

## Andrea's 2026 Monthly Challenge

Please interpret the theme as you wish. There is also a theme color every month if you choose to use that in conjunction with or in place of the theme.

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Month	Theme	Description	Ideas
January	New Year, New Skill	Choose one technique or notion you've never tried (or rarely use).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Garments: Hong Kong seams, rolled hems, welt pockets</li> <li>◆ Bags: zipper tabs, vinyl sewing, boxed corners</li> <li>◆ Quilts: mitered borders, FMQ basics, rulerwork</li> </ul>
February	Cold Hands, Cozy Makes	Warm, cozy, comforting projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quilted throws, lap quilts</li> <li>◆ Hoodies, cardigans, flannel garments</li> <li>◆ Padded bags, insulated totes</li> <li>◆ Texture-heavy or layered projects</li> </ul>
March	National Quilting Month	Make a small project (not required to be quilted).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 12" mini quilt</li> <li>◆ Mug rug</li> <li>◆ Small pouch</li> <li>◆ Mini garment accessory (scrunchie, headband, belt bag)</li> </ul>
April	Spring Clean the Stash: Use that Fabric!	Use a fabric you've been saving, avoiding, or hoarding. The interpretation is half the fun!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Your oldest stash fabric</li> <li>◆ Something orphaned</li> <li>◆ A "why did I buy this?" print</li> </ul>
May	May I Touch That?	Focus on how your project feels, not just how it looks. Use texture in any form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quilting: trapunto, FMQ texture, puff quilting</li> <li>◆ Garments: pleats, pintucks, ruching</li> <li>◆ Bags: cork, vinyl, waxed canvas, quilting texture</li> </ul>
June	Switch It Up: Try a New Category	Make something outside your usual comfort zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quilter → small bag or garment accessory</li> <li>◆ Bag maker → quilt block or quilted panel</li> <li>◆ Garment maker → patchwork or quilted garment</li> </ul>
July	Scrap It Like It's Hot	Use up some of those scraps!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quilters: crumb blocks, improv</li> <li>◆ Garments: scrappy pockets, patchwork skirts/totes</li> <li>◆ Bag makers: scrap linings, pieced exteriors</li> </ul>
August	Too Hot to Seam-Rip	Quick Make Challenge- Make something you can finish in under 2 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Zip bags</li> <li>◆ Pillow covers</li> <li>◆ Luggage tags</li> <li>◆ Simple tops</li> <li>◆ Placemats or hot pads</li> </ul>
September	Back to Basics	Revisit a fundamental skill and improve. Or use a technique you want to get better at.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Garment: darts, zippers, buttonholes, french seams</li> <li>◆ Quilting: half-square triangles, binding corners, free-motion quilting</li> <li>◆ Bags: strap making, interfacing choices</li> </ul>
October	Layer it up	Focus on layers—fabric, batting, pockets, panels, or textures. Build depth into your project in any way you like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Garments: vests, cardigans, layering pieces</li> <li>◆ Bags: pockets, flaps, layered exteriors</li> <li>◆ Quilts with borders or pieced backs</li> </ul>
November	Sew Substainable	Use something recycled, upcycled, or repurposed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Denim jeans → tote</li> <li>◆ Old shirts → quilt blocks</li> <li>◆ Leftover batting → pot holders</li> <li>◆ Scraps → zipper pouches</li> </ul>
December	Giftable Makes	Make a handmade gift:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Quilted table runner</li> <li>◆ Tote bag</li> <li>◆ Pajama pants</li> <li>◆ Apron</li> <li>◆ Ornaments</li> <li>◆ Hot pads</li> <li>◆ Pouch sets</li> </ul>