



# THE POLKA DOT PINCUSHION

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Dear friends,

May, 2010

In my last life, I was a teacher. The end of the year always brought ideas of what I could do during my summer break. I always had so many plans: taking classes, working in the garden, ironing all the clothes in the basket that I had ignored all school year, painting a room, really cleaning the refrigerator, waterproofing our basement (not a happy choice), redoing a bathroom (a disaster), going on a trip, reading all the books I had collected, and most of all, doing NOTHING. I would usually start out doing nothing. That lasted about a week. Then I would move on to the "cleaning" or "redoing" choices. What a disappointment. But, I promised myself, if I did one of those dreaded tasks, I could then do something fun. Those classes, projects and new experiences that I took as my reward recharged my batteries for September. Even if we couldn't take a real trip, we would find a weekend getaway and I would pretend that I was in some exotic place. My husband is not one to pretend, so I did enough for both of us. What has this rambling have to do with The Polka Dot Pincushion, you ask? Get something on the list finished and then reward yourself with a fun, simple project, easy to do in a short time, and recharge yourself.

We are offering many easy projects to finish quickly, some for FREE. **Show, Sew and Go** is a series of classes with a "make it and take it" theme. You bring your machine (or you can use one of ours) and you will finish your project in class. For other ideas, come to our **Class Preview Day** on May 8. **Beach Party** offers three different projects for your summer outdoor activities (pretend you're somewhere exotic).

If your "To Do" list involves a project that has you stuck in neutral, call **Rx for Stitchers**. Let us know what the hang-up is (psychological ones don't count), and one of us will schedule an hour with you to get you revved up again, FREE! Problems could be, and are not limited to, general sewing problems, quilting dilemmas, or machine or hand embroidery help. See inside for a further explanation.

We are continuing our Blocks of the Month with **Americana Modern** only in the second month and our original new 13 month Halloween BOM, **The Thirteen Days of Halloween**, scheduled to begin in August. See inside for days and times.

Maybe the "funnest" thing we are doing is the **"Show Us Your Bucket" challenge**. This has nothing to do with the amount of clothing you are wearing at any given time. We have a darling pattern to make a simple fabric bucket. You design your bucket around a theme, using any fabrics (hopefully ours) and turn them in the week of July 4. We will then have a viewer's choice award given to the best "Bucket" and you can win a gift certificate to the shop. We will put the winning "Bucket" on our Facebook page. Yes, The Polka Dot Pincushion has a Facebook page. Amazing, isn't it? I have moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Become a fan and stay up to date with all the latest here at the shop.

So, pack up your troubles in your old "kit" bag (I don't know what that means) and smile, smile, smile. Sounds like a song, doesn't it? Bring your kit bag and your smiles to the shop.

Happy summer, Ronnie, Debbie, Pam, Cathy, Pamalee, Cindi, Debbie and Kathleen

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## At The Polka Dot Pincushion, you can:

- Create your own class .
- Have a birthday party for a special friend .
- Get help to finish a project, or let us create a custom design for you.
- Find unique gifts for everyone, wrapped for free.
- Have fun!

## Did you know?

Hobbs fusible batting eliminates basting your quilt layers together. After the first washing, the fusible component is gone. It can be used for both machine and hand quilting.

We carry Hobbs Fusible at  
The Polka Dot Pincushion

## How To Prepare For Any Class

In order to make your class time at The Polka Dot Pincushion productive and enjoyable, we ask that you use the following checklist to prepare for your instruction.

- Make sure your machine is in good working order, you know how to use it, and you have your owner's manual.
- In addition to the items on the supply list you received at registration, bring basic sewing supplies: needles for hand and machine, scissors, paper and pencil, cutting tools and accessories, thread to match your project, pins, marking tools, rulers and any other items that you use on a regular basis for sewing.
- If your instructor has given you a list of materials to prepare before class, please have those preparations finished so that in-class time can be productive. If you have questions on pre-cutting, please call the shop and someone will assist you. We are here to help.
- Arrive in plenty of time to set up your equipment and be ready when the class begins.

