

A Life Gathered: Jen Kingwell's Approach to Quiltmaking

For Jen Kingwell, quilting has always been about connection — to family, to craft, to community. Long before she became a beloved designer for Moda Fabrics, Jen was a farm girl in rural Victoria, Australia, collecting fabric scraps from her neighbor's sewing room to make doll-sized curtains and bedding. That early love of making shaped everything that followed.

While studying to become a nurse, Jen learned English Paper Piecing from the women in her dormitory. That simple act of hand stitching became a lifelong anchor. She went on to own a quilt shop for many years, and it was during that time, after encouragement from Sue Spargo, that she took a leap and



attended her first Quilt Market — a decision that changed her life.

Today, Jen travels the world teaching her techniques in hand piecing, quilting, and appliqué. Her work is instantly recognizable: modern and scrappy, but rooted in vintage sensibilities. Her collections and patterns blend history with playfulness — a signature she's built over years of thoughtful design.

A Sweet Twist on Tradition

When Jen began designing fabric, she faced a challenge: how to achieve her eclectic, scrappy look within a single collection. Her solution was what she calls “Lollies” — multi-panel prints that



include eight different designs across the width of fabric. "I love creating an eclectic mix of print and color on each SKU," she says. These fabrics have since become fan favorites and the cornerstone of her new collections, Gathered Lollies and Gathered Bonbons.

The prints tie into her new book, *Gathered*, which follows her bestselling *Quilt Recipes*. Where the first book blended family recipes with quilt patterns, *Gathered* is inspired by friends, vintage quilts, and home. One print features carrots from a beloved carrot cake recipe, another nods to jam drop cookies. "I wanted to recreate the feel of quilts I made from my own stash —



but with original prints," Jen explains. *Stitching the Past to the Present*

Jen's quilting style celebrates imperfection, intuition, and joy. She draws inspiration from antique fabrics and natural surroundings, infusing them with warmth and modern color. "Inspiration is everywhere," she says. "I love putting a modern twist on old prints from the 1800s."

As she looks to 2026, Jen's calendar is already full — with teaching in the U.S. and Europe, trade shows, and more fabric collections in the works. But no matter how full her schedule becomes, her creative philosophy remains simple: keep it joyful, keep it handmade, and keep it gathered.



Gathered

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Introducing Gathered Lollies and Bonbons, Jen Kingwell's newest fabric collections with Moda.

Each of the 8 'lollies' feature 8 unique designs across the width of fabric, giving you an incredible 64 playful prints in just 8 cuts.

Available in two colourways 'Hazel' and 'Trentham', they have been designed to recreate the quilts of the same names from Jen's latest book Gathered.



CKQ 2420 Tile Sequence 64" x 80"
by Copper Kettle Quilt Co.

These vibrant, scrappy favourites are perfectly balanced by 8 Bonbons, a set of soft and versatile low-volume backgrounds.

Together, the Gathered Lollies and Bonbons create the ideal mix of colour and calm to achieve Jen's signature scrappy style with ease. Whether used for the featured quilts in Gathered or mixed into your stash, this collection is a versatile and joyful addition to your sewing.

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JKD 6011 Hazel 72" x 72"
from the book, *Gathered Quilt Recipes 2*



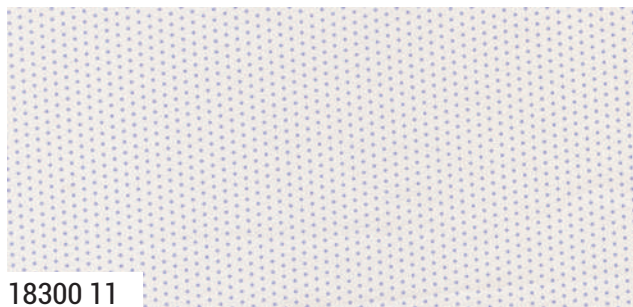
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from the book, *Gathered Quilt Recipes 2*



