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

Dear Friends,

The new year is a great time for new beginnings, whether it is to lose that last five pounds (or in my case, the first five), clean out the spare bedroom, empty the ironing basket, or finish those UFO's staring at you every time you walk into your sewing room. Here at the shop, the new year is also the beginning of new skills, new programs, new projects and new friends. Take a minute to see what we have planned for this winter into spring.

First of all, the new skills. Have you heard about "Piping Hot Binding"? This is a cool addition to any project and adds just that little bit of pizzazz. We have the tools, supplies and ideas to add this clever embellishment to any project. We are also offering a class that incorporates the technique in a small hanging, "Have a Heart." Or learn to use the "House" Ruler and make a sampler quilt that incorporates triangles, parallelograms, trapezoids and diamonds but only uses one ruler. Also you can brush up on an old technique by selecting one of our 60 Minute classes. We are offering many all priced at \$9 each.

Next, new programs. We found a beautiful block of the month featuring Benartex's fabric line "Normandy Court." This 12 month program produces a queen sized quilt with a neutral palette and a scalloped paisley border. In addition, Moda is reprinting their popular line, "Rouennaries" and we are offering the Bunny Hill applique quilt as a 10 month program. Samples will be up in the shop soon.

New projects can happen quickly if you "Take Five". Come in the shop, pick five fabrics for the quilt center, an inner border and binding and outer border from the Windham group "Echo" and we will show you how to use the Accuquilt Studio cutter to cut out your whole quilt in less than an hour. The quilt is 60" square and is priced at \$46.

And now for the new friends. In addition to meeting some of the best people in the world (our customers), you can join our new wool work group, Richfield's Wild & Woolly Women. We will meet one Friday a month to work on wool projects, learn new short cuts and stitches and, most of all, have fun.

For those of you who participated in the Jingle Bell Shop Hop last fall, you are familiar with the story, "Snowbound at Grandma's". We sent out information about joining our challenge based on the block patterns you were given at each shop. Hopefully, you have decided to join the challenge, but even if you haven't decided to participate by creating a project, we would like to invite you to a luncheon on Sunday, March 18, at the historic GAR hall in Peninsula. At the event, you can meet the original "Grandma", hear the story, see antique quilts and the challenge projects and enjoy an early spring event with your friends, old and new, from the eight shops of the Quilters' Fling. And while you're at it, mark your calendar for the Sweet Treats Shop Hop, April 18th through 28th. We'll be emailing you with more information.

So, treat yourself. You deserve it. Make the new year one of great beginnings, productive middles and satisfying endings. Find a new path or finish one that is well-traveled. We hope that your destination finds you happy and healthy.

Happy New Year, Ronnie, Debbie, Debbie, Pam, Pam, Cathy, Kathleen and Sallie

It's a New Year!

We are excited to announce our first Saturday Sampler! Just imagine, completing a quilt top for \$50. The program will run for 12 months and end in March of 2013. The quilt is lap sized but the design is a mystery so you won't see the finished quilt until the end of the program. If you're not familiar with the Saturday Sampler program, here's how it will work:

- Register between February 1st and 29th (it's a Leap Year!) and pay the \$50 non-refundable registration fee.
- Pick up your copy of the "Road Rules".
- Choose from two sample palettes of color, either traditional or bright.
- Pick up your first set of blocks on Saturday, April 14th
- Come back on the second Saturday of each month, show us your completed block(s) from the previous month and receive your next block free! Demos will be held every half hour beginning at 10:15 and ending at 12:15.
- If you are unable to pick up your block(s) on the second Saturday or you have not completed the previous month's blocks and brought them with you, you will pay a \$5 penalty. **No exceptions.** Further details can be found in the "Road Rules".

We're very excited about this program and look forward to seeing you in February!



Quilts, Wall Hangings and Other Fun Projects

Have a Heart Wallhanging- Spring colors and sweet hearts make this Nancy Rink pattern the perfect Valentine or Spring appliqué wallhanging. We have added a little "piping hot binding" to our shop sample and will preview this technique during class. Kits available and pattern purchase required.

2-1/2 hour classes - January 26 & February 2, 10:30-1:00pm **All levels \$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.

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - April 19 & 26, 2:30-5:00pm **All levels \$39**

Instant Tote Bag- Two squares of fabric + one square of batting = a fun, versatile and attractive tote bag! Use it as a purse or tote for quilting or crafting project. Pattern provided.

