

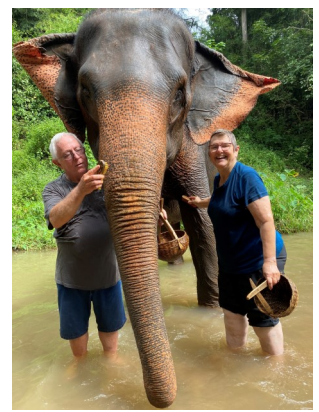
## Cupboard to Creativity November Update 2025

Hi Everyone,

November has been a wonderful month. At the beginning of the month we spent a lovely 10 days in Thailand with our AFS student "daughter" Kanya and her husband and my childhood penpal Liz & her hubby from England—so good to spend time with them all.



We travelled from Chaing Mai to Phuket and places in between, experiencing the wonderful food, the culture, the history, and met so many great people.



Many memories were made, and the day I laughed the most was our visit to Patara Elephant Farm—Pat, the owner was also a Thai AFS student in Australia the same year as Kanya. Pat is very passionate about the elephants—Rescue, Recovery, Reproduction & Release are the 4 pillars of his work, and his team share the love of these beautiful creatures.- they have 89 on the farm, (40 have been born there) and 7 now released back into natural habitat.

Peter & I were carers for a day for Boondee. We learned that Flapping ears meant a happy elephant — a great day spent feeding, riding, scrubbing & we had so much fun -soaked by end but very happy with lots of great photos & videos of our whole trip to look back on & smile.

Of course we visited old cities, saw many Palaces, Buddha, various markets, shared meals with some amazing people & went to a class to cook our own.

I had moved some of my classes to allow for that trip and for my visit to Adelaide next week, so had a very busy week last week, and will finish classes for the year by mid December

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Now to quilting news!

I did manage to finish the 4 pieced trees, & an embroidered one to go with the school house blocks from Oct, then I found a couple of older fabrics in my boxes to make the centre shown here. The stars are from my Celestial Hearts pattern.

I made one of the cone shaped trees with my (almost 5 yrs) granddaughter before we went on holidays, so we will now make a bag or small quilt with that block.

I also managed to get 4 quilts finished this month with quilting & binding thanks to Koolkat's quilting special.

In the next month I will wind up classes at the studio in the city, with the intention of using my new quilt shed from 2026. This will allow me to stay home and operate from one place—something I have not done for many years.

I hope that will also mean more sewing time (as there will be less travelling).

This means that I have a lot of sorting & moving of samples, patterns, fabric etc—soooo.... much to do to get sorted ready for 2026, including sorting the schedule for next year.

We have a busy time ahead with all our family as well with Xmas, a new grandchild due around the time too & then family visiting from S.A. in January.

As in previous years, the challenge for December will be to finish what you can of projects started throughout the year (or before), and to allow time to rest and regenerate for another productive year ahead in 2026.

I plan to be back in January with some more monthly challenges.

I wish you all A Very Merry Christmas, stay safe if travelling about, and let's hope the weather is kind to us all.

Take care.

Jan P.

