



THE POLKA DOT PINCUSHION

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Dear friends,

September, 2011

Things are moving so quickly. I really feel that I wrote this introduction to the last newsletter just a few weeks ago. And can you believe that now it is Labor Day? Before we have a chance to take a breath, Thanksgiving will be here and then in two seconds, it will be Christmas. It seems we need "fast" everything in order to fit into a busy day all the things that we need and want to do. Too often though, we forget to give ourselves a break and to do something to recharge our batteries and to re-ignite our creativity.

Our **Sixty Minute How-To's** seem to fit into everyone's busy schedule. Try one; you'll love it. In fact, they're so small, take two. They are \$9.00 each. We have designed these classes so that some are hands-on and some are demo. If you have a specific problem, such as binding, mitered corners, using triangles, finishing a purse or tote, learning simple embroidery, or making a scalloped border, we have a 60 minute class for you. There is a complete list of all of them inside with a notation as to whether it is hands-on or demo. We also are repeating our major **Learn To** classes for those of you who want or need more in-depth study.

Some great new project classes that have quick methods of construction will help you finish larger projects more quickly. **Hunter's Star** uses precuts to create a beautiful batik quilt in shades of green and pomegranate. A great new book, **Think Fast**, by Swirly Girl Designs has a super quilt, "Shady Character", that we are offering in a one day workshop format. You can cut and sew the blocks for this quilt during the workshop. We also have two wool applique projects, one for Halloween and one for Christmas. Kits will be available for all of these classes, and if you purchase the kit, the class is free.

We have quick project kits for Halloween including door panels, wall hangings, table runners and toppers. They can easily be finished for October 31st. For quick holiday gifts, learn how to make the **Techni-covers** for any sized electronic device. Using a 60° ruler, you can quickly make a 45" table runner with cardinal or sunflower border fabrics. We also have classes to make an adorable tree skirt or table topper from the Whimsicals group, "Winterberry Lane." An adorable larger quilt using the same group is also in kit form. "Jovial" using Moda fabrics features dimensional trees and pinwheels. Quick placemats with fused appliques on decorated toweling is a quick hostess gift.

Comfort and Joy, our new Block of the Month, will begin in October. See below for details. The sample is currently being quilted and will be hanging in the shop soon. Make sure to stop by and see it. Also, come in and see the new **3-D fabric**. You will be amazed; we were. Use your imagination to create an amazing quilt or wall hanging for that special child.

New patterns, books and fabrics arrive every week, so stop in soon. Make us your one stop creativity center and take a few minutes from your busy schedule to treat yourself to a big dose of inspiration.

See you soon, Ronnie, two Debbie's, two Pams, Cathy and Kathleen

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

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Coming In October

Comfort and Joy, our new Block of the Month, will begin in October. This scrappy looking quilt is a combination of pieced and machine applique sections. Larger blocks of an angel, a Santa, a snowman, a decorated saltbox house, a basket of gingerbread men and more are surrounded by a border decorated with machine applique birds and berries. Hearts on the corners give you room to embroider dates or names to personalize your heirloom.

Price: \$ 20/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.

Tuesday Sessions: Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec-off for holidays; 10:30

Thursday Sessions: Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec-off for holidays; 6:30

Shady Character Quilt Workshop - Bring a sack lunch and join us for an all-day workshop on **Saturday, October 15th!** We will be making use of the space next door to us and creating the fabulous quilt "Shady Character" from **Think Fast** by Swirly Girl Designs. Stop by and see the sample quilt. The workshop will begin promptly at **9:00am**, so make certain your fabrics have been selected and your machine is in good working order. Book purchase required. Workshop fee is \$30 or \$10 if the kit or fabrics for this quilt are purchased at The Polka Dot Pincushion.

Quilts, Wall Hangings and Other Fun Projects

Crazy 8 Strip Teaser Table Topper-Strip piecing and triangles help to create this unique table topper or wall hanging. Spectacular in seasonal fabrics such as Fall, Halloween or Christmas. Pattern purchase required. **All levels**

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - September 22 & 29, 10:30-1:00pm or October 6 & 13, 10:30-1:00pm
or November 14 & 21, 1:00-3:30pm **\$39**

EQ7 Quilt Design-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 - October 3 & 10, 2:00-4:00pm **\$35**

Felted Ornaments-Trim your tree with these fabulous ornaments using zippers and felted wool balls. It's amazing what the creative mind can do with a zipper. Pattern purchase required. **All levels**

Two 2 hour classes - November 12 & 19, 10:30-12:30pm or November 28 & December 5, 1:00-3:00pm **\$35**

Gourdy's Gang-Make this clever 10" wide wool applique wall hanging depicting the five pumpkins and gourds that belong to Gourdy's Gang. Simple hand embroidery finishes the tab topped 40" long hanging. Pattern purchase required. Kit available. **All levels**

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - October 6 & 13, 2:00-4:30pm **\$39**