One 2-1/2 hour class - February 1, 1:00-3:30pm or March 30, 1:00-3:30pm **All levels \$25**

Six Halves Make a Whole Sampler Quilt- Learn to use the House Ruler to cut triangles, trapezoids, "houses", parallelograms and diamonds to make the blocks in this contemporary sampler quilt. Pattern book and ruler purchase required.

Three 2-1/2 hour classes - April 13, 20 and 27, 10:30am-1:00pm **All levels \$45**

Summer's Garden Pin Cushion - Use fun, bright wools and create this gorgeous wool appliqué pin cushion. This is the perfect class to try your hand at working with wool. Make certain to pick up a supply list when you register. Pattern purchase required.

Two 2-1/2 hour classes - January 23 & 30, 12:30-3:00pm or March 8 & 15 1:00-3:30pm **All levels \$39**

Techni-Covers- Protect your electronic devices with an attractive quilted cover. Quilted covers for most small electronic devices. Please bring your device to class. Great for an iPod to iPad and many others!

One 3 hour class- March 2, 1:00-4:00pm **All levels \$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	Time	Dates
Bag Techniques	Simple techniques for bag bottoms, closures, and embellishments.	10:30am	1/18, 2/25, 3/23, 4/4
Binding *	Attach and complete binding. Learn to use binding tool.	1:00pm	1/7, 2/13, 3/22, 4/30
Dresden Plate *	Make Dresden plates using Dresden tool.	1:00pm	2/23, 3/10
Embroidery *	Learn basic embroidery stitches.	1:00pm	1/14, 2/2, 3/19, 4/26
English Paper Piecing *	Use simple paper templates to sew complex shapes.	1:00pm	1/28, 2/3, 3/14, 4/13
Hand Applique *	An easy technique for creating needle-turned appliqué.	10:30am	1/31, 2/16, 3/8, 4/24
Icing on the Quilt	Embellish with prairie points, flange inserts, folded accents.	3:30pm	1/31, 2/27, 3/29, 4/12
Machine Quilting - Stippling *	Learn the most basic and versatile quilting technique.	10:30am	1/27, 2/8, 3/30, 4/11
Mitered Corners *	Add a professional look to any quilt border.	1:00pm	1/10, 2/18, 3/21, 4/24
Paper Piecing *	Use a paper foundation to flip and sew. Great for crazy quilting.	1:00pm	1/25, 2/15, 3/17, 4/25
Quick Fuse *	Use fusible web for a quick appliqué and add a blanket stitch.	10:30am	1/5, 2/4, 3/15, 4/26
Rotary Cutting *	Proper rotary cutting techniques.	10:30am	1/19, 2/28, 3/22, 4/21
Scalloped Borders *	Add scalloped borders with scalloped edge ruler.	1:00pm	1/16, 2/9, 3/12, 4/23
Triangles	Use various techniques to work with triangles easily.	3:30pm	1/23, 2/9, 3/13, 4/9
Tube Quilting *	Strip piece and cut triangles to create versatile blocks.	10:30am	1/12, 2/23, 3/29, 4/7
Wool Applique *	Pattern transfer, blanket stitch and embroidery.	1:00pm	1/21, 2/6, 3/26, 4/19

January 2012

* - denotes a 60 minute
How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse *	6	7 <u>1:00</u> Binding *
8	9	10 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *	11	12 <u>10:30</u> Tube Quilting *	13	14 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *
15	16 <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders *	17 <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt BOM	18 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques *	19 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt BOM	20 <u>11:30</u> Winsome Wreaths Embroidery	21 <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *
22	23 <u>12:30</u> Summer's Garden Pincushion (1) <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	24 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	25 <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *	26 <u>10:30</u> Have a Heart Wallhanging (1) <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	27 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling *	28 <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *
29	30 Dear Jane Group <u>12:30</u> Summer's Garden Pincushion (2)	31 <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *				

February 2012

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>1:00</u> Instant Tote Bag	2 <u>10:30</u> Have a Heart Wallhanging (2) <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *	3 <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *	4 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse *
5	6 <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *	7 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (1)	8 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling *	9 <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders * <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	10 <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (1)	11 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM
12	13 <u>1:00</u> Binding *	14 <u>10:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (2)	15 <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *	16 <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>6:30</u> Clubhouse Quilt BOM	17 <u>1:00</u> Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women	18 <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *
19	20	21 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (3)	22 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (1)	23 <u>10:30</u> Tube Quilting * <u>1:00</u> Dresden Plate * <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	24 <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (2)	25 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques *
26	27 Dear Jane Group <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *	28 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (4)	29 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (2)			

