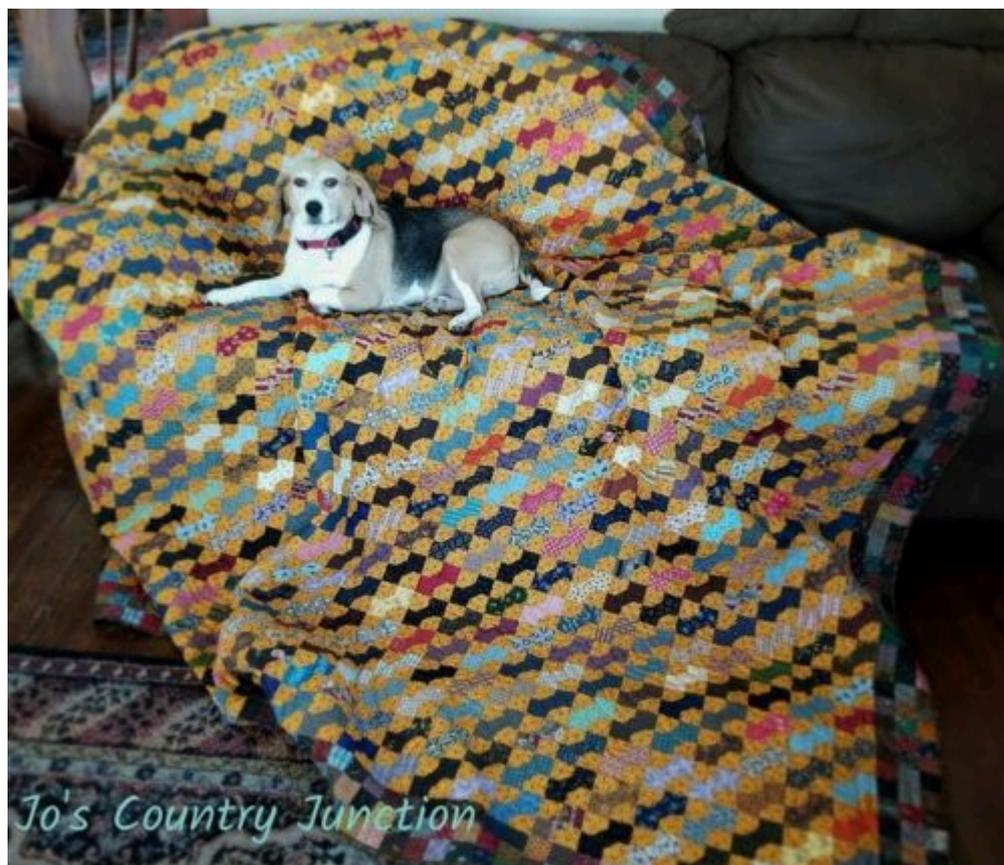


Quilt Finish: Cheddar Bow Ties

It's finished. It's FINISHED!! I'm so happy to have this one done.



I started this one when Bonnie Hunter had her Cheddar Bow Tie Challenge. Silly me, I made about 350 bow ties and then set them aside thinking that should be a good amount. Then I waited for her pattern, whatever it might be come out.

Well the pattern was released in her book *More Adventures with Leaders and Enders*. Imagine my surprise when I found I needed over 600 of those little bow tie blocks.

