



THE POLKA DOT PINCUSHION

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Dear Friends,

May 2012

You would think that during the "lazy" days of summer everything would slow down and we would all have more time to do the things we love or to do absolutely nothing. For me, it is just the opposite. Especially here in Ohio, we want to take advantage of the weather, visit family reunions, welcome home our students or take that much needed vacation. Since time is limited, this summer we are focusing on quick ways to create that project you want or need to make. As you are aware, we have lots of kits to make the selection of a project quick and easy. However, if you prefer to take advantage of all the precuts that manufacturers now offer, come and take one of our classes this summer that focuses on a charm pack, jelly roll or other precuts.

We have customized our classes to fit your schedule so that you can squeeze a class between your other activities. You can register for a precut class for one or two sessions. If you only want to learn the technique we are offering, sign up for the first two hour session for \$19. If you would then like to have a second session that will help you lay out the quilt and finish your project, you can add a second session for another \$19. If you feel that you can finish on your own, you don't need to register for the second class.

We have found some great ideas to utilize those precuts. Most do not use a pattern for construction. "Serendipity" uses jelly roll strips to make a complicated-looking setting without all the work. "Easy Chevron" uses charm packs and white to compose a trendy quilt in various sizes. Many of you have heard of the "1600" quilt which uses jelly roll strips. We have a couple of variations to this quilt to make it your own. We also have the "Lotus Blossom" which creates a stunning quilt using an ingenious pattern. During the summer, we will be adding additional classes for precuts, and don't forget to come in to see the many magazines, books and patterns that rely on these handy fabric bundles.

If you have fabrics that you would like to use to make a precut project but they are not strips or squares, we offer the use of our studio cutter. In a few minutes, we can show you how to make your own charm packs or jelly rolls, or layer five at a time to make a quick "Take 5" quilt. If you have purchased the fabrics from us, or if you have signed on for a precut class, you can use the cutter for free. If you haven't purchased our fabrics, shame on you, but we forgive you, and you can still rent the cutter for \$10 an hour.

Keep an eye on our weekly emails for added activities, make it and take it quick projects, demos of new trends, and don't forget our 60 minute classes. We have added some new titles that will sharpen your skills or introduce you to a new technique. All in all, we hope that you have a great summer full of new inspirations and finished projects.

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

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



Coming in July!



Starting in July, we are excited to offer a new Block of the Month "For Unto You" from Daisy and Dell, the designers that created "Merry Christmas to All." This joyful quilt spells out "Joy, Love, Peace, and Hope" and uses "Jovial", a whimsical Christmas group from Moda for the main fabric selection. The program runs eleven months and will include all the fabric for the top and the binding, patterns and embellishments and help sessions to complete the quilt. The quilt can be done with hand or machine applique. Come to the shop in June to see a sample. A \$15 registration fee will be refunded in the last month. **Cost: \$22 a month**

Help sessions: Tuesday Sessions: July 3, August 7; 10:30
Saturday Sessions: July 7, August 11; 10:30

Quilts, Wall Hangings and Other Fun Projects

- Lotus Blossom** - Looking almost like a cathedral window, Lotus Blossom is both striking and simple. Like all Cozy Strip Club patterns, it starts with 2-1/2" strips. With this one, you can use the Strip Tube Ruler™ to make it even easier. Pattern purchase required. **All levels**
 Two 2-1/2 hour classes - May 24 & 31, 2:30-5:00pm or August 2 & 9, 10:30-1:00pm **\$39**
- Modern Messenger/Diaper Bag**-A sure hit! Enjoy making a modern looking "messenger/diaper" bag from your favorite fabrics, using as little as two fabrics. Add bottle pockets and disposable diaper pocket and adjustable strap/handle. Soft n Stable helps keep the bag firm and stand on its own!
All levels
 Two 2-1/2 hour classes - June 4 & 11, 2:00-4:30pm or August 2 & 9, 5:00-7:30pm **\$39**
- 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. **All levels**
 Three 2-1/2 hour classes - July 13, 20 and 27, 10:30am-1:00pm **\$45**

Simply Pre-Cut 2 Hour Sessions - Session 1 provides block technique / Session 2 provides quilt assembly / \$19 per session

