

FAT Thursday

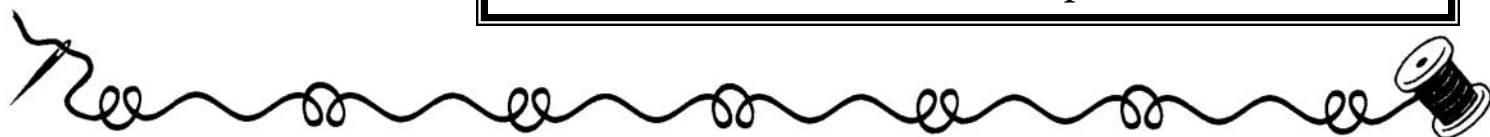
**3rd Thursday of the
month, get 12 fat
quarters for \$25**

NEW Patch Abilities Retreat Center

Located between Waukon and Lansing, the Patch Abilities Retreat Center is a true get-a-way with lovely views and great accommodations for retreats.

Up to 8 ladies at a time can gather and stitch to their heart's content. Visit her new website or give her a call to schedule your retreat!

Office (563)535-5352 or www.patchabilities.com



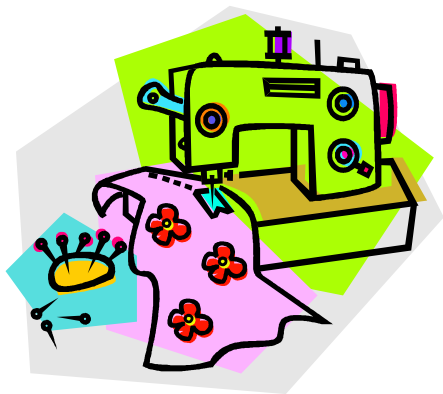
2011 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Spring Greetings!

We've been blooming with new samples and new classes for this quarter. Take a peek at the summer schedule — a little something for all skill levels, with big and small projects. This quarter, we will offer 10% off the required books if you are taking a class!

Our Christmas fabric is already starting to arrive in the shop, so get a jump on your Christmas gifts with a couple holiday projects. Nancy Halverson's "Jingle All The Way" and Whimsicals "Winterberry Lane" is already here! We also have the new Artful Home collection from Anka's Treasures, a fun, large print line with great colors for your home.

Take note of our **After Market Shindig** and plan to visit the shop to see all the latest and greatest from International Quilt Market. Patch Abilities will have several new patterns, as well as some new hangers and stands from Ackfeld Wire. And there will be much, much more!

We are still offering Fat Thursday's in the shop—the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our new special is 12 fats for \$25. We still have a selection of sale fabrics in the classroom and some full fat quarter tubs that will be offered at 12 fats for \$20. Spring cleaning is uncovering more goodies for the annual Garage/Tent Sale in September! Mark your calendars!

See you soon — Happy Stitchin'!

Merry & the team

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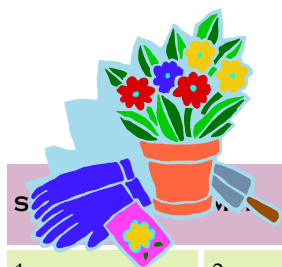


Get Inspired...come to Merry's Stash Society!

1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

meet the last Thursday of each month

MSS is a great way to stay motivated to finish those UFO's, and to see the latest and greatest in the quilt world. 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! Join us this month!



MAY 2011

S	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 *Butterscotch Club	7
8	9	10	11	12	14
15	16	17	18	19 FAT Thursday	21 Floor Cloth Class ABC 3-D Class
22	23	24 Machine Quilting 101	25	26 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	FAT Thursday 3rd Thursday of the month, get 12 fat quarters for \$25		



"No Sew" Floor Cloth

Saturday, May 21 9:00—2:00pm

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



ABC 3-D Class

Saturday, May 21 9:00 to 3:00 PM

Don't you love the look of this Hollow Cube 3-D quilt? Bertha will help you with choosing fabrics and the piecing techniques for a successful project. Class fee \$25.00 Book required.

Machine Quilting 101 Class

Tuesday, May 24 1 PM—4 PM

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)



After Market Shindig After Market Shindig

Friday and Saturday, June 10-11

Merry and Jennifer made a quick trip to International Quilt Market in Salt Lake City. Join us for our After Market Shindig so we can share all the new quilting goodies we found. Bring a friend along and grab a door prize just for checkin' out the party!

Stack The Deck

Sat., June 4 9:00 to 3:00 PM

Create a colorful quilt for any age using a stack and slash technique.

Book required.

Kits available.

Class fee \$25.00



Tea Time Box and Border Print Towel

Sat., June 18 9

AM to 12 PM

OR 1 PM to 4 PM

Get a jump on those little Christmas gifts. Complete the box and the towel in a morning or afternoon! Book required. Kits available. Class fee \$15.00



Beginner's Class

Sampler Quilt

Six sessions on

Tuesdays

1 PM to 4 PM

June 14 - July 19



Just a beginner or want to brush up on your quilt making basics? 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.

