

"Bag Making is FUN"

with StudioKat Designs

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So... I'm excited to tell you that the release of our 1st new pattern of 2024, the "**Tandem DayPack**" should be ready to make its debut in mid-February (*fingers crossed*)! For a closer look at the sample at left, go click [HERE](#).

If all goes as planned, we'll be releasing the "**Tandem DayPack**" in our next edition of "**Bag Making is Fun**" and as usual we'll be including a time-sensitive discount code toward the purchase of that pattern in that issue. So mark your calendar so you don't miss out, OK?

In the meantime, let's get started on this issue, OK?

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"Eye Candy" Showcase for January 2024

It's time for your monthly treat for the eyes & this month's selection of bags is truly amazing. *ALL of the bags pictured below have been shared recently on either our [FaceBook business page](#), our [Instagram feed](#) or on our [FaceBook Group page](#).*

(For LARGER images: Click on each individual pic)



Kathy Prickett said she was totally intimidated when she first received her **Flaptastic** pattern, but since she's recently retired, she finally decided to "bite the bullet"

and give it a try! And I'm SO glad she did! Here it is completed and destined to be a Christmas gift for her sister

And even though they're not particularly easy to see in these photos, **Don**



Distler embellished this **Easy Go Wallet** with Swarovski crystals for a totally sophisticated finish!



And **Jeanette Jay** says that her customer loved our **Easy Go Wallet** design but specifically requested that Jay make it 2" wider, and didn't Jay do a great job doing

so?!? The finished touch was the decorator fabric she used for the exterior... it'll last forever now! !

Lasey Jones cut out all of the pieces for this **Bangle Buddie** almost a year ago, but just completed it! It looks whimsical & fun & Lasey says its most likely destined for her teenager who loves Ramen & Pikachu.





And **Don Distler's** back with another fun **Easy Go Wallet**, only this time he

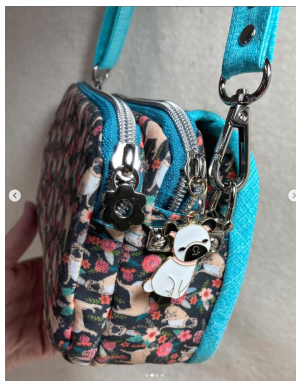
utilized an Australian print to pair with Swarovski crystals for an especially elegant finish!

This is the 2nd **Gemini FlightBag** **Jill Weiland** has created because she says she's found that this design meets "every single criteria that she needs in a bag...& that's a rare thing!"



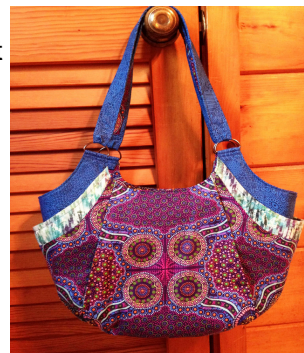
Karla Grady claims that the **Quattro** pattern is her all-time favorite! She says its a joy to make & to use PLUS... she loves the front pouch area as well as the side pockets!

And how about this fun **Sling Along** that was created by **Sharon Hilt**? Sharon commented that "this was a really FUN pattern to use with this feature print". But I also think that the contrasting fabric is perfect too!



And **Jeanette Jay** got a custom request from a friend who is a "pug-lover" just like her, so she chose an exterior fabric for this **Double Take** that features pug dogs (by

And finally, **Carol Lawson** says that our **Quattro** design has always been one of her favorites! I love the exterior fabric she's chosen and I'm sure she's turning heads everywhere she goes!



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Some Good Reading You May Have Missed!



- Jan 2- [2023: the Good, the Bad & the Yucky](#)
- Jan 5- [Our Goals for 2024](#)
- Jan 10- [PPC30: Feelin' Groovy](#)
- Jan 16- [PPC30: BioGeo](#)
- Jan 19- [PPC30: Obrigada \(Thank You\) Brazil](#)
- Jan 23- [PPC30: Back to Brazil](#)
- Jan 30- [the Eye Candy Showcase for February '24](#)

And... here's an Oldie but Goodie from our Archives that you might enjoy reading...

