



From Cupboard to Creativity Project

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Theme this month: Looking Back at creative achievements

Hi Everyone,

For a different approach to a theme this month, I have decided to revisit some of my earliest creations, and from that create a version for my Nov row. I encourage you to enjoy looking back and see how far you have come on your creative journey, then choose something from your early pieces to bring into your current quilt.

When you look back at where your patchwork journey started, what blocks did you use. Choose maybe your favourite and make a row from that. You may prefer to use more than one block style from a sampler quilt. For me I could choose from the simple squares in pinks and whites I made for my daughters as doona covers (before I knew anything about patchwork), or my first patchwork course when I made a sampler quilt which had baby blocks, 3 other pieced and 2 appliqued blocks or maybe the first single block quilt I made— traditional log cabin.



Unfortunately photos of a lot of my earlier work is stored on floppy disks (remember those) and I do not have the equipment that can access them now.

Because I am working with the gingham theme, I started thinking of my first job. I was filling in time (a couple of months) while I waited until I could join the Airforce — I had been accepted in, but could not start until I was 18. My uncle secured me a position where I worked on the weigh bridge at a packing shed in the Barmera, weighing dried fruit for the Co-op, then doing the associated account work for someone from the office to collect at the end of each day. I had plenty of free time between deliveries, so I needed to do something. The Aunt I was staying with, suggest I make a gingham tablecloth and decorate it with stitching.



It was only a few years ago I learned that sewing in this way on gingham is called "Chicken scratch" embroidery.

It was lovely to see an example as a coverlet in this year's QQ quilt show (look for it on-line).

My 3 tablecloths

Have Fun looking back and creating your row this month.

Jan P