



THE POLKA DOT PINCUSHION

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Dear friends,

September, 2010

We certainly have had a long, hot summer. It seems that each day brought either record temps or record humidity. I never had the chance to say, "Well, at least it's a dry heat." That didn't happen this year. Is it just my imagination or did we go directly from April to August without stopping in May, June and July? I hope we don't go directly to December without stopping at the months in between. They are my favorites. I love the "start over" feeling in September when all the yellow busses are on the road and I can hear the marching band practicing at the high school. October always reminds me of the gnarled apple tree in my parents' backyard that was just right for climbing. When I got home from school, I would take a book, climb the tree, pick an apple and sit. The anticipation of celebrations that begin in November are always painted in jewel-toned colors. And of course, December: frantic, fun, sometimes dysfunctional, yet always memorable. Well, September is here and I love the changes that it will bring. What does this have to do with The Polka Dot Pincushion, you ask? Even if you didn't ask, I'll tell you. We have lots of changes in store.

An exciting new group is beginning in September based on a new book, Vintage Notions from Amy Barickman of Indygo Junction. The institute was dedicated to "helping women help themselves". The book is a compilation of articles, recipes, patterns, ideas for entertaining from the magazine published by the Institute. The group will meet once a month at the store to share ideas as the institute did many years ago. When you purchase a book from us, you will be entered into a \$5000 sweepstakes sponsored by the publisher. More importantly, we will have fun, tea and other surprises and handouts. Come in and see the book and read a few articles and then join us.

Another activity at the shop is based on a great book, Hobo Quilts. The secret symbols left by hobos traveling the rails in the depression years are the inspiration. We are starting a group to create a quilt in the book as a combination mystery quilt and block of the month. We are planning monthly meetings, swapping blocks, with additional special events outside the shop. Purchase the book from us and you will be added to a group. The book contains the patterns and we will kit the quilt which is a great looking masculine or primitive quilt using reproduction fabrics.

We have other Blocks of the Month continuing that can still be joined. Our newest is Holly Lane by The Quilt Company. It is a six month program, but you have the option of doing two months at a time. This adorable quilt features houses and shops decked out for the holidays. Snow on the roof and trees is machine appliquéed using felted wool. Come in and see the sample. We are also beginning The Thirteen Days of Halloween in September.

New groups, patterns, books, and kits are arriving daily. We have in-store specials on Accuquilt Go!, EQ7 and Amy Butler ready made bags and totes. Join the Jingle Bell Shop Hop beginning September 11 through the 25th and collect 12 patterns and chapters to this year's story. No charge for a passport. Complete your trip and be eligible for prizes. Visit www.Quiltersfling.com for more details.

Don't let fall slip by without visiting us. We will inspire you, challenge you and help you make this season be the beginning of something fun.

See you soon, Ronnie, Debbie, Pam, Cathy, Pam, Debbie, and Kathleen

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.

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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