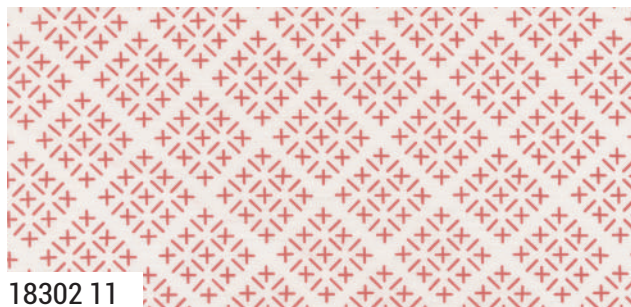


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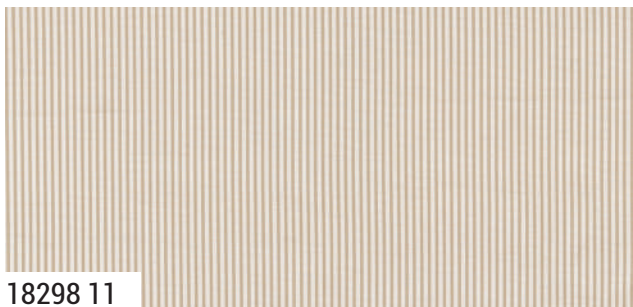
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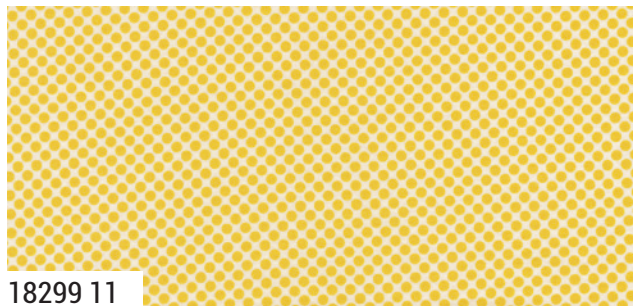
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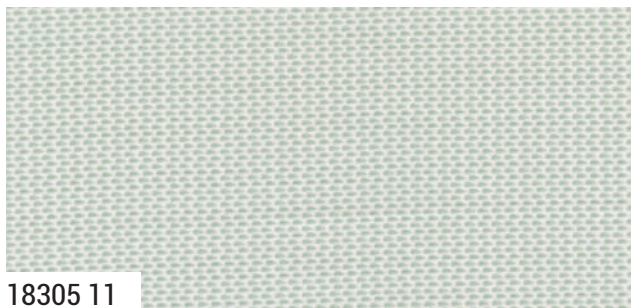
