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Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere

T ip: Are you afraid to put in zippers? I use zippers in my purses and wallets because I like the security, so it's time you learned the easy way. Place the right side of your fabric next to one side of the zipper tape. Use your <u>walking foot</u> and move your needle over to the right so the zipper coil runs through the middle of the foot. Now just sew a straight seam. Repeat for the other side of the zipper. Use a zipper longer than the piece you're putting it in so you can open the zipper and have plenty of room to work with. When you have it sewn, make a new zipper stop by zig-zag stitching in place and cutting off the excess. See, nothing to be afraid of!

It's been way too long since our last Newsletter – so long in fact that it's beginning to feel like winter outside! Perfect weather to start a new quilting project. I've been busy doing quilt shows all fall and am finally home and trying to catch up on all that has been going on here. Mountains of paperwork. But I'm plowing through it so I can get to the fun stuff! I have a couple of new patterns and many in the works.

Our new tablerunner pattern called "Garden Path" is so quick and fun to work up. I've made it in several color variations and continue to find other fabric I can't wait to try!

The second new pattern is a new trio of rose quiltlets for those great quilt racks by Ackfeld (which we carry). We need a name for this new pattern, so we're asking for your help naming it. A picture of the quiltlets is shown below and we'll send a free pattern to the person whose name is chosen. Email your suggestions to <u>karen@quiltricks.com</u>

I was thrilled to be interviewed earlier this fall by Bryan Young of Business Empire Magazine. To see the article, visit <u>http://www.businessempiremag.com/</u>.

Limited time offer until December 16th: We have several "You Caught Me" kits for \$30.00 while supplies last. They contain everything to make our gingerbread candle mat: wool, backing, floss, buttons, beads and ribbon. To order yours, go to the <u>ordering</u> section of <u>www.quiltricks.com</u>.



"still-to-benamed" by Quiltricks Our schedule for the upcoming year is beginning to shape up. If you would like us to come visit your guild or store, let us know. We love to do trunk shows and workshops!

Come visit us!

- u January 9-10, 2009 The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza Statesville Civic Center 300 South Center St. Statesville, NC 28677
- u **February 10, 2009** Friendship Quilt Guild Jacksonville, Florida
- u February 12, 2009 River City Piecemakers Jacksonville, Florida
- u February 13, 2009 Quilters by the Sea Ormond Beach, Florida
- u February 24, 2009 Mooresville, NC



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