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Stimulating imaginations of quilt tricksters everywhere

Quiltrick #17: My sister has started many of the holiday traditions in our family. One is making gingerbread people for every member of the family with our names on them (over 40 cookies). Here is her recipe (I hope you don't mind, Barbara!) Note: Trust me, you'll like this better than our tradition of Lutefisk!

1 Cup butter 4 tsp. orange peel 1 tsp ground ginger ½ tsp cloves

1-1/2 cups sugar 2 tbl. Molasses 2 tsp. cinnamon 2 tsp soda

1 egg 3 cups flour ½ tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and beat til fluffy. Mix in orange peel and molasses. Combine flour, cinnamon, ginger, salt, cloves and soda. Add to creamed mixture and blend well. Chill dough. Roll out to ¼" thick. Cut into shapes and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

Warmest wishes for Happy Holidays to one and all. Whether you're staying at home or traveling "over the river and through the woods" we hope that your upcoming days will be filled with joy and blessings. At this time of year I am more and more grateful for my family and friends. How important they are in so many ways, and become more so each day of every passing year.

The National Humanities Center has chosen my work to be the subject of their spring exhibition. The exhibit, "Patterns," opens with a public reception on January 16th, 3:00-5:00 at the Center, 7 Alexander Dr., in Research Triangle Park, NC. You are cordially invited. The show will run through April. If you can't make the opening reception, you're welcome to browse anytime 9-5, Mondays through Fridays.

By popular demand we are attaching one of our most simple, yet fun, projects. Our <u>sneeze catcher</u> is perfect for a quick gift – and also for those holiday moments when you need a tissue in a hurry. May all your reasons for using a tissue this season be happy ones!



Coming Soon!

"Anna's

Rose"



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