Quilts, Wall Hangings and Other Fun Projects

- 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**
One two hour class—October 23, 10:30–12:30 or November 4, 6:00–8:00 \$19
- Pinafore Bag**—Ever wonder what to do with all those cute panels that are waiting for a project? The pinafore bag is perfect. It has comfortable double handles, a pleated front and a decorative tie on the handle. 18"x25". Pattern purchase required. **All levels**
Two 2 hour classes—September 23 & 30, 10:30–12:30 \$35
- Chubby Charmer Tote**—They don't call this bag chubby for nothing. It will hold bathing suits and towels for the beach, large knitting, crocheting or quilt projects, or bunches of stuff for baby. Charm pack friendly! **All levels**
Two 2-1/2 hour classes—September 25 & October 9, 1:00–3:30 \$39
- Partly Cloudy Poncho**—Let it rain! Let it rain! Let it rain! Use your favorite laminated fabric to create a fabulous fully-lined hooded poncho with large front pockets and snap or button closure options. This adorable pattern is one size fits most. Pattern purchase required. **All levels**
Two 2-1/2 hour classes—September 27 & October 4, 1:00–3:30 or One 4 hour class October 2, 11:30–3:30 \$39
- Two-Hour Tulip Purse**—Choose one of four sizes to make into a daytime or evening bag, project bag or a pumpkin for Halloween treats or an Easter basket. You can make a loop and button or flap closure. It can also be reversible. Pattern purchase required. **All levels**
One 2-1/2 hour class—October 6 or October 22, 10:30–1:00 \$25
- Charmed Gift Bag**—Whether it's used for trick or treat or to give a special gift this holiday season, the "Charmed Gift Bag" will add that personal touch. The original pattern is perfect for inserting a charm pack (or two) when you need a gift for your favorite "quiltie" friend. We have modified the original pattern and will show you how to do the same to meet all your needs. For those who missed this great gift bag last holiday season, now is your chance!!
One 2-1/2 hour class—October 7, 5:30–8:00 or October 11, 1:00–3:30 or November 29, 1:00–3:30 or December 2, 5:30–8:00 \$25
- Bloomsbury Park**—Paper piecing makes this table runner easy. Must have graduated from Learn to Paper Piece or have previous paper piecing experience. Pattern purchase required. **Two 2 hour classes—October 20 & 27, 1:30–3:30 \$35**
- No-Sew Batik Basket**—Need a break from the machine? A project for the evening? Batiks are used to create either a basket or a trivet, your choice. This technique involves strips of fabric and cording. Fast, easy and fun for all ages!! *P.S. This is a great class for non-sewing friends to enjoy.* Pattern purchase required. **All levels**
One 3 hour class—October 25, 1:00–4:00 or December 4, 11:00–2:00 \$29
- Japanese Jigsaw Quilt**—This simple quilt made from four patches cut with a template appears to be complicated but is simple to piece. Full size template pattern is in the pattern packet. Pattern purchase required. **Advanced Beginner**
Two 2-1/2 hour classes—November 5 & 12, 1:00–3:30 \$39
- Polar Bear Picnic**—This delightful paper piecing pattern features a polar bear family on their icy picnic. Must have graduated from Learn to Paper Piece or have previous paper piecing experience. Pattern purchase required. **Two 2 hour classes—November 10 & 17, 10:30–12:30 \$35**
- LeJardin 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". **Price: \$25 a month**
Tuesday Sessions: September 14 and October 12; 1:00
Saturday Sessions: September 18 and October 16; 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. **Price: 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. **Wool kits are \$26/month and cotton fabric kits are \$23/month**
Tuesday Sessions: Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 7; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9; 6:30
- 13 Days of Halloween Block of the Month**—This is an original pattern developed by The Polka Dot Pincushion. Each month has a Halloween icon displayed made from various fabrics including "glow in the dark". This is a twelve month program that will include all fabrics for the top, binding, patterns and embellishments. Finished size is approximately 56" X 46". **Price: \$22/month**
Tuesday Sessions: Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 21; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: Sept 30, Oct 28; 6:30 Saturdays Nov 20 and Dec 18; 10:30
- Holly Lane**—Come in and see the sample of the newest Block of the Month from The Quilt Company with fabrics from Robyn Pandolph's line of RJR fabrics. The five houses and shops are decked out for the holidays with wreaths and presents. Evergreen trees with felted wool snow appliques shelter cardinals and bunnies. You will receive all the fabrics and wool, all embellishments, and patterns including the binding to make this quilt. Backing is available but not included. **Price: \$34/month**
Tuesday Sessions: Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14; 10:30
Saturday Sessions: Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18; 1:30

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Closed	7	8	9	10	11 Shop Hop Class Preview Day 11-3
12 Shop Hop	13 Shop Hop	14 Shop Hop Americana Modern BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:00	15 Shop Hop Snowman BOM 1:30	16 Shop Hop Americana Modern BOM 6:30	17 Shop Hop Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	18 Shop Hop Le Jardin BOM 10:30 Snowman BOM 10:30 Holly Lane BOM 1:30
19 Shop Hop <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (October)	20 Shop Hop Dear Jane Group	21 Shop Hop Holly Lane BOM 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (1) 1:30-4:00	22 Shop Hop Embroidered Pincushion 12:30-3:30	23 Shop Hop Pinafore Bag (1) 10:30-12:30	24 Shop Hop Embroidered Pincushion 1:00-4:00	25 Shop Hop Chubby Charmer Tote (1) 1:00-3:30
26	27 Partly Cloudy Poncho (1) 1-3:30	28 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (2) 1:30-4:00	29 Learn to Paper Piece (1) 1:30-3:30	30 Pinafore Bag (2) 10:30-12:30 13 Days of Halloween BOM 6:30		

