite moments from the showroom floor...

The debut of RJR Fabrics new division, [Cotton+Steel](#)



The massiveness of Moda! Their award-winning booth was designed around the exciting new [Modern Building Blocks Sampler Quilt](#).



We saw a lot of navy as a neutral. The quilting on the dress by [Angela Walters](#) is nothing short of stunning.



So many of the new lines are just downright cheerful! [April Rosenthal's Best.Day.Ever.](#) fabric was spectacular in her Dahlia pattern. Doesn't it just make you smile?



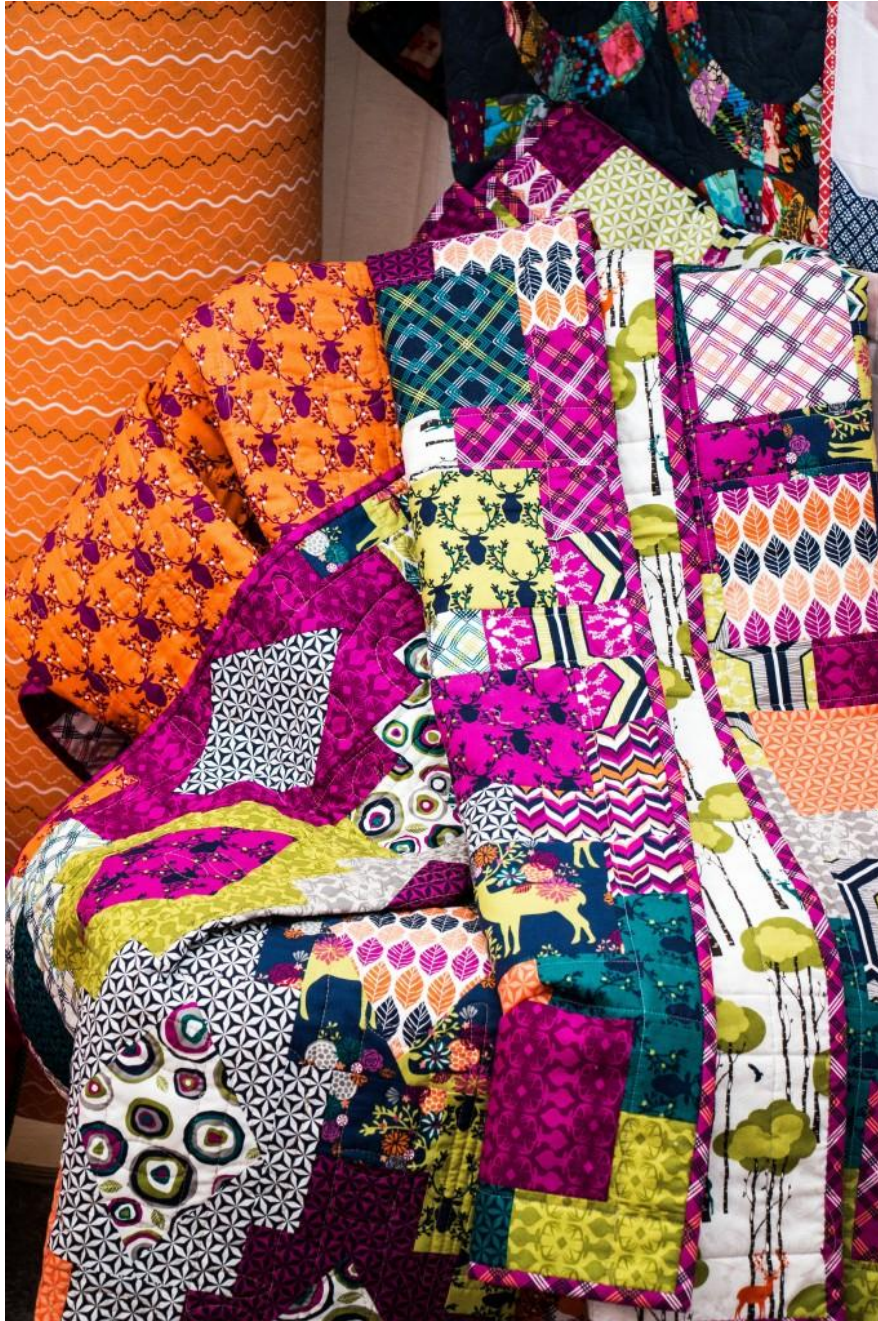
We loved the mini quilt clothes-line display by [Fig Tree & Co.](#) Mini quilts might just be a great way to introduce quilting to newbies, without being overwhelmed by the idea of an entire quilt!

We're kinda fond of the idea of "instant gratification!"



[Emily Herrick's Rustique](#) for Michael Miller Fabrics might have been our favorite new line! The colors are so vibrant and what's not to love of about deer? More on "The Year of the Deer"

next week!



If you weren't able to attend market, have no fear! The July issue will include an in-depth market recap.

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