



Fat Quarter Swap – 2014

What is the Fat Quarter Swap?

- Every month we will be exploring a modern theme or modern designer.
- Participants bring 2 Fat Quarters meeting the theme and swap with other participants....

What Is a Fat Quarter? & How Big is a Fat Quarter?

- A fat quarter is a one-fourth yard cut of fabric that (usually) measures 18" x 22". The longest side's dimension will vary slightly if your fabric is not 44" wide.

Why Would I Want a Fat Quarter of Fabric?

- A fat quarter gives you the opportunity to cut larger chunks of fabric than would be possible from a regular quarter-yard, including strips that are twice as long on the fabric's (less stretchy) lengthwise grain.
- A fat quarter offers versatility, whether it's for patchwork or appliqué.
- Quilt shops know that fat quarters are popular, and usually offer a wide assortment of them, stacked up and ready to go.
- You can use fat quarters for strip piecing by making extra strip sets from shorter lengths of fabric until you've cut the number of segments required for the pattern.

How it works:

- Check the monthly swap theme – refer to list
- Place your 2 fat quarters in a zip lock bag clearly marked with your name on the bag
- At monthly meeting place your zip lock bag in the swap area.
- During break fat quarters the co ordinator will handle the exchange and you will receive your zip lock bag back with a new treasure.

Why participate?

- For the fun of it!
- Even if you don't win a door prize you get to take home something new.
- To get some interesting fabrics that you may not buy or own.
- It's 'Easy peasy lemon squeezy!'

Simple Rules

- Fabric must be 100% cotton, 'quilt- shop quality', not pre-washed.
- Fabric must be Modern and fit the theme, or guidelines for the swap

- It's ok to cut from your stash (using the Fat Quarter measurements) if the fabrics meet the theme.
- Fabrics not meeting the guidelines or theme won't be swapped.
- PLEASE – let's keep it Modern and good quality fabrics that is what it's all about.

Thanks for participating!

2014 Fat Quarter Themes – so YOU can be prepared

Month	Theme	Detail
April	Stripes, and Dots	Modern of course
May	Famous MODERN Designer	Any modern designer ie: Amy Butler, Anna Maria Horner, Joel Dewberry, Heather Bailey...there are many others to pick from
June	Novelty Print	Lots to choose from here. So many interesting novelty fun and interesting MODERN novelty prints out there
July	Simply Solid as a rock	How hard can this one be? Solids – as in all one colour a modern colour – yup got it!
August	Let's be Fussy (fussy cuts)	Fabric that could be 'Fussy cut' Fussy cutting is when you cut out a particular part of a print -- usually to center a particular image. If you have a 5" x 5" ruler, you can simply move it around on top of your fabric until the part of the print you want to cut is framed beneath it. Cut around all four sides of the ruler to produce your fussy-cut square.
Sept	Secret Partner swap (requires sign up the month before)	Nope does not involve anything other than swapping fabric. Partners will be assigned in August to give you time to sloth out a personalized and very Modern charm pack, for swapping in Sept.
Oct	BOO! (orange, black, dark grey or Modern Halloween print)	Do I need to explain this any further – DAA!
Nov	Hoo Hoo Hoo! (Modern Christmas)	Dip into those yummy modern Christmas prints and colours....So that all the keeners can whip up a Christmas

		quilt by next meeting
Dec	Anything goes	Well just about anything as long as it's Modern

Modern Fabric Primer

When you are looking for fabrics that fit the Modern genre consider the following....

Characteristics of Modern Fabrics

- Clear bold and high contrast colours , vs earthy tones, pastels and mundane prints
- Often the scale of the design motifs are larger than in traditional quilt fabric motifs.
- Simple design
- Geometrics
- Untraditional design motifs in the fabric design
- Many times fabrics are part of a large collection of coordinating designs that are used together and have a wide palette of graphically well balanced patterns.
- You look at the fabric and feel happy!

Modern Designers*

There are many – but here are a few

Amy Butler, Joey Dewbery, Heather Bailey, Ana Maria Horner, Riley Blake, Michael Miller – our very own Cynthia Frenette! And many others

Online shops selling modern fabrics*

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Warp and Weft www.warpandweft.ca

Pink Chalk www.pinkchalkfabrics.com

Fat Quarter Shop www.pinkchalkfabrics.com

Pink Castle www.pinkcastlefabrics.com/

Local shops selling Modern Fabrics*

Most shops carry some Modern Fabric

A Spool of Thread – Vancouver www.spoolofthread.com

The Cloth Shop – Granville Island, Vancouver www.theclothshop.com

Fabricana – Richmond/Coquitlam www.fabricana.com

Bent Needle – Mission

Great Notion – Abbotsford and Langley www.agreatnotion.com

Hamels – Chilliwack www.hamelsfabrics.com

Fourth Corner Quilts Bellingham www.fourthcornerquilts.com

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