



THE POLKA DOT PINCUSHION

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Dear friends,

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Summertime for me has always been painted in red, white and blue. My favorite memories all revolve around those three colors whether it was a blueberry popsicle melting down my arm, red cinnamon candy apples from our city's Homedays, or sparkling white fireworks on the Fourth. Of course, the flag was the focal point of any summer celebration. As much fun as our summer holidays can be, there is always a sobering reminder for me every time I hear "The Star Spangled Banner". I think of all the people who have sacrificed their time, their family members or their lives for our country. So when I was introduced to the Quilts of Valor program at fall quilt market, my immediate reaction was that we would participate. We think that you will want to, too.

The Polka Dot Pincushion has registered as an official Quilts of Valor Quilt Shop. The Quilts of Valor Foundation was founded to provide current service members and veterans with a quilt commemorating their service to our country. This year, nine fabric companies have designed groups of patriotic themed fabrics and patterns that can be used to create quilts to be donated to service members. We have purchased selections from Red Rooster and Marcus Brothers which we will have in kits for you to use to create a quilt to be donated. We are also having a challenge this summer to create a patriotic quilt which will be judged by the public and the winner will receive an award from our shop. All quilts entered in the challenge will be sent to Quilts of Valor.

Another aspect of the program this summer will be Quilts of Valor: Under our Wing. In this program, an experienced quilter will mentor someone to teach them the art of quilting. We have designed a sampler quilt consisting of 12 simple blocks for the mentor to use. For a nominal fee, a kit with pattern and enough red, white and blue fabric to sew two 12" blocks can be purchased with one block to keep and one block to donate. We will take the donated blocks, finish the quilt and donate the completed quilt to Quilts of Valor. There will be twelve blocks available over the summer beginning the week of Memorial Day and ending Labor Day. You can come to sew at the shop, or take the block kits with you to work at home. Sewing machines will be available for use in the shop. Look at our current calendar for workshop times.

To quote the Quilts of Valor website, "The mission of the QOV Foundation is to cover ALL those service-members and veterans touched by war with Wartime Quilts called Quilts of Valor (QOVs). This foundation is not about politics. It's about people." Go to the Quilts of Valor website for more information, or call us with any questions.

Other fun things we offer this summer are 60 minute classes, Sixty Minute How-To's. These quick sessions are for brushing up on fundamental skills such as binding or free motion quilting. We are also offering a complete Learn to Quilt I and II. Plan on being a part of the Steppin' Out Quilt Tour in July. See the calendar page for dates.

Have fun this summer. We deserve it after the past winter and spring (what spring?). BTW, Isadora will be visiting sometime this summer. She said that she may show up for a QOV workshop. It is hard to pin her down, but we will send you an email with her ETA.

