

THE WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER IS OVER CHALLENGE

There is no force greater than an idea who's time has come.....

I had a lovely telephone call from my good friend Karen Osatchuk the other day. She was calling to check up on me and once we exchanged our stories of isolation and thoughts on the situation, she told me she had been digging through her UFO's – her vault, as she affectionately refers to it as.

Karen: "I came across a UFO project that I think you have done too! I thought of you instantly and decided to just call."

Me: "Oh? What UFO are we talking about?"

Karen: "Topsy Turvy.... The pattern is a Japanese pattern with lots of applique and all the fabrics are Diawbo (Japanese wovens). I'm sure you've done this too – remember?"

Me: "Um... well (suddenly feeling very guilty and like I need to confess), yes, I do remember that pattern and kit. Mine is in the perpetual UFO stage too!"

We chuckled and she continued to tell me that along with the pattern and kits in the bin from the vault was the receipt! Uh oh... confession time... 2005!!! We decided that 15 years of marinating is plenty long enough. What better time than now to get working on it.

Karen: "I've always loved this project and I knew it was there. Just waiting for the right time to work on it, I guess."

Me: "Oh Karen..... you have given me the BEST idea...."

I collaborated with a few others, including Kathy Strawson who told me about Cheryl Arkinson's UFO Challenge a while back. Cheryl was conducting a bit of research along with presenting her challenge – also an interesting idea. I contacted Cheryl and she has given permission for me to use her research questions for our WAAITT Challenge.

Your part....

1. Fill out this questionnaire and send it to me (Kim Caskey, program@edgg.ca or 780-288-9008)

Grab a pencil (you'll need to be able to erase!) and a cup of your beverage of choice. **Fill out this questionnaire and send it to me.** Send it ANY way you can – email, text, take a photo of your hand written page and send that to me, or just plain call me and I'll scribe on my end.

The point is WE WANT YOUR PARTICIPATION. Even if you go no further with finishing your UFO's, we'd like to collect this information from as many members as possible.

2. Register for the WAAITT Challenge

- **Complete the registration form.** We'll buddy you up with another registered member – to stay connected, to keep each other accountable, to have a bit of fun.
- **List your projects under the appropriate headings** (if you need more paper, let me know). List ALL your projects, not just the ones you think you want to finish now. This will serve as a good record.
- **Commit to finish.** Choose at least ONE project to commit to finishing between now and when we get together again (hopefully September meeting). The more finishes you have, the more prizes you are eligible for. If you want to add to your commitment list as the weeks go on, let your buddy know. Hold each other accountable. Share your wins. Share your finishes. Have fun while staying creative and productive!

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SURVEY

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. How many projects (total) under construction do you THINK you have?

Don't go into your vault just yet. Spend a few minutes thinking about your projects and list as many as you can without actually physically counting (and unearthing) them. You might categorize them using the five categories we've suggested (Flimsie – finished top needs quilting and binding, Oh So Close – maybe just needs borders, True UFO – older than 3 years, WIP – actively working on, Dream Bin – pattern and fabric chosen, not started).

Flimsie – finished top, needs quilting and binding

Oh So Close – maybe just needs borders

True UFO – older than 3 years

WIP – work in progress, actively working on

Dream Bin – pattern and fabric chosen, not started

More than 20

11 - 20

6 - 10

2 - 5

Only 1

Prefer not to answer

2. Does this number stress you out?

No – never

Not really, but I wish I could finish more

Yes – but only sometimes

Yes – all the time

Prefer not to answer

3. How many is too many?

No such thing

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4. Hung up at.... Where in the process do you generally stop working on a quilt/project? (choose all that apply)

After cutting

Sewing the blocks

Assembling the top

Adding the border(s)

Making a backing

Basting

Quilting

Binding (sleeve & label)

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5. **What makes you stop working on a quilt/project?** (choose all that apply)

- Expired inspiration / bored
- Over my skill level
- Uncertainty about quilting plans
- Another more interesting/motivating project
- Time
- Other (please explain)

6. **How many projects under construction do you REALLY have?**

Now is the time to visit your vault – or closet – or drawer – or shelf – or bin – or wherever you have tucked away all those unfinished projects and physically count your unfinished projects. Revisit your list from #1 above and list ALL your unfinished projects, using the categories.

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7. Once you have completed this survey, please submit it to me. You can scan and email it, send a hard copy through the mail, or call me and I'll scribe on my end.

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