**Quilts, Wall Hangings and Other Fun Projects**

- Acrylic Button Workshop**-You will learn to make acrylic clay buttons in this class. Learn to make simple buttons that you bake in your oven. You'll never be without the perfect button for your handbags, fashions, quilts or accessories. Kit available. **All levels \$19**  
**One 2 hour class-June 4, 1-3 or August 4, 10:30-12:30**
- Quilt Finishing**- This class covers layering, basting, stitch in the ditch quilting and binding. If you're looking for a refresher on the basics of finishing up your quilt, this class is for you. **All levels \$39**  
**Two 2 hour classes-June 4 & 11, 10:30-12:30**
- Beach Party**- This is a series of three classes. Choose one, two, or do all three. Each class is 2 hours for \$19 with a different project for each class.
- Beach Hat**- stay safe under the sun wearing this wide brimmed hat made from Amy Butler's Blue Sky hat pattern. **June 11, 1:30-3:30**  
**Pattern purchase required.**
- Beach Tote**- All of your beach or pool necessities will stay dry in this bag made of laminated cotton. **June 18, 1:30-3:30**
- Beach Chair Cover & "Floozy" Flip Flops**- Use a purchased beach towel to make a chair cover that will hold your beach supplies. Fabric scraps will embellish a pair of purchased flip flops. **June 25, 1:30-3:30**
- Picnic Basket**- Picnics will be more fun when you take this quilted picnic basket along. This tote is made using the pattern from Tammy Tadd's book "A Tadd More". It has plenty of pockets for your supplies and is insulated. **Advanced beginner \$39**  
**Book purchase required Two 2½ hour classes-June 12 & 26, 1:00-3:30**
- Show, Sew and Go!!**- This is a series of three classes. Choose one, two, or do all three. Each class is 1½ hours for \$8 with a different project for each class.
- Easy Table Runner, Placemats & Napkins**- one focus fabric, one coordinate and 3 seams make this simple table ensemble. No quilting necessary. Additional fabric needed for the napkins. **July 8, 3:30-5:00**
- Placemat Purse**- Choose one of our mesh placemats and a coordinating fabric to assemble a cute summer purse. **July 24, 1:00-3:30**
- Pincushion & Sewing Folio**- Make your own polka dot pincushion and matching sewing kit from our selection of polka dot fabrics. Kit purchase required. **August 13, 10:30-12:00**
- Invisible Machine Appliqué**-Learn the Kim Diehl technique of invisible machine appliqué. Use a pattern of your choice or select a simple graphic to learn how to appliqué designs on finished pieces or quilt blocks. Great embellishment for gifts. **Advanced beginner \$19**  
**One two hour class-July 8, 6-8 or August 28, 10:30-12:30**
- Stash & Dash Bag**-Learn to set in a zipper and create a lining while making this large toiletry bag or clutch purse. This popular Amy Butler pattern uses at least two prints and can also be made in a medium or small size. **Advanced beginner \$19**  
**Pattern purchase required One 2 hour class-July 21, 10:30-12:30 or August 26, 10:30-12:30**
- Magic Block Quilt**- This simple block, when used with four color families, creates the illusion of 12 unique blocks. Fabric placement is the key in this exciting study of color. **Advanced beginner \$39**  
**Two 2 hour classes-August 14 & 21, 1:00-3:00**
- Lovebird Lane Block of the Month**-This adorable shabby chic quilt from The Quilt Company has a yellow, pink and green palette with bird houses, tea pots, flowers, baskets and rick rack. Finished quilt size is 62"x72" and is pieced, and either machine or hand appliquéd. **\$31/month**  
**Wednesday Sessions: May 12, June 16, and July 14; 10:30**  
**Saturday Sessions: May 15, June 19, and July 17; 2:30**
- Le Jardin Block of the Month**-Using the fabulous Rouenneries line by Moda, Bunny Hill Designs has created a stunning appliqué quilt in shades of taupe, beige, and reds. Finished quilt size is 59"x65". **\$25/month**  
**Tuesday Sessions: May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 10; 1:30**  
**Saturday Sessions: May 15, June 12, July 17, and August 14; 10:30**
- As Time Goes By Monthly Program**-After creating a 24"x27" frame for this seasonal wallhanging, you will make a monthly vignette either in cotton fabrics or wool to be attached to your frame. Pick up dates are listed on the calendar insert. **Wool kits are \$35/month and cotton fabric kits are \$26/month**
- Americana Modern Block of the Month**-Nancy Halverson's fabric and pattern designs from Benartex make up this vibrant traditional 91" x 91" quilt with a modern twist. You will have the option to create the quilt in all cotton fabrics or to add wool appliqué pieces to the medallion center. **\$23/month**  
**Tuesday Sessions: May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 10; 10:30**  
**Thursday Sessions: May 13, June 10, July 15, and August 12; 6:30**  
**Wool kits are \$26/month and cotton fabric kits are \$23/month**
- Redwork Snowman Block of the Month**- This adorable quilt consists of ten redwork blocks depicting snowmen acting out nursery rhymes. **\$16/month**  
**Wednesday sessions: May 12, June 16, July 21, August 18; 1:30**  
**Saturday sessions: May 15, June 19, July 24, August 21; 10:30**
- The 13 Days of Halloween Block of the Month**-Much like the 12 days of Christmas, each block features a Halloween icon including bats, cats, pumpkins, cauldrons, toads, spiders and more. The techniques used in this quilt will include machine and/or hand appliqué, embroidery, embellishments, and pieced blocks. Fabrics will include Fairy Frosts from Michael Miller, with one that glows in the dark! Sample will be up this summer with a projected start date in August.

