

What's Hot at Quilt Market

Last month I had the opportunity to attend Spring Quilt Market in Kansas City, Missouri. This is a semi-annual trade show hosted for the sewing and quilting industry, from fabric designers, fabric and pattern companies, thread, sewing notions and other products for independent quilt shops. It's fun to get a sneak peek on what's coming to your local quilt shop in the next 6 months.

Block of the months, small projects, fabric panels with text, children's projects and rope bowls! Garment sewing is still on the upswing and as well as home décor sewing. A lot of the designers are now caring home décor items to go along with their fabric lines. Sewing themes within fabric lines and patterns are prevalent on the market floor. Dogs are gaining popularity on fabric and so are sloths and lamas!

I thought I would share some of some of the fabric lines that will be hitting the shops in the fall.

Sarah Jane's new line with Michael Miller is called "Lola Dutch" which is based on a book she has written about a small girl who wants to share her love of the arts.



Jen Kingwell shared her new Block of the Month program (still in progress) at Schoolhouse! If you love hand work, then this is a Block of the Month is for you.

Vanessa Christensen of V & Co. with her new Ombre Blossom is gorgeous! Inspired by the little flowers of the hydrangeas in her backyard, she sun printed them and then added them to her ombres. There are 32 colours in this collection.



Another Moda Designer is Bonnie & Camille with their new line "Early Bird". This is a follow up from their most requested group, Vintage Modern and includes all the best colours!

Primitive Gatherings has created the “Urban Farmhouse Gatherings. This is something new from Primitive Gathers, tiny vintage prints with delicate details are paired in shades of cream and grey for that modern farmhouse feel!



Robin Pickens new line “Painted Meadow” was inspired by her love of coneflowers that were in full bloom last summer in her mother’s garden! The deep colourful blooms of red, pink, blue and green make this line sing!

Camping was a big theme here at market and Deb Strain’s newline “Explore” is what I remember when camping as a child! A station wagon filled to the brim, canoes, lakes, fishing and campfires; this line is great for every person who loves the outdoors!



Kathy Schmitz line called “Home” is another beautiful line that would fit into the modern décor with a traditional twist.



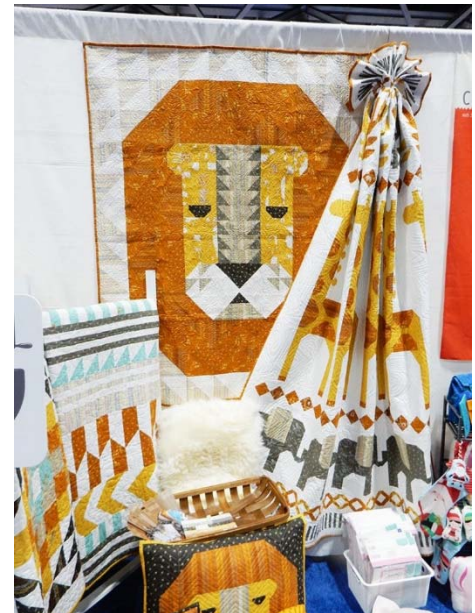
Zen Chic new line "Breeze" is reminiscent of stone wash blue jeans and it has 4 new rayon's with this line. Garment sewers will fall in love with rayon fabric, it's luxurious feel and drape will make beautiful dresses and blouses.

Inspirational "Text" was everywhere and Sweetwater new line is no exception. The large panels have a variety of sayings and would make wonderful wedding gifts. Their new line is called "Printworks". I envision a chair covered in these panels and pillows, or maybe a bag!



What really is hot this market is Staci Hsu new children's program called "Cut, Sew, Create". This program encourages young children to sew! Each project builds onto the next from the beginner to advanced! With a total of 15 projects, this will be a hit for anyone who is looking for projects for the little people in their lives!

Staci also has a new line called "Safari Life" with Lions, elephants and giraffes!

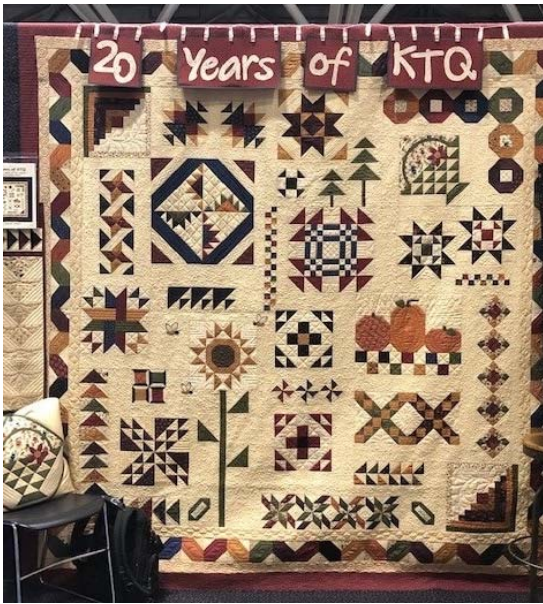


V & Co uses the Ombre Blossom for this rope bowl that she has put plants in!



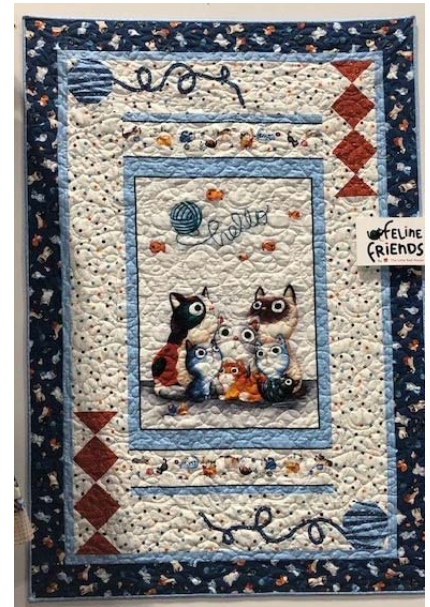
Christa Watson uses her new line "Geo Pop" to add pop to her rope bowl! Just a little here and there, just to make it pop!

My tea towels don't look like this, but all of these quilts, table runners, bags are made with tea towelling from Moda!



Look for Kansas Troubles 20 year anniversary Block of the month! She has created 63 fabric lines for Moda in her 20 years with them! Now that's a lot of fabric!

One of the cutest panels is the "Feline Friends" line by The Little Red Hen for Michael Miller. These cute cats have the most wonderful expression on their faces and if you have a cat you know that look!



Weeks Ringle's new line from Benartex is called "Dreamy" and it is, what I find magical is the the way the fabric is printed with a wide usable selvage that can add a whole new dimension to your quilt, just by sewing strips together (shown on the right) for using it to enhance a small bag. Weather it be for big or small bgs, borders, English Paper piecing, or using a 60 degree ruler this line has endless possibilities!

So until next time, remember, there is a "fabric for every story"!

Cheers,
Sue