



Kansas Troubles

2011 Block of the Month

We're seeing DOUBLE! 2011 Block of the Month features **2 blocks** for your buck each month. And we have **two** color ways for your choosing (or do both!) The quilt finishes at 67" x 94." We recommend that you order your finishing kits early!



30's Reproductions

For those of you who aren't close to the shop to pick up your blocks each month, we will be offering our block of the month online. Kits will be sent out quarterly (three blocks at a time) for \$12.00 including shipping.

Stop by the shop to sign up or place an order at www.merrysstitchins.com today!

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Happy New Year!

NEW NEW NEW! Our newsletter is filled with NEW quilting ideas and classes to inspire you to reconnect with your sewing machine. We just love those snowy evenings when we can stay in our cozy quarters and work on our projects. So...better get to Merry's ahead of the storm to stock up!

We are so excited about our new Butterscotch Club that will start January 13th. We think the English Paper Piecing, along with the appliqué creates a unique quilt. We have several new English Paper Piecing patterns from designer Sue Daley of Australia. Sign up for a class to learn her new time saving techniques.



AND...we've decided to expand our civil war reproduction section in the shop in 2011, so watch for new samples and new fabrics from Jo Morton. A new line from Kansas Troubles will be here soon, as well a fresh spring line from Sweetwater by Moda. There's more fabric coming too..so watch your email and Facebook page for updates!

Have you seen the new Monthly Mini's in the shop? Patch Abilities has a new series to fit the 12"x14" stand. Check out the details of the program in our newsletter or online. Julie is opening up a retreat center in 2011, too...so check out that information and get your quilting buddies together for a weekend get-a-way.



Our Merry's Stash Society is still going strong and you can always join in the fun. Just wear your tee shirt and come to our gatherings on the last Thursday of the month. You'll get a free pattern, a demo, see what's new in the shop, and be inspired with show and tell from our talented club members. Heck..you might even win a door prize!

Make plans to visit the shop on Super Bowl Sunday, and to see all the goodies at the I-80 Shopping Spree in February. Also...mark your calendar for the Spring Along Highway 20 Shop Hop in April.

See you soon!

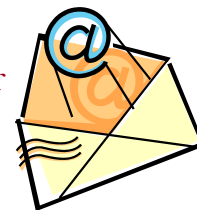
Merry & the team

We're On the Web! www.merrysstitchins.com

Snail Mail and Email

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Email: merrys@jtt.net Thanks!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Dec 31st Shop Closed	1 Shop Closed
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Log Cabin Class
9	10	11	12 Wool Candle Wrap Class	13 Butterscotch Club	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 FAT Thursday	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 3 PM	28 Snow Dazzle Class	29 5th Saturday Return the Favor
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Wool Felt Candle Wrap

Wed., Jan. 12

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Learn the basics of working with wool or wool felt. No machine needed.

\$15.00 plus kit

Snow Dazzle Glass

Friday, January 28

9:00 AM to 3 PM

Bertha will dazzle you with how to create bias curve blocks for this wintery quilt. Class fee \$25 Pattern required. Kits available.



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

Baby, it's cold outside...Time to snuggle in and QUILT!

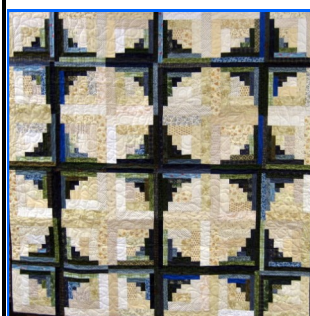
Log Cabin Glass

Saturday, January 8

9:00 AM to 3 PM

Merry will guide you through the steps to a log cabin with a curve

(don't worry, no curved seams!) Marti Michell ruler required. Class fee \$25



Return the Favor

Jan. 29 & 30

2 days for making simple quilts to give to terminal and seriously ill.

Traer Memorial Bldg. 414 Main St. Traer, IA

Jobs for everyone! Potluck also.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 6th

At Merry's, we call it Super Shopping Day! We'll have some Super Deals for you, too. Stop in and see us from 10 AM to 4 PM.

1-80 Quilt

Shopper's

One-Stop

Shopping Spree

Sunday, Feb. 20 10-5

Monday, Feb. 21 10-4

Little Amana

Clarion Inn

I-80 Exit 225

11 vendors all

in one spot

offering books,

fabric, notions and kits



Nine-Patch Gatherings



Wed., February 9

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Learn the quick technique for making little nine-patch blocks from 5" or 3 1/2" squares. Several projects in the book to choose from. Class fee \$15.00 Book required.

Six Pack Bag Class

Saturday, Feb. 5

9:00 to 3:00



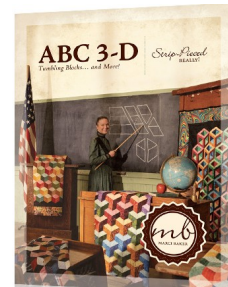
Grab a six pack and make a bag (a six pack of fat quarters, that is!) Choose from three different patterns —great project for beginners. Class fee \$25.00 Pattern required.

ABC 3-D Class

Saturday, February 26 9:00 to 3:00 PM

This book is full of awesome 3-D quilts that are actually strip pieced! Bertha will help you with choosing fabrics and the piecing techniques for a successful project.

Class fee \$25.00 Book required.



"The Early Bird"



Wed., February 23

9:00 to 3:00 PM

This Whimsical little birdy will teach you the basics of needle turn appliqué.

Book required.

Kits available.

Class fee \$25.00

English Paper Piecing

Saturday, February 19

9:00 to 12:00 PM

It's not only about hexagons anymore! Come learn the basics and some new time saving techniques we learned from Sue Daley of Australia.

