

# Happy New Year!

I wish you all a wonderful scrappy New Year! Our lives sometimes(?)...always(!) are a collection of bits and pieces. What we do with them makes a huge difference. Individually those scraps can seem worthless and unimportant but we can piece together a wonderful, colorful, creative, beautiful, warm and loving scrappy quilt! So Quilt On! my friends. May your scraps be plentiful and never ending and may you all experience great joy and peace in this coming New Year!

I've been busy! I finished my granddaughter's quilt and delivered it to Michigan over the holiday. My (seaming) never ending hand quilting project is slowly getting to a point where I can see the end. I'm quilting the border now and have one and a half sides to go...but then I have to do one more go around before I can do the binding.



my altered version of  
Diamond Candy

I will also be doing a lecture on my scrap organization system with a trunk show and later some classes for Scrapitude at a local quilt shop. I've been rounding up my scrappy quilts to show just what all that scrapiness can do. It will be a good

opportunity to take some pictures so I can add them here to my Finished Projects category.

Of course, I had to do Bonnie Hunter's Grand Illusion MQ. Like I needed another project! I'm not in love with all the busyness so I've decided to tone it down a bit. Some look great but mine just didn't cut it for me. So I've picked the squares and sashing apart. New sashing will separate the blocks and the sashing she used will become an additional new border. I'll post some pictures once I get a few blocks together. This is my third Mystery quilt of hers. Bonnie chooses her scrappy look with scraps within a certain color pallet and that's fine. Somehow I have always ended up wishing I had used different fabrics or more likely not used certain fabrics that ended up lost in the design. In my own designs I like to use a wide range of colors and values creating a very distinguished pattern. Although some may be busy, the design is always very apparent. Different strokes for different folk, I guess. I do love some of Bonnie's designs and they are in my someday pile. She surely does love scraps!

Ten days until Clue #1! Make sure you Subscribe so you get the latest and greatest and don't forget to post your project pictures on the Flickr site. I can't wait to see them! Wish I could post mine...hee hee!

Happy Quilting!

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