

the
Blended
QUILT



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Sadie's Coconut Carrot Cake

Ingredients:

1 cup coconut oil	1 ¹ / ₃ cups shredded coconut
2 cups sugar	2 cups grated raw carrots
3 eggs	1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice
2 cups flour	½ cup chopped nuts
2½ teaspoons baking soda	
2 teaspoons cinnamon	
1 teaspoon salt	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat oil, sugar, and eggs together. Add flour and dry ingredients, and beat until smooth. Add coconut, carrots, pineapple, and nuts. Pour into a greased 9x13-inch pan and bake for 50 to 60 minutes. When cool, frost with coconut frosting.

Coconut Frosting

Ingredients:

1 cup shredded coconut	3 cups powdered sugar
3 ounces cream cheese	1 tablespoon milk
¼ cup margarine or butter	½ teaspoon vanilla

Toast coconut. Cool. Cream the cream cheese with margarine. Alternately add powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla, and beat until smooth. Add half of the toasted coconut. Frost the cake. Top with rest of the coconut.

Discussion Questions:

1. For a while, Wyman had a hard time sticking with any job. He became bored easily and was always looking for something better. This affected his relationship with Sadie. Have you ever known someone like that or become easily dissatisfied yourself? Is it best to keep changing jobs, hoping to find the right one, or should a person stick with a position they don't like?
2. Sadie got caught up in the excitement of making her blended quilt and didn't help around the house as much as she used to. This caused some dissension between Sadie and her sisters. Do you think Sadie was inconsiderate or selfish? Or was she simply so caught up in her new project that she wasn't aware that she was shirking her duties?
3. When an older woman's purse was snatched in a parking lot, Sadie came to her rescue and got the purse back. Have you ever been faced with something similar—either having something taken from you or been on the scene to rescue and return an item for someone else? How did you feel about the situation? Would you have accepted or given a reward for the good deed?
4. After Sadie inherited a large sum of money, she was able to quit her job and concentrate on writing a book. How did self-publishing a book affect Sadie's life? Do you think it changed her personality? How did it affect her relationship with her friends and family? Was there something she could have done to make things better?

5. How did Sadie's parents and siblings feel when they received a smaller inheritance from their aunt's estate while Sadie got such a large one? How would you react if you were in a similar situation—either on the less receiving end or acquiring more than the rest of your family because of an inheritance?

6. Wyman's brother and his wife, Lovina, were faced with some problems that affected their marriage. The answers came when they agreed to see a marriage counselor. If your marriage were in trouble, would you be willing to see a counselor and follow their advice to make some necessary changes?

7. After Sadie's friend Mandy suffered a miscarriage, she sank into depression. Have you or someone you know ever been so depressed you could barely function? What are some things a person can do when depression takes hold?

8. When Sadie was in the sewing room looking over patterns to create the blended quilt, she'd said that she wouldn't quit until she came up with the right combination. Have you ever started a project and struggled to get it done? If you didn't finish it, did you have any regrets? If you were able to finish your project, how did it make you feel?

9. Why do you think Sadie was so determined to write a book about her blended quilt and the trip to Hawaii she'd made with her friends? Have you ever wanted something so badly that you put the goal of achieving it ahead of your relationship with others?

10. Wyman liked to keep his buggy clean and looking good. Is there a point when a person can let an object become his or her main focus? What can someone do to avoid this temptation?

11. Do you think Sadie and Wyman's relationship went downhill because he wasn't supportive enough, or did it have more to do with Sadie putting her needs ahead of his?

12. When Sadie was trying to decide whether to write a second book, her friend Ellen gave her some sound advice. How do you handle your decision-making? Do you ever seek out a friend for clarification? Should prayer and seeking God's will be a part of it?

13. Were there any verses of scripture in this book that spoke to your heart or made you think about some area of your life that needs to be changed?

14. While reading this book, did you learn anything new about the way Amish people think or do things in their everyday life?