## May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shop Hop
2 Shop Hop	3 Shop Hop	4 Shop Hop	5 Shop Hop	6 Shop Hop	7 Shop Hop	8 Shop Hop  <i>Class Preview Day 11-3</i>
9	10	11 Americana Modern BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:30	12 Lovebird Lane BOM 10:30 Snowman BOM 1:30	13 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	14	15 Le Jardin BOM 10:30 Snowman BOM 10:30 Lovebird Lane BOM 2:30
16 <i>Pick up As Time Goes By (June)</i>	17 Sassy Serging 2-3:30	18	19	20	21 The Pinkeepers 10:30- Noon	22
23  30	24 Dear Jane Group Hand Applique 1-3 31 <b>CLOSED</b>	25	26 Beginning Machine Quilting (1) 10:30-1	27 Wool Embroidery & Applique (1) 6-8	28	29

## June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Wool Embroidery & Applique (2) 6-8	4 Acrylic Button Workshop 1-3 Quilt Finishing (1) 10:30-12:30	5 Machine Applique 10:30-2:30
6	7	8 Americana Modern BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:30	9 Beginning Machine Quilting (2) 10:30-1	10 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	11 Quilt Finishing 10:30-12:30 (2) Beach Party 1:30-3:30	12 Le Jardin BOM 10:30 Picnic Basket (1) 1-3:30
13 <i>Pick up As Time Goes By (July)</i>	14 Hand Applique 1-3	15 Learn to Quilt I (1) 2:00-4:30	16 Lovebird Lane BOM 10:30 Snowman BOM 1:30	17 <b>NQA</b>	18 <b>NQA</b> The Pinkeepers 10:30- Noon Beach Party 1:30-3:30	19 <b>NQA</b> Snowman BOM 10:30 Lovebird Lane BOM 2:30
20	21	22 Learn to Quilt I (2) 2:00-4:30	23	24 Sassy Serging 6-7:30	25 Beach Party 1:30-3:30	26 Picnic Basket (2) 1-3:30
27	28 Dear Jane Group	29 Learn to Quilt I (3) 2:00-4:30	30			

# July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <b>"Show Us Your Bucket" Entries Due This Week</b>	5	6 Learn to Quilt I (4) 2:00-4:30	7	8 Show, Sew & Go!! 3:30-5 Invisible Machine Applique 6-8	9	10 Hand Applique 10:30-12:30
11	12 <b>Shop Hop</b>	13 <b>Shop Hop</b> Amer Mod BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:30 Learn to Quilt I (5) 2:00-4:30	14 <b>Shop Hop</b> Lovebird Lane BOM 10:30 Free Motion Quilting (1) 1-3:30	15 <b>Shop Hop</b> Americana Modern BOM 6:30	16 <b>Shop Hop</b> The Pinkeepers 10:30-Noon	17 <b>Shop Hop</b> Le Jardin BOM 10:30  Lovebird Lane BOM 2:30
18 <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (August)	19 <b>Shop Hop</b>	20 <b>Shop Hop</b> Learn to Paper Piece (1) 1-3	21 <b>Shop Hop</b> Stash & Dash Bags 10:30-12:30 Snowman BOM 1:30	22 <b>Shop Hop</b> Learn to Quilt II (1) 10:30-1	23 <b>Shop Hop</b>	24 <b>Shop Hop</b> Snowman BOM 10:30 Show, Sew & Go!! 1-3:30
25	26 <b>Shop Hop</b> Dear Jane Group	27 <b>Shop Hop</b> Learn to Paper Piece (2) 1-3	28 <b>Shop Hop</b> Free Motion Quilting (2) 1-3:30	29 <b>Shop Hop</b> Learn to Quilt II (2) 10:30-1	30 <b>Shop Hop</b>	31 <b>Shop Hop</b>

# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Acrylic Button Workshop 10:30-12:30	5 Learn to Quilt II (3) 10:30-1	6	7 Machine Applique 10:30-2:30
8	9	10 Americana Modern BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:30	11	12 Learn to Quilt II (4) 10:30-1 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	13 Show, Sew & Go!! 10:30-12	14 Le Jardin BOM 10:30 Magic Block Quilt(1) 1-3
15 <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (September)	16	17	18 Snowman BOM 1:30	19 Learn to Quilt II (5) 10:30-1	20 The Pinkeepers 10:30- Noon	21 Snowman BOM 10:30 Magic Block Quilt(2) 1-3
22	23 Halloween BOM 1:30	24	25	26 Stash & Dash Bags 10:30-12:30 Halloween BOM 6:30	27	28 Invisible Machine Applique 10:30-12:30
29	30 Dear Jane Group	31				

## Class Offerings

May-August 2010

### How to...

<b>Beginning Machine Quilting</b> - Learn the techniques of machine quilting such as stitch in the ditch, echo quilting, meandering and some beginning continuous line quilting. You will work on small quilt sandwiches.	Two 2½ hour classes-May 26 and June 9, 10:30-1PM	\$39
<b>Machine Appliqué Workshop</b> -Learn a over six different appliqué techniques. After practicing each method, you can choose your favorite projects and finish them in record time. Bring a sack lunch.	One 4 hour class- June 5 or August 7, 10:30-2:30	\$39
<b>Learn to Free Motion Quilt</b> - Free motion quilting covering stippling, meandering, filler motifs and feathers. Experience and darning foot required.	Two 2½ hour classes-July 14 & 28, 1-3:30	\$39
<b>Learn to Paper Piece</b> -Learn the basics of paper or foundation piecing by practicing on small blocks that can be used in a larger project or together as a small quilt. Foundation papers included.	Two 2 hour classes-July 20 and 27, 1-3	\$35
<b>Learn to Quilt I</b> -This class will teach the beginner all of the basics of quilting, including fabric selection, rotary cutting, sewing consistent seam allowances, backing, binding and quilting the finished top. The lap quilt uses the split rail block and can be a lap quilt or baby quilt.	Five 2½ hour classes - June 15 to July 13, 2-4:30	\$109
<b>Learn to Quilt II</b> -This class will create a sampler quilt of 12 different blocks using triangles and other geometric shapes. You will also learn sashing and cornerstones.	Five 2½ hour classes - July 22 to August 19, 10:30-1:00	\$109

### Specialty Workshops and Groups

<b>Sassy Serging Demo</b> - Do you have a serger collecting dust? This demo will be sure to inspire you to dust it off and put it to good use. Join us for Sassy Serging featuring projects from Georgie Melot's book "Ready, Set, Serge".	One 1½ hour class-May 17 2-3:30 or June 24 6-7:30	All levels \$6
<b>Wool Embroidery &amp; Applique</b> -If you love the look of hand dyed wool projects, but don't know how to begin, we are offering a two part class to teach you wool appliqué techniques, both by hand and machine and specialty embroidery stitches to finish felted wool projects.	Two 2 hour classes-May 27 and June 3, 6-8	All levels \$35
<b>Hand Applique Workshop</b> -We have developed a technique to make hand appliqué faster and easier with fantastic results. Combining tried and true methods with a new approach, make quick work of hand appliqué. If you are currently enrolled or would like to join Le Jardin, or if you have struggled with Merry Christmas to All, the class is free.	One 2 hour class-May 24 or June 14, 1-3	All levels \$19
<b>Dear Jane Club</b> -We have gotten the Dear Jane Bug! If you have one started, want to start one or just want to see what it's all about, join us in our Dear Jane Quilt Club which meets the last Monday of each month. Membership is \$6 a month. At each monthly meeting, members will receive 15% discount on fabrics and supplies to be used in that quilt only. The club hopes to provide motivation, support, and encouragement to complete your individual quilt.	Meetings: Last Monday of each month	
<b>Appliqué Group</b> - Join our Appliqué Group, The Pinkeepers, that meets the third Friday of each month. From 10 until noon or so, a friendly group of women meets to share ideas, techniques, and show and tell. If you are a beginning appliqué artist, or an accomplished sewer, join the group. All are welcome.	Sessions: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20	FREE

