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Always something new stitched up to inspire you!  
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**Business hours:**

Tuesday—Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Thursday 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Closed Sunday/Monday

**2012 WINTER NEWSLETTER**

**Patch Abilities, Inc.**  
**Monthly Minis™**  
**Series #5**

*An Exclusive Mini-of-the-Month Program*

*Here's the scoop on the program...*

Initial fee of \$ 25.00 buys your stand (if you already have one, we don't make you buy another...but they make great gifts!!) Then, you will have 12 recurring charges of \$ 28.50 plus shipping for your monthly minis. Each package comes complete with the pattern, fabric kit, buttons, paint sticks, stencil, and a header for your new stand.



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





# Merry's Stitches

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Happy New Year!!

And we are SO excited for this new year, because we are going to have a NEW shop! If you haven't been following our progress on our Facebook page, you best be checkin' it out. The guys have made a lot of progress and we're hoping to be moving across the driveway in early April. You might notice we just have January, February and March events included in this newsletter. We want to be able to plan for that big GRAND OPENING later this spring!



In the mean time, there is plenty of new fabric in the shop and more coming soon. We've been busy stitchin' up new samples as well. You'll want to check out the English Paper Piecing blocks of the month (oh..and by the way, Sue Daley will be back in MAY!) and join us for our free EPP sew days on the second Thursday of each month. The Thangles Buck-a-Block is a great way to make a nice sized quilt on a budget...just a dollar each month and you get two blocks! Call the shop or stop in to sign up.

Be sure to check out our SUPER SUNDAY sale and the I-80 Shopping Spree. There's the shop hop at the end of March, too. And, stay tuned for news on the big move!

Happy Stitchin'!

Merry, Jennifer & the team

We're On the Web! [www.merrysstitches.com](http://www.merrysstitches.com)

# FAT Thursday

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

## Are you receiving duplicates?

Thank you! Thank you! To many of you who have "gone green" and started getting our newsletters online via email.

You even get notices about spur of the moment shop specials and reminders for our great events. If you are getting a

paper version and an email version, please drop us a line and let us know. And...if you have email, let us know so we can put you on the GREEN list :-)

Email: [merrys@jtt.net](mailto:merrys@jtt.net)





# MERRY'S STASH SOCIETY



## DIYE IN!

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!

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

**1:00 PM or 7:00 PM**  
**meets the last Thursday**  
**of each month**

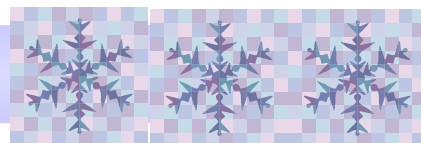
## Thick and Thin Log Cabin

**Saturday, Jan. 21**  
**9:00 AM to 3 PM**

Merry will guide you through the steps to a log cabin using two sizes of strips! Learn some power cutting as a bonus. Marti Michell ruler required. Kits available. Class fee \$25



## January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <b>EPP</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <b>FAT Thursday</b>	20	21 <i>Thick and Thin Log Cabin</i>
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Merry's Stash Society</i> <i>1 PM or 7 PM</i>	27	28 <i>Return the Favor</i>
29 <i>Return the Favor</i>	30	31 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i> 				



## English Paper Piecing

This Goes with That or Pies and Tarts  
**Block of the Months**

Join us for our English Paper Piecing free sew day on the second Thursday of each month. Stop in anytime between 10 AM and 7 PM to pick up your kit and stitch on your blocks.

Add in fabrics from your own stash to make it bigger and uniquely yours.



## Return the Favor

**Jan. 28 & 29**  
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.**

## Machine Quilting 101 Class

**Tuesday, Jan. 31st 1 PM—4 PM**

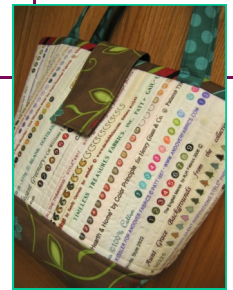
Have you always wanted to learn how to machine quilt? Here is your chance! In 3 hours Merry will have you quilting like a pro. Learn the rhythm of free-motion quilting, machine settings and stitch patterns. Bring your own machine. *Class fee \$15 includes muslin & batting*

# February 2012



Oohh...maybe some valentine boxers for your sweetheart? We have some cute new valentine prints in!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>SUPER SUNDAY!</b>	6	7	8	9 <b>EPP</b>	10	11 <i>Clam Shells Runner</i>
12	13	14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>	15	16 <b>FAT Thursday</b>	17	18 <b>I-80 Shopping Spree!</b>
19 <b>I-80 Shopping Spree!</b>	20	21	22	23 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	24	25 <i>Selvedge Bag</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>Clam Shells Runner</i>			



## SUPER SUNDAY!

February 5, 2012



**Stock up this Super Bowl Sunday with a store-wide fabric sale!**

**20% off**

**ALL FABRIC on the bolt**

Minimum 1/2 yard cuts please

**Selected books and patterns 30% off!**

*Don't miss this one day sale!!*

## Selvedge Bag Class

Sat. Feb 25  
9 AM to 3 PM

**Start saving now!!**

Use every bit of that precious fabric...make a bag with the selvages!

