

Tulip Fields: It's FINISHED!!

Back when I made the goal of making all of the quilts in Bonnie Hunter's book String Fling, a couple people thought it was a lofty goal. To be honest, I did too but what's life without goals.

Here the last quilt is all finished. This is Tulip Fields. Kalissa happened to be home and told me to hold it up so she could take a picture of me with it...Little hamball Carver had to jump in the picture with me!



The weather outside was yucky...misty, sleet and then 4" of snow so I couldn't get a big picture with the quilt...

I did get this as I took it off the quilting frame...It's the best I could do for a big layout.



My sewing room was not clean and my space up there is limited too so it is what it is...right?!



The quilting took me for ever...seriously, FOREVER. You can see I did a really dense pattern though.



I put myself on a "fabric diet" some time ago and I've been honoring that. Only thrifted, gifted or auction fabric has come into the house since summer time I think...I wasn't going to break the diet yet (after all it's the one diet I've been most successful with). So I needed to come up with a binding. The binding I found did not technically match the border fabric but it was pretty close...see?



I did the borders differently. Bonnie did string pieced blocks around the outside. My center colors were so soft and blendy that I didn't want to give them a busy border so I opted for this...Again, I needed to use what I had in the house and this worked.

As for the backing...remember I went to an auction and bought



all of this...

This backing was in one of the boxes. It was an 8 yard piece. Big novelty prints usually aren't my thing but for this, it was a perfect match. It's apple themed with baking so it does fit perfectly for the fallish look of the front. I ended up super happy with it.



I got lots of other backs in the box too...all for \$15. That was a great deal.

I needed a Ruby picture of course...



One larger...and one close up.



All of the fabric for the string triangles came from a blog

reader. She had sent me a kitchen trash bag filled to the brim with scraps. Don't they look awesome in the quilt.

I always feel a little bit bad if a reader sends me things and then I make beautiful quilts with what they think is "junk". After they see the quilt I always wonder if they wish they could have their scraps back.

I know scraps and digging through tiny pieces isn't something everyone likes...I sure am glad I do though. I pick scraps EVERY time...ALL the time as my favorite was to quilt.

After Kalissa snapped the first picture of Carver and me with the quilt, he wouldn't give the quilt up. I was half trying to fold it up and put it away...Carver was trying to pull it away from me. I ended up throwing the quilt over his head...then Craig and I "wrapped him up like a burrito. He was laughing and laughing...then I told him I was going to tickle his toes and the laughing continued. (He is laughing in the photo)



Then he took the quilt and said, "Cuddle". So off he went to get a pillow...dragging the quilt behind.



Then he laid on the floor next to me for a cuddle.



I don't know exactly why this quilt caught his fancy but it sure did.

For the record:

Tulip Fields

Bonnie Hunter's String Fling book

All fabrics are batiks except the strings

Charcoal thread on the back

Rum colored thread on the top

Swirly leaf motif

Made fall of 2018

Stop back on Friday. I am doing a parade of all of the quilts I made from Bonnie Hunter's String Fling book. It's going to be fun!!