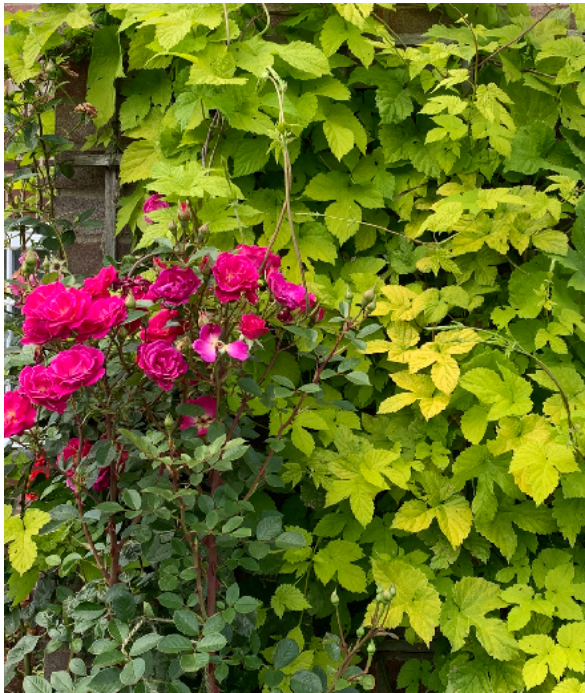


# Hops and Roses Cot Quilt

I looked by my back door, and saw this lovely colour combination, a Golden Hop and a lovely dark pink rose

And I looked in my stash, and there were the colours again, so I made this little quilt, easy and satisfying



And, as I know you are all looking for ideas for using your lovely stash, I made this pattern - this is a little cot-sized quilt, but, of course, you just need more or larger blocks for a bigger quilt...

I started by cutting some oblong blocks, these just happened to be 7-1/2 by 5-1/2 inches, and I used 8 or 9 different fabrics. I cut 42 pieces and set them together in sets of three, Right Sides Up and directly on top of each other



I took the first set of three and put it on the mat next to my machine

I made one gentle curved cut from the bottom edge to the upper part of the left edge, through all three layers. Cuts should vary from set to set.

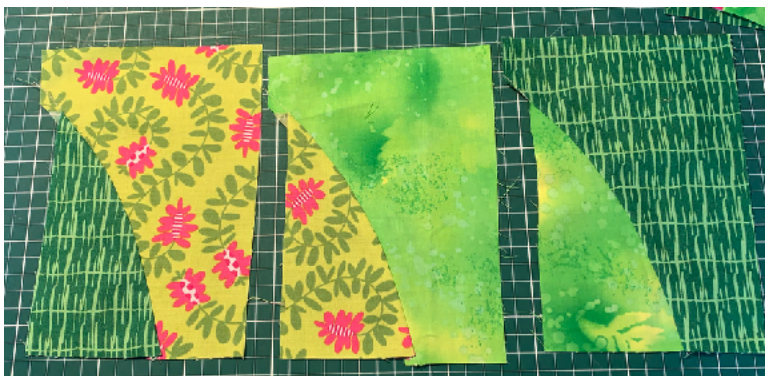


Take the top piece from the smaller pile and put it on the bottom. Take the next piece on



that pile and the first from the second pile.

Match the edges, with the hollow side on top, and sew Right Sides Together, using a 1/4 inch seam, and a small stitch, matching the edges gently as you sew. Guide everything gently, don't pull, it's a bias edge.... Small stitch because the blocks will be trimmed!  
Repeat for the other two parts of your set of three blocks



Repeat until you have made 42 blocks, press nicely with the seams to one side - let the seams go whichever way they prefer...

Trim the blocks when you have finished all of them - mine came out at 4-3/4 by 7 inches, yours may vary depending on your seam allowances... Start with the smallest and trim all to the same size...

Sew the blocks together in six rows of seven blocks, making as little fuss

about placement of colours as your mind will allow. Press the seams alternate ways on each row, then sew the rows together. press the seams towards to bottom of the panel...

You will notice that I then put smaller and more erratic blocks on the top and one side (this is optional, of course) - I cut these from the fabric offcuts, sewed in threes as before, trimmed them to 5-1/2 inches high by whatever width was possible and then into a row long enough to go across the top, then a longer row down one side...



And then I took the top to my old yard to photograph it, and here was this other lovely sweet-scented rose, in perfect matching glory...

Layer and quilt as desired, bind, use, wash, love, make another!

Quilting - I like to keep quilting simple, and easy. For this I think maybe straight lines from top to bottom, or a soft spiral starting a bit off-centre...