



Wednesday 23 December 2009

This week's Midweek Moments will be the final for 2009. But don't despair, we'll only be taking a break of two weeks and will be back in your inboxes on Wednesday 13 January with the first issue for 2010.

In this week's issue you'll find another instalment of our perennially popular Show and Tell column as well as a special article about the Calik Care group, which makes quilts for the kids at Westmead Children's Hospital and was first mentioned a few weeks ago in Kerry Butler's Show and Tell article. We hope you'll enjoy the read.

The entire team at Blueberries would like to take this opportunity to thank you, all our valued customers for your support during the year and hope you have a happy and relaxing time over the holiday period. We hope it will be filled with lots of delicious food and drink and few laughs with loved ones along the way. Most of all, if you're travelling anywhere on any of the country's roads and highways, please drive carefully.

That's all folks, and see you again on Wednesday 13 January. Of course, the big remaining question is... do we call it two thousand and ten, or twenty ten? Something to ponder on over the holidays.

Holiday Trading Hours
We will closed be from Thursday 24th December 2009 1pm and
reopen on Monday 4th January 2010 at 9:30am

Quilts by Calik

Okay, first things first. Who, or what, is Calik?

Calik is the name of a group of dedicated quilters who donate their hand-made creations to the sick kids at Westmead Children's Hospital. The five women who make up the group have been doing this for two years now, using their own resources, as well as materials that are donated specifically for their use.

"We first got together about two years ago because one of our ladies is related to Dr Paul King, head paediatrician at Westmead," explains Kerry Butler, spokesperson for the group. "The name Calik is made up of the initials of our first names – Caroline, Adrian, Lorraine, Irene and Kerry. So we decided to call ourselves Calik Care."

It seems that Calik Care has gone from strength to strength in its relatively short existence so far, with 2009 being the group's busiest year. Over 42 quilts were made and given to the hospital as well as another dozen that were sewn specifically for the Victorian bushfire victims last summer. And as word of mouth has slowly spread about Calik's work, more and more donations of fabrics and other materials have begun to roll in.

"We first started making the quilts out of whatever we had spare and then we started asking around for donations," says Kerry. "We've put a notice and a collection bag at Blueberries and now as word catches on, people have begun to donate materials for us to use. We take all kinds of stuff – fabrics, cottons, batting – as well as any unfinished projects. Quite often someone starts a quilt but is unable to finish it for a multitude of reasons, so we take over for them and finish the quilt."

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The group meets once a month to work together and this is mostly at someone's house, each person taking turns to host. Kerry reports that the group frequently receives feedback from parents of the young recipients of the quilts and letters of thanks and appreciation.



"One lady whose son has leukaemia sent us a photo of him with the quilt," she says. "We received a letter of thanks from another gentleman whose English wasn't very strong, but he was so grateful for the quilt he wanted to thank us as best he knew how. It's always very touching to receive that kind of feedback because you know your work is really helping people and making a difference to their situations, no matter how small."

Calik Care is taking a short break over the Christmas/New year period, but will be back in business again on 12 January. Below are contact details for the group if any Midweek Moments readers would like further information or would like to know how they can donate materials.

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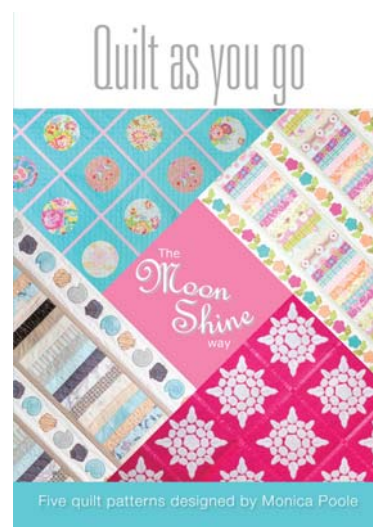
Monica Poole's New Book -
"Quilt as you go - The Moon Shine way"

Monica Poole's new book (pictured here), which contains five new quilt patterns, arrived instore today hot off the press!

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Book Launch, Meet and Greet

Come along and meet Monica and view all the quilts from her new book "Quilt as you go - The Moon Shine way"

Monica will be on hand to discuss suitable class projects and to assist with fabric selection for your chosen projects.

There are limited numbers per session, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Date: Thursday, 28 January 2010
Time: Session 1 - 10:00am to 11:00am
Session 2 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Click [here](#) to email us your registration for one of the sessions.

Show and Tell

Show us the item and tell us the story

Ally Nicoll - Robots for Riley

What was your inspiration for this quilt?

I was actually asked to test a new pattern for Janelle Wind, so that was the initial reason I did it. I saw the traffic jam fabrics in Blueberries and knew they'd be perfect.

What's traffic jam fabric?

It's just the name of a fabric that has pictures of emergency vehicles and construction vehicles on it. It was perfect for this quilt because I was making it for my young son Riley.

What about the robots?

Yes, the placement of the robots was the only thing I altered from the pattern. Riley didn't like the one big robot so I went with several smaller robots instead.

How long did it take you to make this quilt?

About a week, so it was a fairly quick job. I've only been quilting for a year and I've made about five or six quilts in that time. Working at Blueberries means I'm constantly exposed to all these beautiful fabrics, which keeps me inspired (but also broke, because I'm always buying the fabrics as well).

Til next week!

The Blueberries Team.

