

**February 2022**  
**Happy Valentine's Day!**  
**Pattern(s) of the Month: G and H**  
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As I continue to play with novelty fabrics for my alphabet, it made sense to look through my stash BEFORE heading to the fabric stores (even though stores and new fabrics are always more fun!)

Lo and behold, I was reminded I have a boatload of “giraffe” fabrics, all left over from a series of giraffe quilts I made starting around 2003. Why giraffes? The first fabric was a cute corduroy that I made into a baby quilt. There were, of course, pieces left over, which became a new center, and the hunt was on. From sheers to upholstery fabrics, as well as quilting cottons and embellishments, including bells. My granddaughter discovered she could make the bells ring if she ran past the quilt fast enough to build a little pressure wave. A few times a day I knew exactly where she was! I made at least five giraffe-centric quilts, and there is fabric left for more!

The new “hand” fabric, with lots of colors, is new, yet seemed perfect for today, as all of us are figuring out how we can get along better. And of course, I’m always drawn to bright colors.

The patterns are backwards for my favorite applique method, and need to be enlarged 150% for a ten-inch block. Reduce or enlarge them as needed for your desired block size.