Magic Pinwheel Placemat

Sat., June 25 9 AM to 3 PM

These placemats are a breeze! Learn the magic of the magic pinwheel.

Pattern required. Kits available. Class fee \$25.00



JUNE 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Stack the Deck.
5			8	9 Butterscotch Club	10 After Market Shindig	11 After Market Shindig
12	13	14 Beginners	15	16 FAT Thursday	17	18 Tea Time Box and border towel
19 Father's Day	20	21 Beginners	22	23	24	25 Magic Pinwheel Placemats
26	27	28 Beginners	29	30 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM		



July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 	4 Independence Day	5 <i>Beginners</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Strips and Salsa</i>
10	11	12 <i>Beginners</i>	13	14 <i>Magic Pinwheel</i>	15	16 <i>Urban Cabin</i>
17	18	19 <i>Beginners</i>	20	21 FAT Thursday	22	23 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM</i>	29	30 <i>5th Saturday</i>
31						

Strips and Salsa

Saturday, July 9 9 AM to 3 PM

Grab a jelly roll and some background fabric and create this stunning quilt with Bertha. Pattern Required. Kits Available. Class fee \$25



Magic Pinwheel Placemat

Thursday, July 14 9:00 to 3:00 PM

These placemats are a breeze! Learn the magic of the magic pinwheel. Pattern required. Kits available.

Class fee \$25.00



Urban Cabin

Saturday, July 16 9 AM to 3 PM

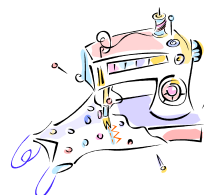
Beginners ready to tackle a bigger project will enjoy Terri Atkinson's Urban Cabin. Let Bonnie help you stitch the simple blocks and put them together. Pattern Required. Kits Available. *Class fee \$25*



Machine Quilting 101 Class

Saturday, July 23 9 AM—12 PM

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*)



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

New Fabric just in!
Artful Home by Anka's Treasures



We love this Diamond Diva topper and runner. Patterns and kits available!



English Paper Piecing

Wednesday, August 17

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.



Paint Sticks!

Thursday, Aug. 4 1 to 3:00pm

Create the focal center block of this hanging using Shiva Paint Sticks. It's easier than it looks! Book Required.

Class fee \$15.00
plus supplies

Twist and Turn

Sat., August 27 9 AM to 3 PM

Bertha will show you how strip piecing and 60° cuts make this quilt twist and turn! Pattern required. Kit available.

Class fee \$25.00



AUGUST 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Paint Sticks!	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 SHOP HOP (Last Day)	15	16	17 English Paper Piecing	18 FAT Thursday	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	26	27 Twist and Turn
28	29	30	31	Mark your calendar! Merry's Garage/Tent Sale Sept. 9-11		

Hop into Fall Shop Hop

Hop into Fall Shop-to-Shop Hop August 11-14



Seven fabulous shops in Eastern Iowa...visit them all during our Shop-to-Shop Hop 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. Each shop will feature a leaf block for a fall quilt and a great fall recipe. 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

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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New Fabric Collections arriving soon at Merry's

- *Warm Memories by Kansas Troubles*
- *Reindeer Games by Sandy Gervais*
- *Northern Cardinal by Holly Taylor*
- *Carolina by Jo Morton*
- *Flannel Days by Kansas Troubles*
...and much more!

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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!

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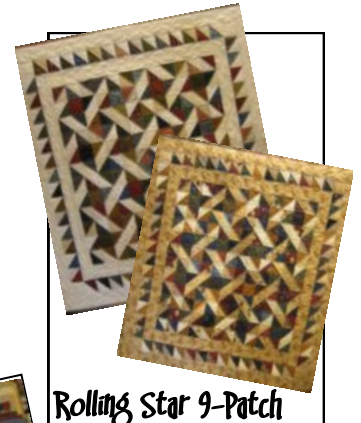
Have you noticed our patterns? We have some great designs from our team here at Merry's.

Check them out in the shop or online.

We even have kits available for most of them!



Sew and Sew



Rolling Star 9-Patch



Thick and Thin Log Cabin



Whimsy Split-9

Merry's Stitchin Kitchen



If you've taken a class here at Merry's, you've probably had Merry's Angel Food Cake. Everyone always loves this low fat treat and asks for the recipe.

Merry's Angel Food Cake

Take a one step Angel food cake mix and add a 16 oz. can of crushed pineapple (do not drain). Mix until thoroughly combined and bake in 9x13 cake pan for 37 minutes at 350°. Let cool. Cut into squares and serve with fresh berries and cool whip.

Variations— Substitute crushed pineapple with:

- Can of pumpkin (add some pumpkin pie spice to make it more flavorful).
- Lite Cherry pie filling (Jennifer's favorite) add in 1/4 cup of cocoa powder to make it even yummiier!
- Lite Apple pie Filling (just chop up the apples a bit and for extra crunch, add some pecans on the top before baking.)



"Mom's Favorites" waterproof bibs



Strippy Wool Pincushion