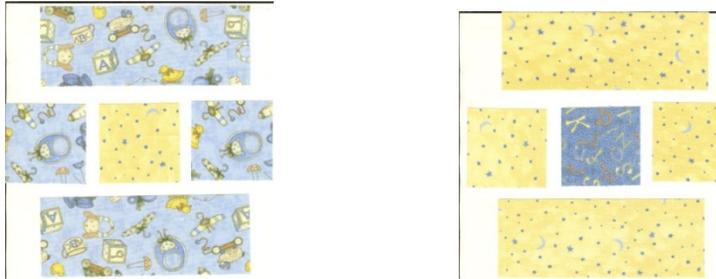


Block of the Month

Our fellow quilter and 2010 Quilter's Retreat Miss Congeniality, Tina Rainey told me once; if you build it they will come. She was referring to grandchildren. I have four adult child bearing children and three grand-dogs. I was motivated to make a baby quilt and try the magic. It did not work. So I used the fabric featured in this BOM to create a quilt for my grand-niece. As a true fabric aficionado, I had more than enough fabric left over. So, I hope you all love this baby fabric as much as I did. Stop by the BOM table and embrace this wonderful blue and yellow fabric and buy your blocks. The winner will also win the left over border fabrics shown below.



The blocks are fast and easy to sew. You can alternate the blocks or add blocks using your old scraps to create a charming baby quilt. No grandchildren? Don't forget about the Quilts of Love.



Now a little piece of BOM trivia - The single thread sewing machine was invented in 1830 by a tailor from Lyon, France named Barthelemy Thimmonier. The machine was so fast the French Government used it to produce military uniforms; that is until an angry mob of professional tailors saw the invention as a threat to their livelihood. They stormed Thimmonier's factory, destroyed all of the machines and nearly killed the inventor. Newer adaptations of the sewing machine were introduced by Elias Howe of Boston in 1846 at a whopping price of \$300 per machine. The hefty price stalled his success. Howe left America only to return a year later and discover Isaac Singer had developed a machine superior to his which sold for considerably less, about \$100. Howe sued Singer and received royalties for every sewing machine manufactured.



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