Fall Quilt Market Review

As usual there was so much to see at the Fall Edition of International Quilt Market!

Whether you were there or not, we have a nice selection of products for you to check out as you plan the new year.

Modern is still a big force – clean and fresh, but not so separate from traditional — remember good design is good design.

Texture is a big element in today's textiles and solid fabrics make a bigger and bigger presence in the marketplace.

Blue and white continue to be the biggest colors — they are forever popular with just about everyone in one shade or another.

There seemed to be a beach, sea, outdoor adventure theme going on and I was beginning to see weaving showing up here and there (think texture!).

Here are a few of my picks. If you'd like to add your favorites, let me know (editor@americanquiltretailer.com) and we'll post them as we can.

"Lucky Stars" from <u>V and Co.</u> (sparkling and happy!)



"Focal" from Carolyn Friedlander (clean, different and sort of funky!)



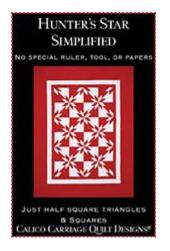
"Twinkle Twinkle" from <u>Me and My Sister Designs</u> (no Y-seams!)



"The Walrus" from <u>Abbey Lane</u> (funny name for a whimsical quilt!)



"Hampton Ridge," block of the month from <u>Red Crinoline Quilts</u> (a well-designed traditional great — keep your customers busy for the year!)



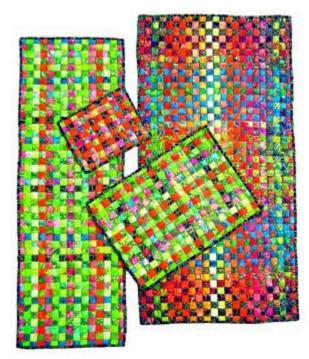
"Hunter's Star Simplified" by Calico Carriage Quilt Design (always popular in solids or prints!)



"Bali Bamboo" table runner from <u>Beyond the Reef</u> (overlapping — fun and texture!)



"Scrappy Runners, Too!" from <u>Snuggles Quilts</u> (pleasant traditional!)



"Crisscross," woven table runners and mats from <u>Aunties Two Patterns</u> (woven strips — fun to do!)



"Adorable Bag" from <u>Aunties Two Patterns</u> (more wovens!)



"Anything Goes" from <u>Aunties Two Patterns</u> (more strips!)



"Cosmo Convertible" from <u>Studio Kat Designs</u> (It's a shoulder bag, it's a backpack and it's a cross-carry bag!)



"Bikini Island Bag" from <u>Among Brenda's Quilt & Bags</u> (easy to make, see inside and use — good for mixing prints!)



"The Beatle Bag," from <u>Abbey Lane</u> (cute sewing project take-along bag — clever clasp!)



"Urban Princess" from <u>Olive Ann Designs</u> (surprise elements in the back — sure to please!)



"Penelope" from <u>Olive Ann Designs</u> (cute, cute sundress — a little 60s retro!)



"Charlotta Jammie Set" from <u>Marie-Madeline Studio</u> (tops, bottoms and gown — for all girls, for all seasons!)



"Inspired by Irises Pillow" by <u>Wooly Lady</u> (exquisite wool in exquisite applique!)



"Fuchsia Fancy Pillow" by <u>Wooly Lady</u> (more wool applique goodness!)

... and for something totally different and really popular at market (they were giving manicures in the booth!)



<u>Soakboxes from Soak</u> — featuring polish from Color Club, Soakboxes are curated and coordinated by favorite industry designers — your nails can match your stash! Perfect pick-up and pick-me-up item to stock on your check-out counter.

Follow the links for more info and be certain to read <u>American Quilt Retailer</u>, January 2014, Issue 115 for more product and trend details! — Susan

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