First Romance

Kristyne Czepuryk of pretty by hand

About Kristyne

Kristyne made her first quilt when she was 19, and as she puts it “I’m a walking cliche.” She married her high school sweetheart, became a stay at home mom, is inspired by her two daughters and PINK is her favorite color! After the birth of her second daughter, she decided to make herself a new diaper bag. From there, she ended up selling her own original designs—handbags, wallets, pillows and more! She then taught bag-making classes and over the next 10 years has made many display quilts, wrote an embroidery book, started a pattern company and can’t seem to step away from fabric, embroidery thread and her sewing machine! Kristyne is always looking for that next pretty thing to make!
First Romance... because my creative first loves are sewing and quilting, and this is my debut collection as a fabric designer. I am also a romantic at heart, adoring all things that speak to romance. I am drawn to patchwork with small pieces so these prints have been created with that in mind. These tiny prints are perfect for quilts, bags, sweet café curtains and pillows, even little girl’s dresses – any kind of creative project that works best with small-scale pieces and prints. My hope is that the bright, happy prints in this feedsack-inspired collection evoke feelings of youth, sweetness and a sense of naïveté, and that First Romance will inspire you to make many pretty little things by hand.