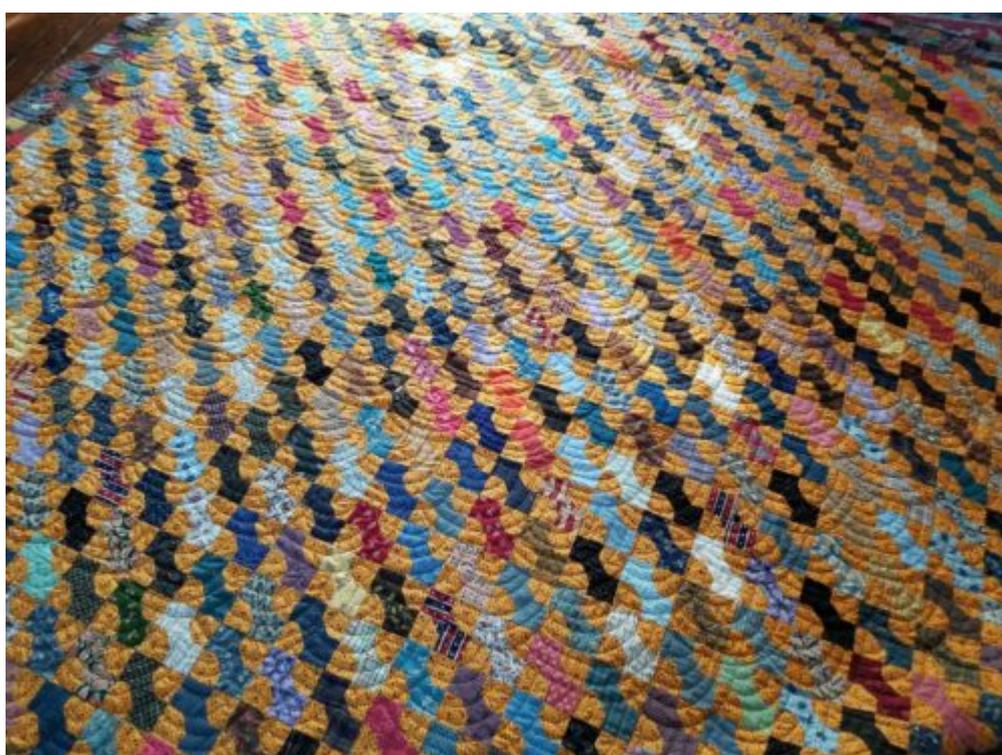


This quilt got me through a tough spell in life. We were living at the farm. We had bought the house in town and a move was soon pending. I had packed up my sewing room only to find that there was a delay with the house and we'd be moving almost a month after we expected.

I would come home from working on the house and NEEDED a little "relax" time at the sewing machine but there was nothing to sew. It was all packed away. All I could get to was the strip totes and my machine as well as a box of essentials, pins, scissors and the like. That's when I realized I could pull out my big tote of 2" strips and I could start sewing the borders of this quilt. That's just what I did. I was so thankful to have it to sew. I NEEDED that relax time. The house remodel was so stressful and making the border of this quilt saved me.



So I showed the finished quilt to Hubby. I told you before that his typical response is “cool”. This time I was certain he would say too much yellow. He’s not a yellow fan. So I asked “what do you think?” He went all out and came out with a new response. He said, “cool quilting”. I laughed and told him I was sure he was going to tell me “too much yellow”. He chuckled and said, “you already knew that”. What a character!!



I do love Baptist Fans as a quilting motif especially on quilts that are dark.

This quilt came right down to the end on the fabric I had. I was so nervous as this was a UFO and I couldn't remember if I had cut out the exact amount I needed or if I just cut up what I had. As Kelli will tell you, I often don't completely cut out a pattern...this time, I lucked out. I had just enough

fabric and had cut out just the right amount.



The backing fabric came from Whittles. It was one of their \$5 a yard fabrics. I love getting those for backings.



Close up I can really see that the cheddar color of the bow ties is printed but further away, I don't notice that it is as much.



So this quilt adds to the stack of quilts I have finished from Bonnie Hunter's book *More Adventures with Leaders and Enders*. Awhile back I listed all the quilts from the book and showed the ones I have finished. [Find that post here](#). With the finish of this quilt that leaves me at only 4 of the quilts in the book left to make. I've made the other 8. So will I try to make all the quilts in this book too...NO! ...well maybe. Who knows? I do almost have quilt number 9 finished. Oh my.



That Ruby dog of mine, she doesn't care what quilts I make, what pattern they are or the color scheme. She just wants to quick sit, pose and get her treat!!

...and with that, another UFO bites the dust!