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# Simple Christmas Tidings: Scrappy Quilts And Projects For Yuletide Style





## **Synopsis**

In Kim Diehl's first-ever Christmas book, you'll find decoration inspiration for your family's celebration. Revel in the sight of gracious rooms all dressed up for the holidays in Kim's signature style. Enjoy more than a dozen festive projects, including a table topper, throw pillow, tree skirt, wall hangings and lap quilts, ornaments, door hangers, stockings, and more Welcome the winter season with Kim's tips for decorating your home with yuletide flair Enrich your table with Kim's scrumptious holiday recipes

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#### Customer Reviews

With just the third quilt she'd ever made, self-taught quiltmaker Kim Diehl became the winner of American Patchwork and Quilting magazine's "Pieces of the Past" quilt challenge in 1998, turning her life onto a new and unexpected path. Her work has been featured in numerous national and international quilting magazines. In addition to her best-selling "Simple" series of quilting books published with Martingale, Kim has designed several fabric collections for Henry Glass & Co., enabling her to be involved in the full circle of quiltmaking from start to finish.

This book exceeds my expectations because it not only includes nice quilt projects but because it also gives us a glimpse of who Kim Diehl, the person, is through the additional non-quilting recipes and projects and their brief story like Raspberry Kiss Thumbprint Cookies (yummy!), Cinnamon Ornaments to hang on the tree, and Snow in a Jar (love this one too!). The book includes quilt-sized

projects, a snowman pillow, several table toppers or wall hangings and a lot more. I especially like a 40.5" x 40.5" Holiday Hospitality Tree Skirt (which can simply be a table topper by not cutting/slicing it for a tree) that includes pomegranates and pineapple motifs along with stars. Since I live in Florida, the pineapple symbolism is very attractive for me and I plan to start this table topper soon for year round use. There's also some small projects like snowman, star, and wool penny tree ornaments. The nice part about the book is that nearly every project (okay, maybe not the Christmas stockings) is not exclusive to Christmas (or at least they don't have to be...just change the fabric). Some of the projects also include wool like for the snowmen. (Wool is really easy and forgiving to work with since it doesn't ravel.) Maybe I'm being anal but I really like the fact that Kim's Quiltmaking Basics like how to use a rotary cutter to straighten the edge of a piece of fabric, how to cut something on the bias, how to chain piece, how to press a block seams, etc., are at the BACK of the book for reference...not like most books that put that basic information in the front. For this book, you open it up and immediately get pulled in and excited about the projects. I'm someone who reads nearly every word of a book so when the basics are at the beginning of the book, I find myself evaluating whether or not I agree with the author's method of doing a procedure before I even get a chance to look at the projects. (Although over time I'm learning to skip the basics at first and dive into the projects then go back and do my due diligence and read all the basics. You never know...there might be something in there that I never considered before.)I'm crazy over good Christmas-related books and they are often hard to find. This book tops any that I've seen in a long time.

I sent this book to my daughter-in-law for her birthday, and she loved it. Kim Diehl is the best.

I love Christmas Quilts and this book has some great ideas. I am currently working on one using non-Christmas fabrics.

Nice book, good patterns, easy directions. Beginner to master guilter.

Beautiful quilt patterns for Christmas holiday stockings, table topper, ornaments, tree skirt, and Yuletide Cheer (wreath block) Lap Quilt.

Love the patterns. Can't wait to make them.

I have made many of the projects in this book. I think it is one of the finest that Kim Diehl has published. I think I have every single book she has published!

The book has small and large projects to complete. Patterns included with each project with easy to understand detailed instructions.

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