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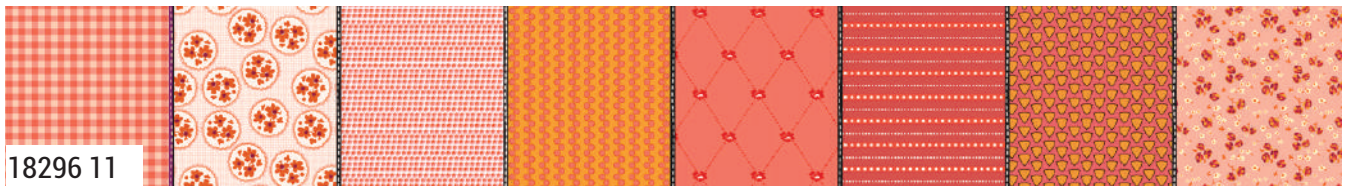
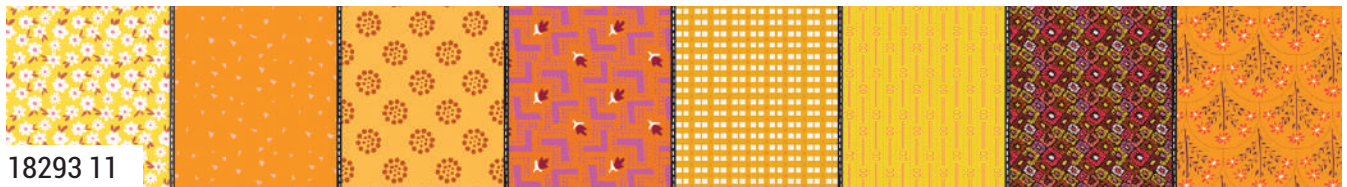
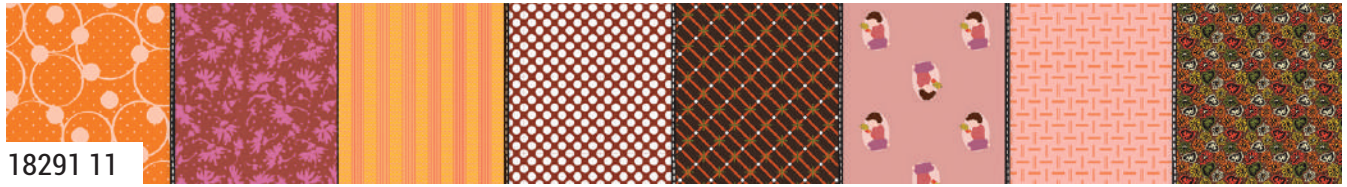
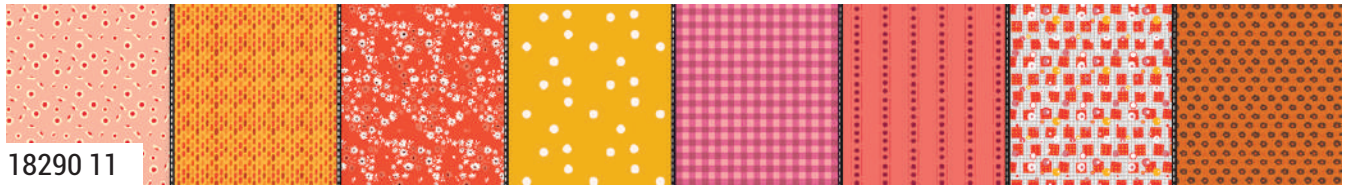
•8 Prints •100% Premium Cotton

