### We're **CRAZY** about **Scrap Mania** at Merry's!

We want to see your Scrap Mania project! Send or email us a photo and we'll share it on our website...we'll even send you a special *scrap mania coupon!* Need some inspiration on how to lay out your blocks? Stop by the shop and pick up our layout guide pattern with some great light/dark ideas that make fantabulous designs!



#### New Fabric Collections arriving soon at Merry's

- Northwoods Botanical by Holly Taylor for Moda
- Makin' New Friends by Deb Strain for Moda
- Me & My Sister Designs Favorites for Moda
- Fruitcake by Basic Grey for Moda
- Wrapped in Paisley by Kansas Troubles for Moda
- Adoring by Sandy Gervias for Moda
  - At Home for the Holidays by Anka's Treasures for Henry Glass ...and so much more!



about new
collections arriving in
the shop, class
updates, event
reminders and more!
Just drop an email to
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and we'll put you on

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What better than a bit of sunshine to inspire your quilting?? The new green grass, the pretty colorful blooms of the daffodils and tulips...AND the new spring displays and fabric at MERRY'S!

If you haven't been in the shop for a while — you need to stop in a see us! Between giving classes, a trip to Ireland, remodeling the kitchen, and re-arranging the shop (Whew! That's a lot!)... we've been busy stitchin' up new samples in all the bright and fun fabrics from your favorite designers.

We have a trip to market planned in May, so be sure to mark your calendar for our "After-Market Shindig" in June to see all the NEW goodies. We're also working on putting together a couple of "Limo Fun Days," where you and your friends can sign up for a day of shop hopping around the region, escorted by a great limo service. More details coming soon!

The following pages of our newsletter outline our class schedule through the end of August with some fun new classes and some opportunities for beginner quilters, too! Set aside the weekend of **August 12-15** for our big **Shop-to-Shop Hop**. There are some fabulous prizes to be won! And, we

are exciting for our **2nd Merry's Stitchins Garage Sale** to be held September 10-12.

Have you been getting our emails? We periodically send out specials or reminders to our email readers — so get your email on our list! Drop a note to us at merrys@jtt.net.

Happy Quilting!!

Merry & the team





We're On the Web!

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#### **General Class Supply List**

- 1. Sewing Machine
- 2. Cutting Mat
- 3. Rulers
- 4. Rotary Cutter
- 5. Thread
- 6. Scissors, seam ripper, etc.



\*All day class fee includes lunch and afternoon dessert.



### MAY 2010



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Mother's Pay	10	11	12	FAB 13	14	15
16	17	18	19		21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Merry's Stash	28	29 5th Saturday
30	31			Society 1 PM or 7 PM		

5th Saturdays Stuff Your Bag Day Bring your Merry's Tote Bag and fill it up! Receive 10% off everything you can stuff inside! Need a bag? Get one at Merry's for just \$6.00

## **Fat Thursday:** <u> 12 pre-cut fats for \$20</u>





NEW from Pieces of My Heart "Abundance" \*Kits available!\*



NEW from Art To Heart Plant Stake Hangers and banner

From the book: Garden Song



New Table Cozees! \*Kits Available\*



Have you seen our new Merry's Stitchins Project Bags? 4 sizes to pick from. Stop in and pick one up today!



# STASH

DIYE IN!



## 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

Got MSS?

meets the last Thursday of each month

If you haven't joined yet you are definitely missing out!



Get a great newsletter each month, and if you're caught wearing your MSS t-shirt when

we meet, you will receive a free pattern! Show n' tell your finished projects and your name goes in for our big year-end drawing. We have demo's, treats, door prizes and more! Don't forget your 3 ring binder!

#### Paint Sticks!

#### Friday, June 4 1 to 3:00pm

This fun technique is becoming more popular with many designers. (including Julie from Patch Abilities!) Come learn the basics of using the Shiva paint sticks to stencil on fabric.

Class fee \$15.00 plus supplies



## "Almost Traditional" Wedding Ring Saturday, June 12 9:00—3:00pm

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Aahhh..a June wedding...Merry will guide you through the steps to create your own traditional wedding ring quilt using the technique from Quiltsmart. Class fee \$25.00 plus supplies



June 2010

Sat

Mini Lone

Star class

<sup>12</sup>Wedding

Ring class

Fri

Paint Sticks

class

Mini Long Star
Saturday, June 5 9:00—3:00pm
Bertha's Mini Lone Star is paper
pieced for precision!
Makes a perfect block to
showcase on your 12" stand.
Class fee \$25.00; book and velum

foundation required



#### A Beginner's "Get Your Feet Wet" Class

Wed

<sup>16</sup> Beginner's

class

23

Tue

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Thu

10 FAB Club 11 1 to 3

or 6 to 8

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Thursday

24 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM

Wednesday, June 16 9:00—3:00pm Want to learn the basics? Get your "feet wet" and make a small quilted table topper. You'll learn the basics cover rotary cutting, fabric selection, design and layout, and construction techniques.

Class fee \$25.00 plus supplies



after market shindig!

#### Friday and Saturday, June 25-26

Merry and the team shopped 'til they dropped at the International Quilt Market in Minneapolis...and with the shopping so close, they brought home a whole van full of new quilting necessities. Come see all the new goodies... and pick up a door prize just for fun! Bring along a friend to share in all the excitement.

#### **Machine Quilting 101 Class:** July 7 or July 10 9 AM—12PM



Have you always wanted to learn how to machine quilt? Here is your chance! In 3 hours Merry will have you quilting like a pro. Learn the rhythm of free-motion quilting, machine settings and stitch patterns. Bring your own machine. Class fee \$15 includes muslin & batting)

#### Merry's Stash

#### Society

meets the last Thursday of each month



1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

#### **Mystery Bag Class**

Saturday, July 24 9 AM—3PM



We've always got our eye out for a new bag...and we found a really fun one at market! The class sample will be revealed at our After Market Shindig. Class Fee \$25 pattern required

#### TWIST AND TURN

Wednesday, July 14 9 AM—3PM

We love this quilt done in the black and whites...or any color combination! Bonnie will teach you construction of these simple blocks. Class Fee \$25 pattern required



This quilt can be addicting. Once you finish one, you'll want to make more!



#### **Tumbling Blocks Class** Saturday, July 30 9 AM—3PM

These aren't your grandmothers tumbling blocks! This strip pieced technique is a cinch. Come make your blocks with Bertha.

Class Fee \$25 pattern required \*kits available\*





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#### Little Charmer 5 Runner:

Wednesday, August 18 9 AM—3 PM

Pick out a charm pack, plus a little background yardage and put together a table runner.

Great project for novice quilters!

Class fee \$25 pattern required

\*kits available\*

#### Crazy Harvest Moon: Saturday, August 28 9 AM—3 PM

Get ready for fall...This Buggy Barn quilt combines their crazy piecing method with a little wool touch. Make a wall hanging size or a lap quilt.

Class fee \$25 pattern required \* kits available\*



## Shop-to-Shop Hop Fat 1/8 Frenzy! August 12-15

#### Seven shops in four days — you can do it!

Each stop will feature a free pattern. Visit them all to win some fabulous prizes, including a trip to the AQS Show in Des Moines or a \$50 gift certificate from each of the seven shops. Shop to Shop Hop stops include:

- Merry's Stitchins, Jesup
- Heritage Designs, Amana
- Fern Hill Gifts and Quilts, South Amana
- Connie's Quilt Shop, Marion
- Quilters Quarters, Independence
- The Quiltmaker's Shoppe, Manchester
- Cottage Rose, Marion