

I found these quilt retreat activity ideas on the internet. Here is what you'll need for the weekend.

1. Bring several jellyroll strips if you'd like to play "Strip Poker" –

Strip Poker - Bring as many good quality, 100% cotton 2-1/2" strips of fabric (cut from a piece of fabric, crosswise - about 40" long) as you would like to play with. A strip is "ante-ed" and cards are dealt. The player with the highest card wins all the strips! We'll play this randomly several times during the weekend for a fun break.

2. Bring some fun & inexpensive little gifts – (a Hershey's kiss, a travel size hand lotion, a single serving size of potato chips, an item you rec'd for Christmas that you will never use, a sewing related item, fun flavored lip gloss, etc. – get creative!) we'll reveal our secret pal at the end of the day. Found this explanation online:

Secret Stitchers

We drew names and left small gifts or treats for our secret stitcher throughout the weekend. I loved the secret stitcher fun. In one big open room filled with 36 busy women, secret activity had to be creative. By Sunday I realized that I rarely noticed any secret deliveries anywhere by anyone. Yet, things kept popping up all around me at every one's chair or machine. These girls were good at this. I can only guess that I was so engrossed in my project that I didn't notice. Not that my progress would indicate concentration, nor progress for that matter.

The secret stitcher got us talking to each other about little things. These treats and surprises were ice breakers and invitations. Some retreaters simply didn't leave their sewing machines often or for very long. In those cases, a middle man was needed. I was part of a third party covert delivery. I don't know where the goodies came from, nor how many retreaters were involved. But I enjoyed being the last link in that chain as I announced 'delivery for Donna, delivery for Donna' while giving a gift on someone's behalf.

- 3. Bring any "show & tell" items you have.**
- 4. We'll have a pajama party on Saturday evening. Wear your most outrageous PJ's (or not) and practice your favorite joke.**
- 5. We'll play several fun little games (quilting word search, name that block, thimble toss, don't say that, etc.) during the weekend... We'll have teams and prizes!!!**
- 6. If you have any other ideas, please email me. Participating in all activities is optional, but you won't want to miss out on any of the fun! Bev**