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

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

- Acrylic Clay Workshop I**-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**
One 2 hour class-June 1, 11:00-1:00pm \$19
- 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 Clay I Workshop.** **All levels**
One 2 hour class-July 1, 11:00-1:00pm \$19
- EQ7 Quilt Design**-Did you find EQ7 in your stocking from Santa? EQ 7 can help you to create your own quilt designs. We will use quilt blocks loaded in EQ, as well as, custom-made blocks. Bring your laptop loaded with EQ7 and join us to design your own quilt. **All levels**
Two 2 hour classes - June 2 & 9, 6:00-8:00pm or June 11 & 25, 1:30-3:30pm or August 1 & 15, 1:00-3:00pm \$35
- 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 - July 7, 5:30-7:30pm or August 13, 1:00-3:00pm \$19
- Malinda Doll**-Learn to make this precious Civil War doll for yourself or the little girl in your life. Doll and one dress are made from pre-printed panels. No doll-making experience necessary. Panel purchase required. **All levels**
Two 2-1/2 hour classes - August 3 & 17, 10:30-1:00 \$39
- My Little Apron**-This new pattern from Whimsicals makes an adorable bibbed apron "garnished" with giant rick rack. Perfect for your Labor Day parties. **All levels**
Two 2 hour class-August 23 & 30, 1:00-3:00 \$35
- Pointless Stars**-Learn a simple stack and whack technique that makes stars look easy. Adorable in seasonal fabrics. Four fat quarters will make 4 blocks. **All levels**
One 2 hour class-June 9, 11:00-1:00pm or June 25, 11:00-1:00pm \$19
- Techni-Covers**-Quilted covers for small electronic devices. Protect your electronic devices with an attractive quilted cover. Please bring your device to class. Great for an iPod to iPad and many others!! **All levels**
One 3 hour class-June 24, 1:00-4:00pm or July 30, 10:30-1:30pm \$29
- Texture Magic**-This fabulous interfacing can create amazing textures using your regular sewing machine stitches, including ruffles. We will play with Texture Magic and charm squares and give you ideas for using them. During the second class, you can work on your own project or stop in and see our small purse pattern using texture magic. **All levels**
Two 2 hour classes - July 13 & 20, 10:30-12:30 \$35
- 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: May 24, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: May 26, Jun 30, Jul 28, Aug 25; 6:30
- Clubhouse Quilt**-Michael Miller Fabrics and Swirly Girl Designs have developed a beautiful quilt as a Block of the Month. This twelve month program includes all fabrics for the top and binding, patterns and help sessions. Additional fabric will be available for backing. There are also optional coordinating projects to create a complete look with pillow shams, dresser scarves, dust ruffles, lap quilts and throw pillows. Make this pale blue and citron green queen sized quilt (92" x 108") and be a member of the Clubhouse. Join in the fun active ties each month such as winning door prizes, collecting Clubhouse Cash to use in an in-store auction and seeing demos and other active ties each month. The sample will be in the store soon. **Price: \$ 23/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.**
Tuesday Sessions: May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: May 12, Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 11; 6:30
- Petal Pushers**-Join this block of the month to make an adorable pieced and machine appliquéd small quilt or wall hanging. This happy quilt features blocks with birdhouses, watering cans and baskets, a flag, a bike, and birds and bees. Springy tones of red, white, yellow and pale blue are accented with daisies, polka dots and basket weave fabric. The finished size of 42" x 54" makes a great lap quilt, small throw or accent for a garden porch or wicker settee. Extra borders could be added for a larger size. The kits include all fabrics for the top and binding, patterns and help sessions. This is a 12 month program. **Price: \$ 19/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.**
Tuesday Sessions: May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2; 10:30
Saturday Sessions: May 7, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 6; 10:30

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Shop Hop	2 Shop Hop	3 Shop Hop Petal Pushers 10:30	4 Shop Hop	5 Shop Hop	6 Shop Hop	7 Shop Hop Petal Pushers 10:30
8	9	10 Clubhouse Quilt 10:30	11	12 Clubhouse Quilt 6:30	13	14
15 <i>Pick up</i> Square It Up	16 Hobo Quilt 1:00	17	18	19	20 Winsome Wreaths Embroidery 11:30 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	21
22 <i>Pick up</i> Pincushion	23 Dear Jane Group	24 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30	25 60 Minutes –MQ Stippling 11:00-12:00	26 13 Days of Halloween BOM 6:30	27 60 Minutes –MQ Stippling 11:00-12:00	28
29	30 CLOSED Memorial Day	31				