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Free Motion Quilting (1) 1-3:30	2 Partly Cloudy Poncho 11:30-3:30
3	4 Partly Cloudy Poncho (2) 1-3:30	5 Learn to Quilt I (3) 1:30-4:00	6 Two-Hour Tulip Purse 10:30-1:00 Learn to Paper Piece (2) 1:30-3:30	7 Charmed Gift Bag 5:30-8	8 Free Motion Quilting (2) 1-3:30	9 Chubby Charmer Tote (2) 1:00-3:30
10	11 Charmed Gift Bag 1-3:30	12 Americana Modern BOM 10:30 Le Jardin BOM 1:00 Learn to Quilt I (4) 1:30-4:00	13 Beginning Machine Quilting (1) 10:30-1 Snowman BOM 1:30	14 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	15 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	16 Le Jardin BOM 10:30 Snowman BOM 10:30
17 <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (November)	18	19 Holly Lane BOM 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (5) 1:30-4:00	20 Bloomsbury Park (1) 1:30-3:30	21 Hobo Quilt 6:30	22 Two-Hour Tulip Purse 10:30-1:00	23 Invisible Machine Applique 10:30-12:30 Holly Lane BOM 1:30
24 31	25 Dear Jane Group No-Sew Batik Basket 1:00-4:00	26 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30	27 Beginning Machine Quilting (2) 10:30-1 Bloomsbury Park (2) 1:30-3:30	28 Learn to Quilt II (1) 10:30-1:00 13 Days of Halloween BOM 6:30	29	30 Embroidered Pincushion 10:30-1:30

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Acrylic Clay Workshop II 1:00-4:00	4 Learn to Quilt II (2) 10:30-1:00 Invisible Machine Applique 6-8	5 Japanese Jigsaw Quilt (1) 1-3:30	6 Machine Applique Workshop 10:30-2:30
7	8	9 Americana Modern BOM 10:30	10 Polar Bear Picnic (1) 10:30-12:30	11 Learn to Quilt II (3) 10:30-1:00 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	12 Japanese Jigsaw Quilt (2) 1-3:30	13 Hand Applique Workshop 10:30-12:30
14 <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (December)	15	16 Holly Lane BOM 10:30 Wool Embroidery & Applique (1) 1:00-3:00	17 Polar Bear Picnic (2) 10:30-12:30	18 Learn to Quilt II (4) 10:30-1:00 Hobo Quilt 6:30	19 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	20 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30 Holly Lane BOM 1:30
21	22	23 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30 Wool Embroidery & Applique (2) 1:00-3:00	24 Close at 2:00	25 Closed	26	27 Acrylic Clay Workshop II 10:30-1:30
28	29 Dear Jane Group Charmed Gift Bag 1-3:30	30				

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Learn to Quilt II (5) 10:30-1:00 Charmed Gift Bag 5:30-8	3	4 No-Sew Batik Basket 11:00-2:00
5	6	7 Americana Modern BOM 10:30	8	9 Americana Modern BOM 6:30	10	11
12	13	14 Holly Lane BOM 10:30	15	16	17 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	18 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30 Holly Lane BOM 1:30
19 <i>Pick up</i> As Time Goes By (January)	20	21 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30	22	23 Close at 1:00	24 Closed	25 Closed
26	27 Dear Jane Group	28	29	30 Hobo Quilt 6:30	31 Closed	Closed

Class Offerings

September - December 2010

How to...