DR includes two each of 8 skus plus 18300 & 18303-18305. HY includes all 8 skus.

JR includes five each of 8 skus. LCs, MCs & PPs include five each of 8 skus plus 18300 & 18304.

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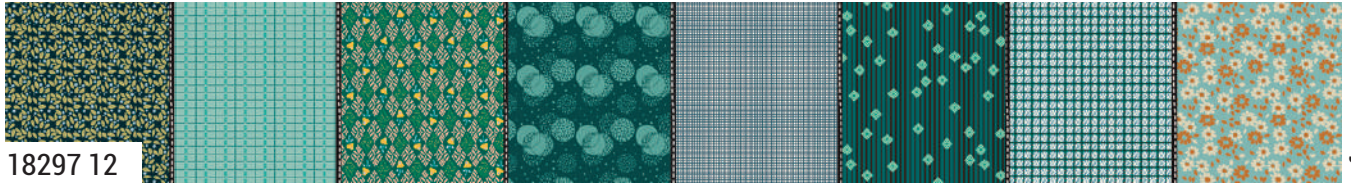
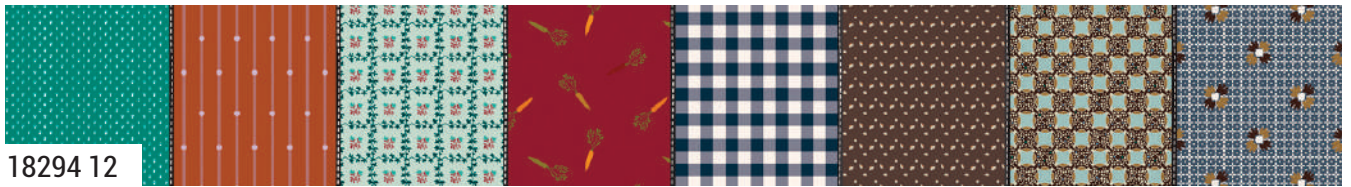
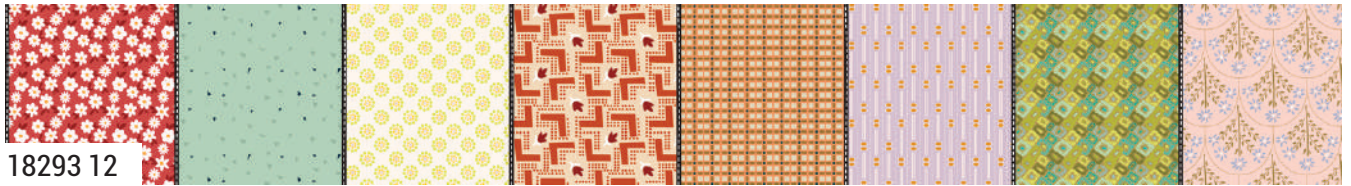
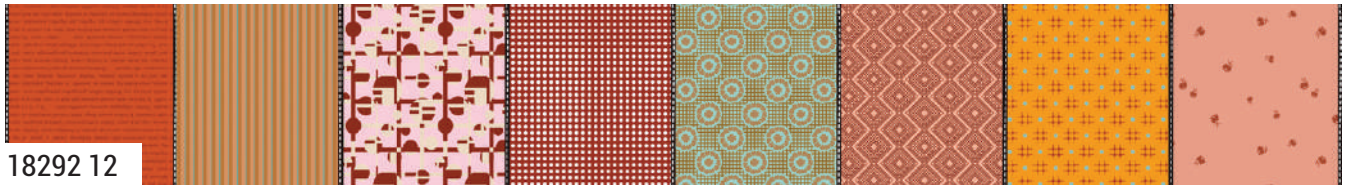
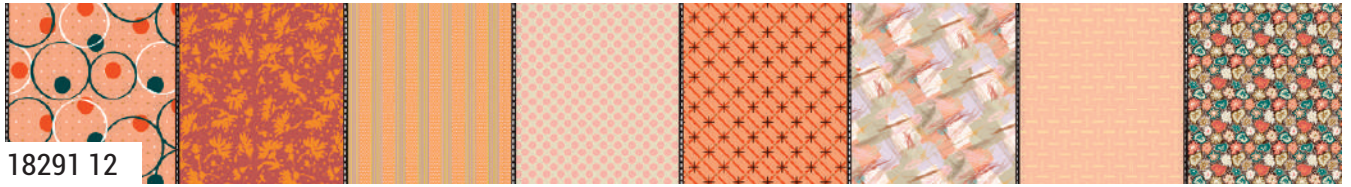
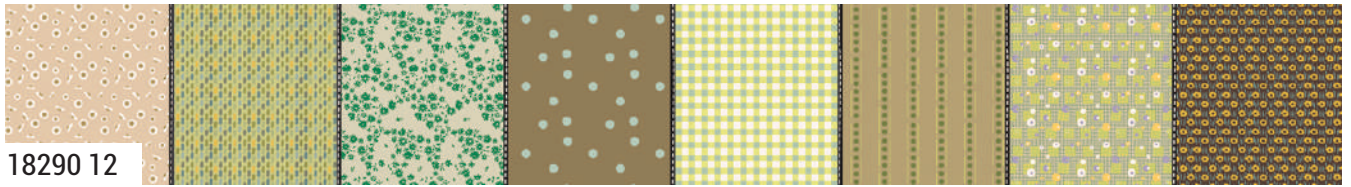


Hazel Colorways

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Trentham Colorways

18290 **Asst. 15** **Asst. 10** **DR** **HYH** **HYT** **JR** JULY DELIVERY

•16 Prints •100% Premium Cotton
DR includes 16 skus plus 18290-11, 18293-11, 18294-11 & 18297-12. HYH includes 8 skus - 18290-18297 all color 11 Hazel. HYT includes 8 skus - 18290-18297 all color 12 Trentham. JR includes two each of 16 skus plus 18290-12, 18291-12, 18292-12, 18293-12, 18294-11, 18295-11 18296-11 & 18297-12.