This is a great portable project—no machine needed!

Class fee \$15.00 Kit required.

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Six Pack Bag Class
6 SUPER BOWL Shop open 10-4	7	8	9 Nine Patch Gatherings Class	10 Butterscotch Club	11	12
13	14 BE MINE	15	16	17 FAT Thursday	18	19 English Paper Piecing Class
20 1-80 Shopping Spree!	21	22	23 Appliqué Class "The Early Bird"	24 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	25	26 ABC 3-D Class
27	28					

Machine Quilting 101 Glass

Saturday, March 5 9 AM—12PM

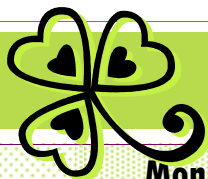
Have you always wanted to learn how to machine quilt? Here is your chance! In 3 hours Merry will have you quilting like a pro. Learn the rhythm of free-motion quilting, machine settings and stitch patterns. Bring your own machine. *Class fee \$15 includes muslin & batting*



St. Patrick's Irish Chain

Thursday, March 17 9:00 to 3:00

What better day to start an Irish quilt? Merry will show you some power cutting and strip piecing to make quick work of this quilt. *Class fee \$25.00 Pattern required.*



March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i>
6	7	8	9 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	10 <i>Butterscotch Club</i>	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	17 <i>Irish Chain Class</i> FAT Thursday	18	19 <i>Maddie Bea's class</i>
20	21	22	23 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	24	25	26 <i>Double Wedding Ring</i>
27	28	29	30 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	31 <i>Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM</i>		



Beginner's Class Sampler Quilt

6 sessions on
Wednesdays
1 PM to 4 PM
March 9 - April 13

Learn the basics of quilt making! We will complete a Sampler Quilt with six simple blocks and teach you the skills you need to tackle your next project. Bring your own machine.

Class Fee \$75, plus materials.

Maddie Bea's Glass

Sat., March 19

9:00 to 3:00

Make a lap and a miniature at the same time! A unique template is used in this strip pieced civil war reproductions quilt. *Class fee \$25.00 Pattern required.*



"Almost Traditional" Wedding Ring

Saturday, March 26

9:00—3:00pm

Get started on those summer wedding gifts now! 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



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	7 Spring Along 20 Shop Hop	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Beginner 1 to 4</i>	14 <i>Butterscotch Club</i>	15	16 <i>Floor Cloth Class</i>
17	18	19	20	21 FAT Thursday	22	23
24 Happy Easter	25	26	27	28 <i>Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM</i>	29	30 <i>5th Saturday</i>



"No Sew" Floor Cloth

Saturday, April 16
9:00—3:00pm

You can even invite your non-quilting friends to take this class with you! Create functional floor cloths to match any décor. Some pre-class prep work required. Supply kits available. *Class fee \$25.00 plus supplies*

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

Our Spring Shop Hop takes you to three great quilt shops along Highway 20. Grab your quilting buddies and visit all three to qualify for some great prizes!

April 7-9, 2010

- Merry's Stitchins, Jesup
- The Quiltmaker, Manchester
- Vintage Threads, Dyersville

**MERRY'S
STASH
SOCIETY**



DIVE IN!

Got MSS?

1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

meets the last Thursday of each month

If you haven't joined yet you are definitely missing out! Join Merry's Stash Society to socialize and have some well deserved fun! Buy a MSS shirt and if you're caught wearing it 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!



Class Registration Form for

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Name:	
Email:	
Address:	Phone:
Class Name:	Class Date:
Please include this form along with your check and send to Merry's Stitchins at the address listed above. Call the shop if you have any questions or to check about additional supplies needed. 319-827-6703	

Things to bring to class...

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 dessert.*

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Shop will be closed on:

- December 31-Jan 1

FAT
Thursday

**3rd Thursday of
the month, get
12 fat quarters
for \$20
a savings of
over \$10!**

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E-newsletter and
e-mail updates!



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New for 2011

Butterscotch Club

This new quilt from Sue Daley Designs of Australia was one of our favorites at Fall Market. It combines hand appliqué and English paper piecing to create a simply stunning quilt.

We are going to offer this project as a 6-month club, meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 PM or 6 to 8 PM. Class fee for the first two sessions will be \$15 each for the needle turn appliqué,

and then the English Paper Piecing. \$5.00 sit and sew sessions will follow. Call the shop to sign up and reserve your first kit!



NEW Patch Abilities Retreat Center

My daughter Julie, aka Miss Patch Abilities, has fallen in love (gee . . . maybe a wedding soon!) and has decided to rent out her lovely home in the NE Iowa countryside to creative-rich groups of gals for quilt retreats! Yep, you heard it here first. It really is a true get-a-way with lovely views and great accommodations for retreats. She can house up to 8 ladies at a time. Visit her new website or give her a call to schedule your retreat! Office (563)535-5352 or www.patchabilities.com



New Fabric Collections arriving soon at Merry's

- *Dilly Dally by Me and My Sister*
- *Perennials by Kansas Troubles*
- *Sunkissed by Sweetwater*
- *Are We there Yet by Maywood*
- *Evergreens and Toasty by Jo Morton*
- *Winterberry Lane by Whimsicals*
- *Dragonfly Summer by Holly Taylor*
- ...and much more!



Monthly Mini's Series #4



Here's the scoop on the program...

Initial fee of \$ 25.00 buys your stand. Then, you will have 12 recurring charges of \$ 26.50 for your monthly minis. Kits are complete with the pattern, fabric kit, buttons, and a header for your new stand.

We can ship them, too!

Ready to sign up? Give us a call at Merry's 319-827-6703 and we'll get you started with your first month!