Beginning Machine Quilting -Learn the basics of machine quilting and finish up those small projects and holiday gifts. This class covers the fundamentals to get you started and then moves on to the fun of quilting. You will practice stitch in the ditch, echo quilting, stippling and some simple continuous line motifs. Your tablerunners are one class away from your holiday table!	Two 2½ hour classes-October 13 & 27, 10:30-1:00	\$39
Machine Appliqué Workshop -A Saturday workshop to jump start your machine appliqué projects. This is a hands-on class and many different methods are practiced. You will also learn the different effects created with thread and machine stitches. With this background you can choose templates, freezer paper, fusible or another method that suits your pattern and the stitching that makes your piece really shine.	One 4 hour class- November 6, 10:30-2:30	\$35
Learn to Free Motion Quilt - This is the class to move you beyond stitch in the ditch quilting and open up the world of free motion quilting. We cover the fundamentals of machine quilting and head off to the freedom of stippling and filler motifs to the beauty of feathers and more. You will have the confidence and practical knowledge to finish up those quilt tops and wall hangings.	Two 2½ hour classes-October 1 & 8, 1:00-3:30	\$39
Learn to Paper Piece -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-September 29 and October 6, 1:30-3:30	\$35
Learn to Quilt I -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 - September 21 to October 19, 1:30-4:00	\$109
Learn to Quilt II -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 - October 28 to December 2 (no class 11/25), 10:30-1:00	\$109

Specialty Workshops and Groups

Wool Embroidery & Appliqué -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-November 16 & 23, 1:00-3:00	All levels \$35
Hand Appliqué Workshop -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-November 13, 10:30-12:30	All levels \$19
Embroidered Pincushion -This beautiful pincushion finishes at approximately 4"x9" and is filled with sand to keep your pins sharp. It can also be used to hold your quilt book open while you read. A great gift for yourself or your quilting friends.	One 3 hour class-September 22, 12:30-3:30 or September 24, 1-4 or October 30, 10:30-1:30	All levels \$29
Acrylic Clay Workshop II -Students will learn the Skinner blend technique, jelly-roll cane and tile cane millefiori techniques to create a pin. The pasta machine will be introduced as a tool to condition clay and produce the Skinner blend. Must have completed the Acrylic Button Workshop.	One 3 hour class-November 3, 1-4 or November 27, 10:30-1:30	\$29
Dear Jane Club -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: September 20, October 25, November 29, December 27	\$6/month

New! New! New!

Hobo Quilt Group This group is based on the book, <u>Hobo Quilts</u> , which reveals the secret symbols used by hobos during the depression. These symbols left on trees, fences and garden gates let arriving hobos know information about where to get food, where the mean dogs lived, what was safe water and other important facts necessary for living on the road. All of this information was researched in the Library of Congress by the author, Debra Henninger, and the book contains photos, eye witness accounts, and stories written by the hobos themselves and the people who helped them. When you purchase the book from us, you will join a group of sixteen women each of whom will receive the fabrics for the mystery blocks swapped at the following meeting. We are also planning special events both in the shop and at other locations dealing with the history of riding the rails. This is a twelve month program which will result in a quilt made from reproduction fabrics from Windham. You will receive all the fabrics for the quilt top and binding. Book must be purchased from us. The finished size of the quilt is 62" X 69". Price: \$15/month + \$28 book purchase
Vintage Notions Group Amy Barickman of Indigo Junction has researched the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences, Inc. begun in 1916 by Mary Brooks Picken in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The idea of the institute was to help women use their homemaking skills so that they could earn additional monies to help their family expenses. The school started with one student and by 1920, there were 50,000 women learning by correspondence to improve all aspects of their skills. In the words of Mary, "With the doctrine of 'helping women help themselves' as its guiding force, the Institute hopes to expand and grow and ever be an influence for good in the lives of all women-a medium through which every woman, no matter where she may live, may acquire that knowledge which will serve her well in every way." The book, <u>Vintage Notions</u> , uses articles, recipes, patterns and ideas from the original institute and its magazine to highlight many aspects of domestic life. Our group will focus on the book but you will also receive many additional handouts from us and ideas to use in our modern homes. With the purchase of the book, you will be entered into a \$5000 sweepstakes sponsored by the publisher. We will meet once a month for tea, companionship and sharing. A minimal charge will be made for refreshments.

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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

- Jingle Bell Shop Hop, September 11 -25
- Quilting Around Chautauqua, September 24-26, Chautauqua, New York
- Quilting with Machines, September 22-25, Huron, Ohio
- Streetsboro Quilt Guild Quilt Show, October 1-2, Faith Baptist Church, 9890 State Route 43, Streetsboro, Ohio
- Wildwood Quilters Guild Quilt Show, November 7, Mentor Senior Center, Mentor, Ohio
- Ohio Mart, September 30 - October 3, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, 714 North Portage Path, Akron

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.