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Nocturne (n.) – a love song to the night

We are aspiring astronomers and have spent many winter nights gazing heavenwards trying to glimpse distant planets and stars.

On our first outing with the telescope we ate bangers (sausages) and beans round the bonfire and then took it in turns to peer at the moon in all its pale, shadowy splendour.

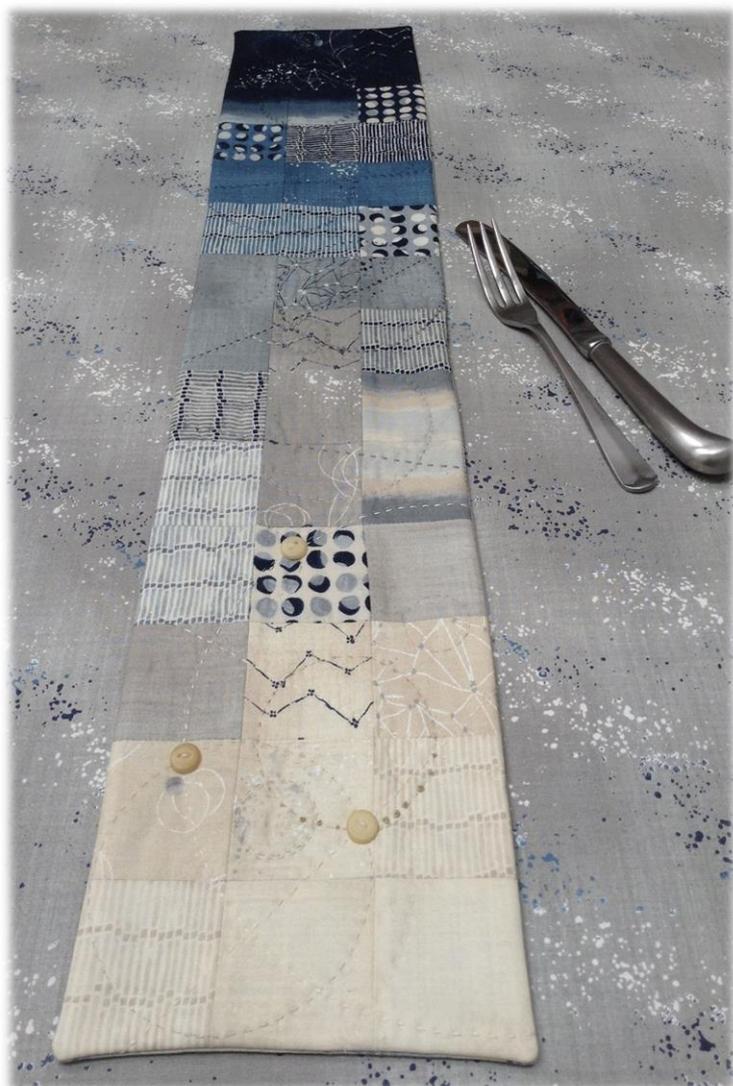
But my favourite star gazing evening was spent watching a meteor shower. We sat wrapped in blankets and looked up to catch the occasional glimpse of rapidly streaking light.

Coming inside hours later, chilled to the bone and with a creak in your neck is a small price to pay for a night full of stars bright above you.

Nocturne Table Runner

Quick and easy machine piecing with hand quilting, embroidery and buttons

Finished runner measures 28 x 6 inches



Requirements

- One Nocturne 2 1/2 inch candy mini charm pack
- 30 x 8 inches wadding
- 28 1/2 x 6 1/2 inches backing fabric
- Indigo, grey, blue and cream sewing and embroidery threads
- A variety of circular objects to draw round
- Removable fabric pen
- Ruler
- 3 cream buttons



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Instructions

1. Lay out the candy squares in nine rows of three, starting from the darkest indigo and ending with the palest cream. Chain piece together.
2. With the removable fabric pen draw overlapping circles in many different sizes. Draw four diagonal lines spaced across the narrow width.
3. Place wadding behind the runner.
4. Hand quilt in a variety of thread colours and weights, adding subtle imagery and texture.
5. Stitch three buttons on the palest part of the runner, placing them where circles join or overlap so they remind you of planets in orbit.
6. Trim wadding to size.
7. With right sides together and a quarter inch seam allowance stitch all around the table runner leaving an opening for turning.
8. Turn right side out. Press and slipstitch opening closed.
9. Place runner on table with candlelight, snacks and wine and admire your handiwork with good friends!

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