



Another delightful PaqCats' Round Robin Quiltthis one belongs to Jan McConnell from Quilpie ... a thousand kilometers from the coast, far west in the Queensland outback.

.....visit the online gallery at Cheryl Denny's PATCHWORKROOM to read how this round robin changed Jan's life.

Round Robin Quilt Project

by Cheryl Denny of Patchworkroom

Welcome to the fourth month (January) of this six month quilt project ...

I hope Christmas and the New Year was everything you wished it to be ... just in case you're wondering, mine was 'the best' with all our children, their partners and our grandchildren, together for the first time in five years.

Now that 2002 is over, let's get on with our round robin quilts..... this month is exciting because this border really makes the quilt.... and the quilt will grow to almost 40" square.

Link to 'Rules and Info' if you need another copy.

JANUARY: Month 4. Round Robin Recipe.....

ROUND FOUR: Add two floater strips approx $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, if required.... then add a 5" decorative border incorporating piecing and/or appliqué or both. Don't forget the standard $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Pass on to the next person on January 31st, 2003

HELPFUL HINTS.....

This decorative border is the most fun ... stretch yourself with hand, machine, naïve or decorative appliqué ... but make sure that the technique you use really suits the quilt look at the 'whole' quilt ... not just the bit you are working on.....

Use the floater strips to frame the quilt, and if you plan to extend your appliqué into a previous section just as a courtesy, check that it's OK with the patchworker that passed it to you.

I just love adding these decorative borders, so lets look at how the online quilts are progressing.....



The Classic

The optional floater strips frame the quilt perfectly ... a 'wreath' effect is created with the wattle appliqué overlaid on a simple background with pieced corners.

Yes, part of the appliqué is on the previous section!

Looking rather 'Australian' with blue, yellow, green and wattle....

The Traditional

This quilt was threatening to become a little staid perhaps even boring the new yellow background for the decorative border and the stronger pink of the lace bark flowers with bright yellow stamens have added 'zing' ...

Don't be timid; add a new colour if the quilt needs it ... but remember, read the notes that come with the quilt.



The Retro.....

So simple ... a few stylized flowers on each corner.

Note how the gold background appears to extend under the floater strips and into the decorative border.



No line drawings this month ... we've gone too far now for them to be very helpful.

My HOT TIP this month is ... don't delay starting this decorative border. There can be a reasonable amount of work in it especially if you're planning on hand appliquéing the design.... So get motivated, get started and you'll have a delightful month.

I'll let you in on a secret, next month is a breeze.....



RULES OF A ROUND ROBIN

1. Do not show the owner her quilt at any time.
2. You may consult with any other participant or anyone else for that matter.
3. Be committed and ready to pass on at the end of every month.
4. Be willing to share ideas and fabrics. Always use best quality fabrics.
5. Don't whinge, whine or wince and expect to own a beautiful quilt.
6. Last, but possibly most important.... work on another's quilt as you would want them to work on yours.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. A 'floater' strip is a narrow strip/border added to the edge of a quilt. It is always optional. Use it to adjust the size of the quilt to make calculations for pieced borders easier.
2. Owner should pass on, with her centre square, some of the main fabric that she would like used throughout the quilt. Remember that the main fabric and the centre square sets the theme for the whole quilt. and if there is something (calico, black or red etc) that you definitely do not want in your quilt send a note in the parcel with your project.
3. Consider passing on a small amount of a fabric that you have featured in the border you've added it will help the next participant to link borders.
4. It's a good idea to conduct a draw to determine the sequence of the Round Robin. Number the names as they are drawn, and then Number 1 always passes on to Number 2 and Number 2 on to Number 3 etc..... until the finished quilt returns to the maker of the centre square.

It's great fun to organize a special get-together to hand the quilts back to the owner/maker of the centre square.