

Newsletters in December 2013

Angels among us.

December 2, 2013

Merry Christmas everyone.

As many of you know this is my favorite time of year. I have made 6 Christmas/ Winter related quilts.

"Pied Piper" is 39 x 46. The skaters were cut from a panel fabric. To see more my winter quilts go to-

<http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com/gallery/7/>



Almost 5 years ago we had our own special miracle this month. My oldest daughter had **two** of the most dangerous pregnancy related complications possible and almost lost her life and her babies. Our tiny two pound angel has made incredible progress. With the help of many therapist's and teachers she will be discharged from therapy at the end of this month! It is such a blessing that she will then enter kindergarten caught up with her peers.

In thankfulness, I want to give you all a [Christmas gift of your own angel](#) pattern.



[Click here for the PDF pattern.](#)

[Click here for a larger image.](#) The pattern was inspired by a copyright free Victorian angel.

Some of you have heard the story of how I cut up my wedding dress 15 years ago. Hey, great fabric in it! I used it again in this project, for my white background fabric. This project goes quickly if you fuse it. The materials list is for a 9.5 x 12 inch block. Feel free to enlarge the pattern for a larger block. You can buy shiny synthetics at Joanne's by the inch! You won't need much. Make sure what you use, is heat tolerant. I did the machine appliqué and quilting at the same time. *The two wings and dress were cut out as a single piece.* Using a light box, place your fabric over the pattern and mark in the wing sections and dress pleats. Layer your quilt sandwich and use a satin stitch to quilt in and appliqué the lines with a metallic gold thread. Be sure to use a top stitch needle and turn down your top tension with that metallic thread. Have fun with it and thank you for subscribing to my newsletter!

[The November newsletter Calendar Winner.](#) The answer was 68 and the winner guessed it exactly. I love my quilters and was so happy to hear from her.

Hi Kathy,

I just tried to put myself "in your shoes". I have made 4-5 large quilts for schools where I worked as a counselor. These involved the children's designs and work. They were on themes like multiculturalism, careers, Underground Railroad, etc. I just knew it would take a full 3 months to do one quilt so 4 quilts per year, times 17 years, equaled 68. I do not think it would be possible to do more than 4 per year unless you had hired help! Best wishes! I look forward to the newsletters.

Regena Young, VA

[New Blessing's](#)

American Quilter's Society and I have partnered again on publishing a new pattern. It's so exciting to make heirloom quality designs to share with everyone.

Applique using your preferred method and add beautiful embroidered embellishments to create this picture of new blessings to come. Finished quilt is about 40" X 24".

"New Blessings" available now - Only \$13.95 for a full wall size quilt.

[Click here to purchase.](#) Perfect for every Grandmother. I designed the original quilt when that two pound angel was born. The border is optional but really funky and fun for a different look. I Love, love the look on the little golden chicks face as she gazes at her Grandmother. Grandpa is crowing his happiness as the proud parents look on. [Click here for an enlarged image.](#)



I hope you and your families all have a blessed Christmas and New Years.

hugs,

Kathy