7/11/2019- [Our New Hire was a Walk-on!](#)

A Cute Video-



Click image or [HERE](#) to watch a video of what has to be the world's COOLEST bird!!

Sewing in the News- **A Needlepoint-Covered Sewing Machine**



This needlepoint-covered sewing machine by Swedish artist **Ulla-Stina Wikander** who uses needlepoint canvases she finds in thrift stores to create "artifacts from a bygone era, disguised, camouflaged and dressed." I find this totally fascinating and you can find out more about **Ulla** and visit her Instagram page by going [HERE](#) !

the Mid-Atlantic QuiltFest- **Coming to Hampton, VA (2/29-3/3/24)**



Come see us at the 35th Annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Fest, the largest Quilt Festival on the Eastern Seaboard with a Merchants Mall feature everything for quilt, fiber, wearable & textile artists, & home sewers.

This is the 35th anniversary edition of the MAQF will also feature the return of the Fashion Show! Rounding out the event will be workshops and lectures presented by leading instructors along with demonstrations throughout the Merchants Mall.

{Click [HERE](#) to find out more.}

Cats in the News- **Why Cats Love Boxes & Squares**



Twitter's been on fire with people amazed by cats that seem compelled to park themselves in squares of tape marked out on the floor. These felines appear powerless to resist the call of the #CatSquare.

"That's so cute ... but why do you think she does that?" was always the question.

{Click [HERE](#) to find out more.}

Un-word of the Month- "Mathemagician"

"Mathemagician" – someone who plays tricks with numbers 🤪

the H+H Americas Show- **We're be there this year... Kinda!**



So.. for the 1st time ever, we're going to have a "presence" at the new [H+H Americas Wholesale Show](#) in Rosemont, IL. This show features vendors & suppliers representing virtually ALL areas of crafting, sewing, knitting, crochet & scrapbooking! (Click [HERE](#) for more information.)

We'll not actually BE at the show, its VERY expensive to display there, but **Creative Retailer Magazine** is featuring a Designer' Showcase & they've offered me a small presence in their booth.

This Month's Discount Offers- [the Bella BiFold](#)



Our discount offer for this month's issue of "Bag Making is Fun" is our [Bella BiFold](#) pattern AND also our [Bella BiFold Supply Kit!](#)

The [Bella BiFold](#) is a soft easy-to-carry bag that can be worn as a shoulder or cross-body. It features two zippered storage area with an organizing area in BETWEEN that's perfect for credit cards, a passport, a checkbook, a notepad and other flat items. There's also a zippered pocket on the bag back!

And check this out--- from now thru midnight on Saturday night, Feb 3rd you can use this code - **C3FTBELLA** - and get \$3.99 off the [Bella BiFold](#) pattern AND/OR the [Bella BiFold Supply Kit!](#)

This coupon code cannot be used for previous purchases, or in combination w/other discount offers & will expire at 11:59pm on Saturday night, 2/3/24.

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Here's Our Upcoming Show Schedule:

[Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival](#) - Feb 29-Mar 3, 2024 - Hampton, VA

[AQS Paducah](#) - April 24-27, 2024 - Paducah, KY

[H+H Americas](#) - May 1-3, 2024 - Rosemont, IL

[International Quilt Market](#)- Oct 26-28, 2024 - Houston, TX

[International Quilt Festival](#)- Oct 31-Nov 3, 2024 - Houston, TX



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So bye for now & until the end of the month. 😊

The February 2024 FabShopHop Starts Tomorrow!



Don't miss the opportunity to qualify for oodles of monthly prizes and maybe even a new sewing machine by simply shopping for sewing supplies! But in the meantime, there's still time today to cash in on the **January Shop Hop**. Just use the links below!

Read the [How to Hop](#) guidelines and the [Rules of the Game](#) then click [HERE](#) for the [List of Shops](#).

Psst! We're on the list! 😊

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