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Acrylic Clay I 11:00am-1:00pm	2 EQ7 Quilt Design (1) 6:00-8:00pm	3	4 60 Minutes –MQ Fillers 11:00-12:00 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00
5	6 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00	7 Petal Pushers 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (1) 1:00-3:30	8 Learn to Paper Piece (1) 1:30-3:30	9 Pointless Stars 11:00-1:00pm EQ7 Quilt Design (2) 6:00-8:00pm	10	11 Petal Pushers 10:30 EQ7 Quilt Design (1) 1:30-3:30pm
12 <i>Pick up</i> Square It Up	13 60 Minutes – Binding 1:00-2:00pm	14 Clubhouse Quilt 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (2) 1:00-3:30	15 Learn to Paper Piece (2) 1:30-3:30	16 Clubhouse Quilt 6:30	17 Winsome Wreaths Embroidery 11:30 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	18 Quilts of Valor Workshop 10:00-12:00
19 <i>Pick up</i> Pincushion	20 Hobo Quilt 1:00	21 Learn to Quilt I (3) 1:00-3:30	22 60 Minutes –MQ Fillers 11:00-12:00	23 60 Minutes – Binding 1:00-2:00pm Quilts of Valor Workshop 6:00-8:00	24 Techni-Covers 1:00-4:00pm	25 Pointless Stars 11:00-1:00pm EQ7 Quilt Design (2) 1:30-3:30pm
26	27 Dear Jane Group	28 Learn to Quilt I (4) 1:00-3:30 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30	29	30 13 Days of Halloween BOM 6:30		

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Acrylic Clay II 11:00am-1:00pm	2 60 Minutes –MQ Stippling 11:00-12:00 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00
3	4 CLOSED Fourth of July	5 Petal Pushers 10:30 Learn to Quilt I (5) 1:00-3:30	6	7 Invisible Machine Applique 5:30-7:30	8	9 Petal Pushers 10:30
10 <i>Pick up</i> Square It Up	11 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00	12 Clubhouse Quilt 10:30 60 Minutes-Mitered Corners 1:00-2:00	13 Texture Magic (1) 10:30-12:30 60 Minutes –MQ Fillers 2:00-3:00	14 Clubhouse Quilt 6:30	15 Winsome Wreaths Embroidery 11:30 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	16 Quilts of Valor Wkshop 10:00-12:00 60 Minutes-Mitered Corners 1:00-2:00
17 <i>Pick up</i> Pincushion	18 Hobo Quilt 1:00	19 Learn to Quilt II (1) 1:00-3:30	20 Texture Magic (2) 10:30-12:30	21 Quilts of Valor Workshop 6:00-8:00	22 Shop Hop	23 Shop Hop
24 31	25 Shop Hop Dear Jane Group	26 Shop Hop 13 Days of Halloween BOM 10:30 Learn to Quilt II (2) 1:00-3:30	27 Shop Hop 60 Minutes – Quick Fuse Applique 11:00-12:00	28 Shop Hop 13 Days of Halloween BOM 6:30	29 Shop Hop	30 Shop Hop Techni-Covers 10:30-1:30pm

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 EQ7 Quilt Design (1) 1:00-3:00pm	2 Petal Pushers 10:30 Learn to Quilt II (3) 1:00-3:30	3 Malinda Doll (1) 10:30-1:00	4	5	6 Petal Pushers 10:30 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00
7	8 Quilts of Valor Workshop 1:00-3:00	9 Clubhouse Quilt 10:30 Learn to Quilt II (4) 1:00-3:30	10 60 Minutes – Quick Fuse Applique 11:00-12:00	11 Clubhouse Quilt 6:30	12	13 60 Minutes-Wool Applique 11:00-12:00 Invisible Machine Applique 1:00-3:00
14 <i>Pick up</i> Square It Up	15 EQ7 Quilt Design (2) 1:00-3:00pm	16 60 Minutes-Wool Applique 11:00-12:00 Learn to Quilt II (5) 1:00-3:30	17 Malinda Doll (2) 10:30-1:00	18 Quilts of Valor Workshop 6:00-8:00	19 Winsome Wreaths Embroidery 11:30 Vintage Notions Club 1-2:30	20 Quilts of Valor Workshop 10:00-12:00
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Class Offerings

May - August 2011

How to...

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. Use the teacup and tea pot foundation papers that are included with this course to make a delightful small wall hanging or table topper.

Two 2 hour classes - June 8 & 15, 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-June 7 to July 5, 1:00-3:30 \$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 - July 19 to August 16, 1:00-3:30 \$109

New! 60-minute How-To...