Hunter's Star-The precut strips and squares used in this quilt create a traditional block with a new twist. Using Timeless Treasures beautiful Pomegranate batik collection, you can fashion a 76" square or smaller throw. Book purchase required. Kit available. **All levels**

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - November 3 & 10, 10:30-1:00pm **\$39**

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 2 hour class - October 20, 3:00-5:00pm or October 22, 10:30-12:30pm **\$19**

Simple Gifts Tree Skirt or Table Topper- This tree skirt or table topper goes together quickly and showcases the border stripe from the Winterberry Lane collection by Whimsicals. If a tree skirt is not what you are looking for, you can easily keep it whole and have a 54" table topper. Book purchase required. Kit available. **All levels**

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - November 2 & 9, 1:00-3:30pm **\$39**

Starry Pines-Using easy wool applique methods, make either a 40" table runner or 12" mat for your winter decorating. This design by Lily Anna Stitches features pine trees encircled with a red garland and stars. Can be done completely with wool or wool on prairie cloth. Pattern purchase required. Kit available. **All levels**

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - November 10 & 17, 1:00-3:30pm **\$39**

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! Great Christmas gift idea!! **All levels**

One 3 hour class-September 21, 1:00-4:00pm or October 29, 10:30-1:30pm **\$29**

60 Minute "How To" Classes

If you're pressed for time or need guidance in a specific area, the 60-minute "How To" classes were designed just for you! Hands-on classes are denoted with an asterisk (*) and we ask that you make certain to pick up a class supply list prior to class. \$9/class

Class	Description	Scheduled	Scheduled
Bag Techniques	Simple techniques for bag bottoms and closures.	Sep 21, 10:30	Oct 28, 1:30
Binding *	Attach and complete binding. Learn to use binding tool.	Oct 1, 10:30	Nov 7, 1:30
Dresden Plate *	Make Dresden plates using Dresden tool.	Sep 29, 6:30	Oct 31, 1:00
Embroidery *	Learn basic embroidery stitches.	Oct 7, 1:00	Oct 15, 10:30
Hand Applique *	An easy technique for creating needle-turned appliqué.	Nov 4, 11:00	Nov 22, 11:00
Icing on the Quilt	Embellish with prairie points, flange inserts, folded accents.	Oct 8, 1:30	Oct 21, 1:30
Laminates *	Tips and tricks for working with laminates.	Oct 20, 10:30	Nov 3, 2:00
Machine Quilting - Fillers *	Add a few new fun background patterns to your repertoire.	Oct 7, 10:30	Nov 5, 1:30
Machine Quilting - Stippling *	Learn the most basic and versatile quilting technique.	Sep 23, 11:00	Nov 9, 10:30
Mitered Corners *	Add a professional look to any quilt border.	Oct 12, 10:30	Oct 22, 1:00
Quick Fuse *	Use fusible web for a quick appliqué and add a blanket stitch.	Oct 14, 3:00	Nov 18, 10:30
Rotary Cutting *	Proper rotary cutting techniques.	Oct 17, 3:30	Oct 26, 10:30
Scalloped Borders *	Add scalloped borders with scalloped edge ruler.	Oct 1, 1:00	Nov 12, 1:30
Triangles	Use various techniques to work with triangles easily.	Oct 19, 10:30	Oct 24, 1:00
Tube Quilting *	Strip piece and cut triangles to create versatile blocks.	Oct 27, 1:00	Nov 17, 10:30
Wool Applique *	Pattern transfer, blanket stitch and embroidery.	Sep 30, 1:00	Dec 1, 10:30

September 2011

* - denotes a 60 minute
How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 CLOSED Labor Day	6 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers	7	8	9	10 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers
11	12 Shop Hop	13 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	14 Shop Hop	15 Shop Hop <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	16 Shop Hop <u>11:30</u> Winsome Wreaths Embroidery <u>1:00</u> Vintage Notions Club	17 Shop Hop
18	19 <u>1:00</u> Hobo Quilt	20 <u>10:30</u> Thirteen Days of Halloween BOM	21 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques * <u>1:00</u> Techni-Covers	22 <u>10:30</u> Crazy 8 (1) <u>6:30</u> Thirteen Days of Halloween BOM	23 <u>11:00</u> Machine Quilting-Stippling *	24
25	26 Dear Jane Group	27 <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (1)	28 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (1)	29 <u>10:30</u> Crazy 8 (2) <u>6:30</u> Dresden Plate *	30 <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *	

