

Ask Jo: Behind the Scenes Truth

Last week I did a blog post about a couple of the projects I had going on. In that post I showed that I was drawing out and designing one project. I had one on the quilt frame and I had just cut out two quilts. In the comment section Betty in Canada asked, **"How many quilts do have on the go at one time?"**

Hmm...that's an ever changing number but on the day I am writing this, here is what I can show you but first let me explain that my real life time and blog time (when you see things) isn't always completely in sync. I might have started or finished something sooner than you hear about in on the blog. My life is so disjointed and at times hard to keep up with so I streamline it a big for you so it's not so hard to keep track of.

For example...I skipped ahead and made three Virginia Bound blocks. I've been auditioning to see if this is the next UFO I want to start on...At this point, I think it might be. I'll trim these up during nap time one day.



I got a bag of scraps on a garage sale that I'll be telling you about soon. I had an idea to put them together as a girl baby quilt and already have the blocks half sewn.



My long term nap time project that I don't work on often is this pile. I'll eventually be making the quilt Moth in the Window. The quilt needs 1 1/2" strips and 2 1/2" strips so while I was cutting out the Ohio Star blocks for Rectangle Wrangle I cut out these as well. I only work on this if there is absolutely nothing else to do at nap time.



This quilt just got finished...at the time of my writing, it needed to be photographed and blog post written.



This is the start of the quilt for Hubby's great niece. I have all of these pieces cut that I need...some is even sewn together. It's going to be done in neutral taupe fabrics.



While this was out, I also cut out a baby quilt for my niece. The quilt I designed for that will include her name so I can't really finish it until the baby is born and I learn her name. In the meantime, it's started.

I saw a fun idea from Becky at Quilted Twins. She was making a crumb quilt and using these adding machine tape rolls to do it. These were gathered and put by the sewing machine as I'm going to try this out soon. I bought all of these and about this much more on a garage sale for \$1. The childcare kids use it regularly but they will never use up all this so I might as well give the crumb quilt a try...[Here's a link in case you want to read about that.](#)



Rectangle Wrangle is soon to be finished so I pulled a backing for it and that will soon be seamed up so it's ready to go.



I have the two Zuckerwatte quilts that are now tops. I needed backing for them and will be soon piecing that together.



I also got a fabric to make a spider web quilt...One day when I have a little extra time, I'll be doing a test block to make sure I like what I'm planning.



This is all pretty typical of me. Having this many things mulling around in my mind and in my hands is always what I have going on. There is never a lull. I actually like it that way...I know for some, it would be a crazy mess. This is why sometimes it seems like I am getting a lot done at once...all of the little by little time, all of the picking a project so I have something to work on in a specific scenario really works for me.

For example, I always have a project to grab if I know we are going on a road trip-even if it's only 30 minutes away. Hubby drives. I work on the project. Ripping string papers off string blocks is ideal for this. I'll often sew some up and not touch them for three weeks until we go somewhere.

All of this makes me REALLY laugh. When I was in first grade I had a teacher Mrs. Westing. I had all good grades on my report card except for one thing, "Uses time wisely" in that

area I got the worst grade. Well now days I don't know if I should laugh at her as that's not the case anymore or if I should thank her for encouraging me to work hard and plan properly.

So Betty...here's your answer, I more or less have 10 projects that I am trying to make progress on. The wedding quilt is moving to the front burner soon and then it will be full speed ahead on that. I don't want to be pushing that date to closely. I have time over 4th of July so I plan to get as much done as I can then.