Gone in 60 Seconds! Well...no...but how about Done in 60 Minutes? Quick classes for summer that will teach you what you need to know to get that project up and running, or done and out the door. All in 60 minutes! Be sure to pick up your supply list when you register. \$10/session

Stippling (Free Motion Machine Quilting)-The favorite background filler pattern can be learned in 60 minutes. No experience required! You will learn this basic free motion pattern in one class session and be on your way to finished projects and gifts. Given the time constraints, you must have your machine threaded and ready to stitch with your darning foot on, feed dogs lowered and machine set for free motion quilting according to your manual when the class starts. (If in doubt, call ahead and come in 15 minutes before class).

May 25, 11:00am or May 27, 11:00am or July 2, 11:00am

Fillers (more Free Motion Machine Quilting)-Let's learn a few more fun background patterns now that you are ready to try something new. Quick and easy to finish up those small projects. All in 60 minutes. Same time constraints so read the rules of the road for the stippling class above.

June 4, 11:00am or June 22, 11:00am or July 13, 2:00pm

Quick Fuse Appliqué-Do you want to start that adorable Pedal Pushers BOM but shake our head over the appliqué? Have a lovely baby quilt that you are just unsure of? In 60 minutes you can learn how easy it is to trace and fuse the pieces (no matter how small!) and the various methods of stitching the pieces in place.

July 27, 11:00am or August 10, 11:00am

Binding-If binding keeps you from finishing your project, bring your project to class and learn basic binding techniques. Use an unfinished project or a sample quilt sandwich to master the last step of any finished project.

June 13, 1:00pm or June 23, 1:00pm

Mitered Corners-Do you love the polished look of a mitered border but afraid to go it alone? Bring in an almost complete project or sample sandwich with pretend border fabric to learn this elegant method of bordering your next quilt.

July 12, 1:00pm or July 16, 1:00pm

Wool Appliqué Techniques-Learn to transfer patterns for wool appliqué and embroidery. Quick methods of fusing and stabilizing appliqué parts, mastering the blanket stitch, placement of embroidery and appliqué will all be applied to your project.

August 13, 11:00am or August 16, 11:00pm

Specialty Clubs and Groups

Vintage Notions Group-The Vintage Notions group will continue into the new year. The focus will again be on the book but you will also receive many additional handouts from us and ideas to use in our modern homes. Bring your ideas for group activities and we love to see show and tell, either that you have created, or a treasure from the past. We will meet once a month for tea, companionship and sharing. A minimal charge will be made for refreshments.

Meetings: May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19; 1:00 - 2:30

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: May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29 \$6/month

Winsome Wreath Group-Join the Winsome Wreaths group and stitch some adorable wreaths featuring motifs for each month. Each pattern has a full color reverse illustration suitable for framing. Designed by Kathy Schmitz from Moda, these 5-6" embroideries can be done in redwork, blue work, or primitive fabrics with blackwork. You can choose your colorway. Each month you can also purchase an optional kit using that month's design. Some kits are a pin, a valentine, a Victorian cone and others. Finished wreaths can be put in a wall hanging, quilt, banners, table runners or pillows. If you love embroidery, join us on the third Friday of the month. A one time registration fee of \$7 will be charged the first month and returned with completion of the program.

Meetings: May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19; 11:30 Kit and pattern: \$7

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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

- **Sweet Treats Shop Hop**, April 23 - May 7. More information at www.quiltersfling.com
- **NQA Quilt Show**, June 15-18, Columbus, Ohio
- **Kaleidoscope Quilts**, The Art of Paula Nadelstern, June 18-October 2, Akron Art Museum
- **Festival of Quilts**, United Quilt Guild Show, July 15-17, Salem Community Center, Salem, Ohio
- **Steppin' Out Shop Hop**, July 22-30
- **Quilting Around Chautauqua**, September 24-25, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York
- **Quilting With Machines**, October 5-8, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio

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.