March 2012

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <u>1:00</u> Techni-Covers	3
4	5	6 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (5)	7 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (1)	8 <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>1:00</u> Summer's Garden Pincushion (1)	9	10 <u>10:30</u> Petal Pushers BOM <u>1:00</u> Dresden Plate *
11	12 <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders *	13 <u>10:30</u> Normandy Court BOM <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	14 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (2) <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *	15 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse * <u>1:00</u> Summer's Garden Pincushion (2) <u>6:30</u> Normandy Court	16 <u>1:00</u> Richfield's Wild & Woolly Women	17 <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *
18	19 <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *	20 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (1)	21 <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *	22 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>1:00</u> Binding * <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	23 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques * <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (1)	24
25	26 Dear Jane Group <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *	27 <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (2)	28	29 <u>10:30</u> Tube Quilting * <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *	30 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling * <u>1:00</u> Instant Tote Bag	31

April 2012

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <u>10:30</u> Le Jardin BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (3)	4 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques *	5 <u>6:30</u> Le Jardin BOM	6 <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (2)	7 <u>10:30</u> Tube Quilting *
8	9 <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	10 <u>10:30</u> Normandy Court BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (4)	11 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling *	12 <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt * <u>6:30</u> Normandy Court BOM	13 <u>10:30</u> Six Halves Make a Whole (1) <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *	14 Saturday Sampler
15	16	17 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt II (5)	18 Shop Hop	19 Shop Hop <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique * <u>2:30</u> Hunter's Star (1) <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	20 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Six Halves Make a Whole (2) <u>1:00</u> Richfield's Wild & Woolly Women	21 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting *
22	23 Shop Hop <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders *	24 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *	25 Shop Hop <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *	26 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse * <u>1:00</u> Embroidery * <u>2:30</u> Hunter's Star (2)	27 Shop Hop <u>10:30</u> Six Halves Make a Whole (3)	28 Shop Hop
29	30 Dear Jane Group <u>1:00</u> Binding *					

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 - Feb 10 & 24 or Mar 23 & Apr 6, 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. 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 - Feb 22 & 29 or Mar 7 & 14, 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 - Tuesdays, Feb 7 to Mar 6, 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 - Tuesdays, Mar 20 to Apr 17, 1:00-3:30 \$109**

Block of the Month Programs

- Clubhouse Quilt**- Tuesday Sessions: Jan 17, Feb 14; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: Jan 19, Feb 16; 6:30
- Petal Pushers**- Tuesday Sessions: Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 6; 10:30
Saturday Sessions: Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10; 10:30
- Comfort and Joy**- This scrappy looking quilt is a combination of pieced and machine applique sections. Larger blocks of an angel, a Santa, a snow man, 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: Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 20, Apr 17; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 19; 6:30
- Le Jardin**- Back by popular demand! 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: \$23/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.**
- Tuesday Sessions: April 3, 10:30
Thursday Sessions: April 5, 6:30
- Normandy Court**- Benartex Fabrics has introduced a new program using their group, Normandy Court with beautiful neutrals selections from black to cream. A small sprinkling of dark greens adds just the right touch that makes this quilt spectacular. This 12 month program provides every thing you need to finish the top and binding of this pieced queen sized quilt. Our sample will have a wide paisley scalloped border, but you can finish your quilt with straight borders. This program begins in March. **Price: \$23/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.**
- Tuesday Sessions: March 13, April 10; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: March 15, April 12; 6:30

Specialty Clubs and Groups

Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women

Do you love to embroider with wool? Do you enjoy wool applique? Join **Richfield's Wild and Wooly Women**, a new group dedicated to working with wool. We will select a project to work on and meet every third Friday at 1:00. We will all share our knowledge, share solutions for our project problems, eat a snack and probably laugh a lot. Join the RW/3's and share your love of all things wool.

Meetings: February 17, March 16, April 20

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 Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 26, Apr 30 \$6/month

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

- 21st Annual Quilts 2012, Lake Metroparks Farmpark Quilt Show, February 10-March 21, Kirtland, Ohio.
- Lake Farmpark Vendor's Weekend, March 2-4, Kirtland, Ohio
- Quilter's Fling Spring Luncheon, March 18, GAR Hall, Peninsula, OH
- 2012 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, March 29-31, IX Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
- International Quilt Festival, April 13-15, Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH.
- Quilters' Fling Sweet Treats Shop Hop, April 18-28, eight shops. Pick up a passport in any store.
- NQA 43rd Annual Quilt Show, June 14-16, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio.

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.