

Cupboard to Creativity July Update 2026

Hi Everyone,

We are well into September already and August just flew by — for me anyway.

We had a wonderful holiday cruising on Ocean Dream down the Kimberley Coast with 5 other couples and a crew of 5. We were exploring the amazing rivers & water falls including the Horizontal Falls. We learned about the local history of pearling, saw the boab Mermaid tree that is claimed to be over 1000 years old. We went fishing, crabbing & oyster picking the results of which then turned up at meal time in amazing dishes thanks to our chef Anna — all part of the experience. Our country is spectacular in colours & textures, sunsets, rock formations and the vastness of areas like Montgomery reef, and the 10m tide heights made it a trip to remember.

I did manage to take a small amount of stitching with me—not a great deal was done however.

Before we went away I was able to complete most of the quilt top for our grand daughter Piper using the July challenge block, however the embroidered design I was going to use I discover was not a quote from the Winnie the Pooh books like I thought it was, so I embroidered a simpler saying and added that. The quilt is yet to be quilted. I finished Piper's top when we came back.



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I managed to also finish the bindings on 7 gifting quilts that I had quilted while I was away.

I have added the picture of one of them — the blocks had been given to me along with some of the extra fabric — it was meant to be a much larger quilt, however I unpicked some of the blocks to be able to rearrange the colours in them to create the design I have here—

You may not notice, but there are directional prints in both the grey, and the very fine pin stripe & I wanted them all the same way—I was happy with the outcome.



The blocks are large drunkard Path blocks with a very short side (they are almost curves into the corner)

I hope you have had a great couple of months quilting.

As of next month Publisher as a program will no longer exist(it has been my preferred one for creating my patterns etc.), so there may be quite a few changes ahead for me. I will endeavour to finish the next two months for this year & rethink what happens in 2027 & beyond.

Jan P