

Cupboard to Creativity
January Update 2026

Hi Everyone,

February is now here, and classes have begun this week—it took a lot of work to get my room ready, but it felt so good to get back into the actual quilting mindset.

It had been quite a challenge as I had fabric over all the tables trying to bundle and bag it for the upcoming sale at the city studio.

—there is still some to go:)

I have to acknowledge the many store owners who prepare for shows etc—it takes hours of preparation!

Across the past month or more I have not had time for any quilting, so last weekend I was really feeling the “withdrawal” and gave myself a day to create my piece for the January challenge. I still have the borders to do, however I am happy with the result.



With my challenge blocks (6" finished), I decided I would create a larger block of 10" by adding a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (cut) frame on 2 sides. These were made up of a four patch using $2\frac{1}{2}$ " cut squares with a strip cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and a corner square of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

I made 2 blocks the same style but changed the corner fabric & dark fabric in the four patch. With all the blocks I used the same light print in all the four patch units, and the same fabric for all the strips pieces (this would work using lots of different fabrics too).

I added the frame to the sides where the lightest strip from the centre of the challenge square touched the sides.

Once the blocks were made, I tried several different layouts and settled on the one in the photo. I will be adding a couple of borders to complete the top.

I still have other colours in the challenge blocks, so I will see what other styles I can create with them, and will share when they are made.

I hope you have had fun this month.

Happy quilting,

Jan P.