October 2011

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>10:30</u> Binding * <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders *
2	3 <u>2:00</u> EQ7 Quilt Design (1)	4 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (2)	5 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (2)	6 <u>10:30</u> Crazy 8 (1) <u>2:00</u> Gourdy's Gang (1)	7 <u>10:30</u> Machine Quilting- Fillers * <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *	8 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers <u>1:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *
9	10 <u>2:00</u> EQ7 Quilt Design (2)	11 <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (3)	12 <u>10:30</u> Mitered Corners * <u>1:00</u> Machine Quilting (1)	13 <u>10:30</u> Crazy 8 (2) <u>2:00</u> Gourdy's Gang (2) <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	14 <u>11:30</u> Winsome Wreaths Embroidery <u>1:00</u> Vintage Notions Club <u>3:00</u> Quick Fuse *	15 <u>9:00</u> Shady Character Quilt Workshop <u>10:30</u> Embroidery *
16	17 <u>1:00</u> Hobo Quilt <u>3:30</u> Rotary Cutting *	18 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (4)	19 <u>10:30</u> Triangles *	20 <u>10:30</u> Laminates * <u>3:00</u> Invisible Machine Applique <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy	21 <u>10:30</u> Machine Applique (1) <u>1:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *	22 <u>10:30</u> Invisible Machine Applique <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *
23	24 Dear Jane Group <u>1:00</u> Triangles *	25 <u>10:30</u> Thirteen Days of Halloween BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (5)	26 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>1:00</u> Machine Quilting (2)	27 <u>1:00</u> Tube Quilting * <u>6:30</u> Thirteen Days of Halloween BOM	28 <u>10:30</u> Machine Applique (2) <u>1:30</u> Bag Techniques *	29 <u>10:30</u> Techni-Covers
30	31 <u>1:00</u> Dresden Plate *					

November 2011

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (1)	2 <u>1:00</u> Simple Gifts (1)	3 <u>10:30</u> Hunter's Star (1) <u>2:00</u> Laminates *	4 <u>11:00</u> Hand Applique *	5 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers <u>1:30</u> Machine Quilting-Fillers *
6	7 <u>1:30</u> Binding *	8 <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (2)	9 <u>10:30</u> Machine Quilting-Stippling * <u>1:00</u> Simple Gifts (2)	10 <u>10:30</u> Hunter's Star (2) <u>1:00</u> Starry Pines (1) <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	11 <u>11:30</u> Winsome Wreaths Embroidery <u>1:00</u> Vintage Notions Club	12 <u>10:30</u> Felted Ornament (1) <u>1:30</u> Scalloped Borders *
13	14 <u>1:00</u> Crazy 8 (1)	15 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (3)	16	17 <u>10:30</u> Tube Quilting * <u>1:00</u> Starry Pines (2) <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy	18 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse *	19 <u>10:30</u> Felted Ornament (2)
20	21 <u>1:00</u> Crazy 8 (2)	22 <u>11:00</u> Hand Applique * <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (4)	23 Closed at 2:00pm	24 Closed	25	26
27	28 Dear Jane Group <u>1:00</u> Felted Ornament (1)	29 <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (5)	30			

December 2011

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>10:30</u> Wool Applique *	2	3
4	5 <u>1:00</u> Felted Ornament (2)	6 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers	7	8	9	10 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers
11	12	13 <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	14	15 <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt	16 <u>11:30</u> Winsome Wreaths Embroidery <u>1:00</u> Vintage Notions Club	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Closed at 2:00pm	24 Closed
25	26 Dear Jane Group	27	28	29	30	31 Closed

How to...

- Beginning Machine Quilting**-Learn the basics of machine quilting and finish up those small projects. 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.
 Two 2½ hour classes - Oct 12 & 26, 1:00-3:30 \$39
- Machine Appliqué Workshop**-A workshop to jump start your machine appliqué projects. In this hands-on class, you will learn many techniques and 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.
 Two 2½ hour classes - Oct 21 & 28, 10:30-1:00 \$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. 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 - Sep 28 & Oct 5, 10:30-12:30 \$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-Sep 27 to Oct 25, 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 - Nov 1 to Nov 29, 1:00-3:30 \$109

Block of the Month Programs

- 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: Sep 20 & Oct 25; 10:30
 Thursday Sessions: Sep 22 & Oct 27; 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.
 Price: \$ 23/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.
 Tuesday Sessions: Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13; 10:30
 Thursday Sessions: Sep 15, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 15; 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: Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6; 10:30
 Saturday Sessions: Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 10; 10:30

Specialty Clubs and Groups

- Vintage Notions Group**-The Vintage Notions group will continue to focus 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: Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 16; 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: Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28, Dec 26 \$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: Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 16; 11:30 Kit and pattern: \$7

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.

Upcoming Events

- Jingle Bell Shop Hop, September 10-17. More information at www.quiltersfling.com
- Quilting Extravaganza, The Crazy Quilter's Guild, September 11, Grace United Methodist Church, Warren, OH
- Basket of Quilts XIV, Cascade Quilt Guild, September 17-18, Bath United Church of Christ, Bath, OH
- Quilting Around Chautauqua, September 24-25, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York
- Ohio Mart, September 29-October 2, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- 2011 Streetsboro Quilt Guild, September 30-October 1, Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, OH
- Kaleidoscope Quilts, The Art of Paula Nadelstern, June 18-October 2, Akron Art Museum
- Quilting With Machines, October 5-8, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio
- 22nd Annual Quilt Show, Wildwood Quilt Guild, November 6, Mentor Senior Center, Mentor, OH

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 pre-cutting (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.

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.