You will need to save A LOT of selvedge strips, or cut some from your stash (be sure to leave 1/4" above the selvedge). Bertha will show you the steps involved for this unique project.

\$25.00 Class fee Pattern provided.

## Clam Shells Runner

Sat, Feb. 11 OR Wed, Feb.

29 9 AM to 3 PM

Learn the Secret Society of Clamshells! They are easier than it looks. Create this stunning runner from charm squares and 4" clam shells. Merry will show you how. \*No Sewing Machines needed for this class.\* Class Fee \$25.00 English Paper Piecing supplies required. Kits available.



## I-80 Quilt Shopper's One-Stop Shopping Spree

Saturday, Feb. 18 10-5  
Sunday, Feb. 19 10-4

**Little Amana  
Clarion Inn  
I-80 Exit 225**

11 vendors all in one spot offering books, fabric, notions and kits

## Machine Quilting 101 Class

Saturday, March 3 9 AM to 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)*



## Cattail Creek

Sat., March 10 9 AM to 3 PM

Create the newest design from Kansas Troubles! Dramatic waves across the quilt with no curved piecing. Bertha will show you the secrets. Pattern required. Kits available. *Class fee \$25.00*

## Spring Along 20 Shop Hop

This shop hop takes you to three great quilt shops along Highway 20. Visit all three to qualify for some great prizes!

*March 29-31, 2012*

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



## St. Patrick's Irish Chain

Sat., March 17 9 AM to 3:00 PM

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.

## Crazy Patch Placemat

Thursday, March 22 9 AM to 3 PM

Pick 8 fats, stack em', shuffle em', and end up with 8 beautiful placemats! As a bonus, use some of the decorative stitches on your machine. Pattern required.



## Sew on the Go

Friday, March 23 or Sat., March 24 9 AM to 3 PM

Keep all of your sewing essentials organized in this nifty storage case. Bobbin ring nestles comfortably around the detachable pincushion. Embroidery scissors fit easily in interior pocket.

Bonnie will help you Sew on the Go! Pattern required.

Kits available. Class fee \$25.



# MARCH 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i>
		6	7	8 <i>EPP</i> Free sew day!	9	10 <i>Cattail Creek</i>
		13	14	15 <i>FAT</i> Thursday	16	17 <i>Irish Chain</i>
		20	21	22 <i>Crazy Patch Placemats</i>	23 <i>Sew on the Go</i>	24 <i>Sew on the Go</i>
		27	28	29 <i>Merry's Stash Society</i> 1 PM or 7 PM	30	31 <i>5th Saturday</i>

**5<sup>th</sup> 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

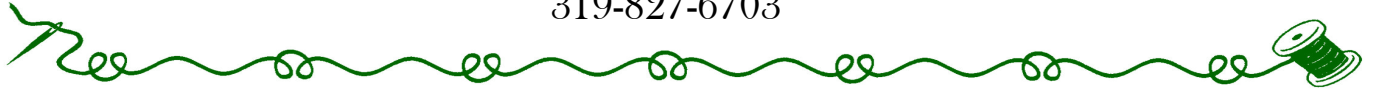
**Spring Along 20 Shop Hop**



# Class Registration Form for Merry's Stitchins

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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	

## Block of the Month Programs

- Pies and Tarts

This new BOM from Sue Daley of Patchwork with Busyfingers starts in January. Create an heirloom quilt using English Paper Piecing and appliqué. \$25.00 each month for 12 months. Includes all fabrics, binding, and pre-cut paper shapes. Free sew day each month for English Paper piecing to keep you motivated!



- Thangles Buck-A-Block

For just a dollar...and you get two blocks each month! We've done this year's Buck-A-Block in Fig Tree's Butterscotch and Rose line. You have the option of purchasing a finishing kit for \$80 and you can choose your favorite border color (Red, Blue, Cream, or Brown). This quilt finishes at 67"x93". Starts January 2012 and runs 12 months.

- This Goes with That

Another English Paper piecing option...This Goes with That is all hand pieced and you can use your imagination and add your own fabrics to create the quilt of a lifetime. We started this project with Sue Daley back in October, but you can still join in!! Be sure to check out the details of our free sew day for English Paper Piecing each month.



### \*Class Supply List\*

- Sewing Machine
- Cutting Mat
- Rulers
- Rotary Cutter
- Thread
- Scissors, seam ripper, etc.

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

## New Fabric Collections arriving soon at Merry's

- *Twirl by Me & My Sister for Moda*
- *1862 Battle Hymn by Barbara Brackman for Moda*
- *Welcome to Bear Country by Moda*
- *Paparazzi from Red Rooster*
- *Heartstrings by Whimsicals for Red Rooster*
- *Bridgeport and Alexandria by Jo Morton*