Secret Santa Mini-Quilt Swap

Welcome to our Secret Santa mini-quilt swap! Our goal with this swap is that you get to know another guild member better, expand your quilting skills and receive a one-of-a-kind customized mini-quilt in exchange. We hope you will enjoy the whole experience.

First off, a few rules and tips:

1. Quilt should measure between 18 inches to 24 inches on any side but doesn't have to be a square or even rectangle.
2. Quilt must be made entirely by you (hand or machine pieced) and quilted by you.
3. Quilt must be complete - pieced, quilted and bound. Include a way to hang the quilt (a sleeve in the back, tabs or folded triangle pockets)
4. Please add a quilt label to the back with your name and date finished, and anything else you care to add.
5. Although we're exchanging the quilt in December, quilt should not be Christmas or winter-themed, but rather something that can be used year round (unless your swap partner specifically says she wants something themed)
6. If you need help with a particular technique, just ask around. Chances are there is someone in our guild who is an expert. Guild officers can help locate resources too.
7. If you are unsure about your swap partner's preferences, find a way to get to know her without giving yourself away -- that will be part of the fun! Read your partner's answers to the questionnaire closely and observe what she brings to sew and tell. '
8. When in doubt about adding fabrics, choose modern fabrics over traditional or batiks. Use quilt-store quality fabrics, no Michael's or Joann's. Don't just use muslin for the backing.
9. Devote some time to making the quilt, challenge yourself if you can, but don't stress out about it. Remember, this is supposed to be fun!

To help your partner get to know you better, please answer as many of the following questions as you can. We will give her this sheet, so print legibly or type your answers on a separate sheet.

<u>Questionnaire</u>

NAME:

1. Are there additional colors you would like your swap partner to use that are not in the fabric bundle you provided?

2. Are there any colors or fabric types (eg. batiks, metallic, novelty) you want your swap partner to avoid?

3. Are there certain quilting techniques you'd love your swap partner to attempt (e.g. paper piecing, applique, hand quilting, etc)?

4. Which statement most closely identifies you as a quilter. If you identify with more than one, number the statements in order, with 1 being closest to your style:

    a. I prefer almost all solids with minimalist designs, similar to Jacquie Gering and Alissa Haight Carlson

    b. I'm a Midwest Modern gal with a touch of Bohemian - Amy Butler, Kaffe Fassett, Anna Maria Horner

    c. I love quirky fabrics in bold color palettes with an element of surprise - Tula Pink, Lizzy House, Alison Glass

    d. I'm a traditional modernist, attracted to folksy patterns, applique, handwork and zakka-style sewing, e.g. Sarah Fielke, Jen Kingwell, Ayumi Takahashi

    e. I am an art quilter and use mixed fabric techniques and lots of free-form sewing, e.g. Nancy Crow, Molly Upton

    f. I am not familiar with most of these people you mentioned. I just pick whatever is on sale or in my stash, or whatever the pattern calls for

    g. I am mostly a traditional quilter, but am trying to familiarize myself with modern quilting

    h. I am new to quilting in general and eager to learn everything

5. What are some blogs or magazines you enjoy reading (quilting or non quilting related)?

6. What are your other hobbies/interests besides quilting?

7. Besides your sewing room, what is your favorite place to spend time? (can be city, locale, climate, etc.)

8. Complete these sentences:

On a typical weekday you can find me here_____

doing this _____ wearing_____

On a typical weekend you can find me here_____

doing this _____ wearing_____

9. What's in your TV/DVD/Netflix queue, and what was your latest binge watching/guilty pleasure viewing?

10. What was the last book you read, and would you recommend it?

11. If your swap partner would like to include a little extra "something" with your miniquilt (eg. candy, baked treat, sewing notion, hand lotion, etc.) is there anything you're allergic to or would not want?

12. Is there anything else you'll like your Secret Santa to know about you?