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Right about this time every year, even those of us who love winter (yes, I'm one of *those* people) are ready for the freshness of spring that lurks just around the corner. After the long, often gray days of winter that we get here in the Midwest, I know I'm ready for sunshine and warmth, not to mention the color that comes in the form of blooming flowers and budding trees.

Forced time indoors isn't all bad though, because it gives us time to quilt. And this issue brings with it just the ticket for banishing the winter doldrums. What better way to perk up your surroundings and your attitude than with a new project or by learning a new technique?

Start with *Quilting Fundamentals* on page 56. Donna Lynn Thomas covers the basics of precision cutting and sewing, the key to every successful project, no matter what your skill level. With that knowledge in hand, you're ready to dive into any project.

If your scraps have been piling up or you've got a nice collection of fat eighths or fat quarters you're dying to use, check out *Spinning Scraps* (page 34) by Victoria Findlay Wolfe and *Star Blazer* (page 48) by Sarah Thomas. Is improvisational piecing something you enjoy doing or want to learn? *Free Stars* (page 16) by Monika Huelsebusch is great for the beginner (and also a great stash-busting project), while *Rookery* (page 62) by Daisy Aschehoug offers a bit more of a challenge. Finally, see page 24 for Abby Glassenberg's profile of Tara Curtis, who's doing some amazing weaving with fabric strips, and then try your hand at the process with Tara's *Fractured Graphics iPad Mini Case* (page 28). Even if you don't make the case, weaving the fabric is a blast *and* it's another great way to reduce your stash!

Spring inspiration is waiting for you. Turn the page, and let's get going!

Laurie

Just in time for Valentine's Day, you'll find the FREE pattern for Straight from the Heart by Ann Unes on the Web Extras! tab of our website (modernquilts.mqumag.com).

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