### Rx for Stitchers

If you have a project that is staring at you every time you enter your sewing room, this design-it-yourself class will help you finish it and move on to something more exciting. Tell us the problem and we will schedule an hour with one of us to help you solve the dilemma. Problems can be, but are not limited to, machine and hand embroidery, machine and hand appliqué, general sewing, setting blocks, trimming blocks, mitering corners, and selecting fabrics to finish a design. These Rx sessions are not meant to take the place of a "Learn To..." class, but are merely a helping hand to get you on the road to finishing that UFO.

Call us to explain your problem. Then one of us will call you to schedule a time, discuss the problem and determine what supplies and/or additional fabrics will be needed. Depending on the solution, you may bring your machine to the shop to sew, or we may demonstrate the technique or solution for you.

Sessions: By appointment

All levels  
FREE

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### Hours:

Monday 12 - 5  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday 10 - 5  
Thursday 10 - 8  
Saturday 10 - 4

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## Upcoming Events

- Quilters' Fling Shop Hop, April 24 - May 8
- Class Preview Day, May 8
- Dear Jane Block Exchange and Picnic, May 24
- NQA Quilt Show, June 17-19, Columbus, Ohio
- "Show Us Your Bucket" entries due the week of July 4
- Steppin Out Shop Hop, July 12-31
- Symphony in Stitches Quilt Show, July 23-34
- Quilting Around Chataqua, September 24-26
- Quilting with Machines, September 22-25
- Jingle Bell Shop Hop, go to [www.quiltersfling.com](http://www.quiltersfling.com) for dates
- Streetsboro Quilt Guild Quilt Show, October 1-2

### Return Policy

No returns on books, magazines, patterns, kits, blocks of the month or fabric. Other products that remain in an unused, unopened condition in original packaging can be returned for a store credit within a 30 day period from the time of purchase. Gift and consignment items can be returned for a store credit within a 30 day period from the time of purchase. Reduced items are final sale.

### Block of the Month Guidelines

Blocks of the Month will have a registration fee attached to the first month's price. This fee will be deducted from the last month's price when the final block is purchased and the program is completed. Pick up for any given month is based on the date of the Newsletter calendar.

Participants will have a two month grace period after the completion of the program. i.e. If the program ends, July 15, you have until September 15, to purchase any or all remaining blocks. After that time, the registration fee will not be refunded.

After the two month grace period, fabrics used in the program may be put on the floor for public sale. Therefore, fabrics may be substituted in blocks picked up after the two month grace period.

If a participant begins the program after the initial starting month, they will have a two month grace period after the completion of the program to purchase remaining blocks and fabrics.

When you sign up for a Block of the Month, we have made a commitment to you to have the blocks and fabrics ready for you as promised and in a timely manner. In addition, you have made the commitment to us that you will finish the program as promised and in a timely manner.

### Class Registration and Cancellation Policies

If the Revere School System cancels classes due to weather, classes at The Polka Dot Pincushion will be postponed to a new time. If the shop cancels a class, a full refund will be given. In order to register for a class, come to the store or call. Payment must be made in full at the time of registration by check, cash or credit card. Frequent Buyer Points are not awarded for class tuition, but a registered student will receive a 15% discount on items purchased for a particular class. When you register, you will receive a supply list for that particular class, stating supplies needed and what precutting (if any) is required.

If you need to cancel your spot in a class, you need to give the store a three day notice of your cancellation. You will then receive a store credit to take another class. If you do not attend the class, or do not give adequate notice that you need to cancel, you forfeit your class fee.

Kits are available for most classes. Kits are not discounted or part of the Frequent Buyer Program. Notice is given with each class offering if you need to purchase a pattern or if it is included with the class. Kits for the Block of the Month are not discounted.