- Serendipity** - This fabulous jelly roll quilt uses two very simple techniques to make this quilt look extremely complicated. Learn how block placement can change the look of a quilt with just a 90 degree twist.
 Session 1- 5/30 (10:30-12:30pm) or 7/9 (2:30-4:30pm) or 8/11 (1:00-3:00pm)
 Session 2- 6/6 (10:30-12:30pm) or 7/16 (2:30-4:30pm) or 8/18 (1:00-3:00pm)
- Easy Chevron** - Any four charm packs and a little yardage create this great looking quilt. Based on the Patchwork Chevron quilt found at the Moda BakeShop website designed by Jeni of In Color Order, this quilt uses two standard quilt block techniques and is fast and fun!
 Session 1- 6/2 (1:00-3:00pm) or 7/23 (1:00-3:00pm) or 8/6 (1:00-3:00pm)
 Session 2- 6/9 (1:00-3:00pm) or 7/30 (1:00-3:00pm) or 8/13 (1:00-3:00pm)
- 1600**- If you've heard about the "jelly roll races" this is the pre-cut class for you! We won't be racing but we'll show you a few variations on the same technique. You'll be amazed at what one jelly roll will create.
 Session 1- 6/23 (1:00-3:00pm) or 7/21 (2:00-4:00pm) or 8/24 (10:30-12:30pm)
 Session 2- 6/30 (1:00-3:00pm) or 7/28 (2:00-4:00pm) or 8/31 (10:30-12:30pm)

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 per class.

Class	Description	Time	Dates
Bag Techniques	Simple techniques for bag bottoms, closures, and embellishments.	10:30am	5/16, 6/23, 7/28, 8/1
Binding *	Attach and complete binding. Learn to use binding tool.	1:00pm	5/5, 6/11, 7/26, 8/27
Dresden Plate *	Make Dresden plates using Dresden tool.	3:30pm	5/15, 6/14, 7/12, 8/16
Embroidery *	Learn basic embroidery stitches.	1:00pm	5/12, 6/20, 7/19, 8/23
English Paper Piecing *	Use simple paper templates to sew complex shapes.	1:00pm	5/26, 6/22, 7/25, 8/10
Hand Applique *	An easy technique for creating needle-turned appliqué.	10:30am	5/29, 6/14, 7/21, 8/18
Icing on the Quilt	Embellish with prairie points, flange inserts, folded accents.	3:30pm	5/29, 6/28, 7/18, 8/29
Instant Tote Bag	Two squares of fabric + one square of batting = a fun tote bag!	10:30am	5/10, 6/21, 7/5, 8/4
Machine Quilting - Stippling *	Learn the most basic and versatile quilting technique.	10:30am	5/25, 6/13, 7/6, 8/8
Mitered Corners *	Add a professional look to any quilt border.	1:00pm	5/8, 6/16, 7/24, 8/15
No-Batting Table Runner	Very quick & easy table runner. Great for a last minute gift!	3:30pm	5/21, 6/18, 7/26, 8/13
Paper Piecing *	Use a paper foundation to flip and sew. Great for crazy quilting.	1:00pm	5/23, 6/13, 7/21, 8/22
Quick Fuse *	Use fusible web for a quick appliqué and add a blanket stitch.	10:30am	5/3, 6/2, 7/19, 8/23
Rotary Cutting *	Proper rotary cutting techniques.	10:30am	5/17, 6/26, 7/26, 8/25
Scalloped Borders *	Add scalloped borders with scalloped edge ruler.	1:00pm	5/14, 6/7, 7/16, 8/20
Triangles	Use various techniques to work with triangles easily.	3:30pm	5/22, 6/7, 7/17, 8/24
Wool Applique *	Pattern transfer, blanket stitch and embroidery.	1:00pm	5/19, 6/6, 7/6, 8/16

May 2012

* - denotes a 60 minute
How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1:00</u> Le Jardin BOM	2	3 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse * <u>1:00</u> Le Jardin BOM	4	5 <u>1:00</u> Binding *
6	7	8 <u>10:30</u> Normandy Court BOM <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *	9	10 <u>10:30</u> Instant Tote Bag* <u>6:30</u> Normandy Court BOM	11	12 <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *
13	14 <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders *	15 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM <u>3:30</u> Dresden Plate *	16 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques *	17 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	18 <u>1:00</u> Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women	19 <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *
20	21 Dear Jane Group <u>3:30</u> No-Batting Table Runner*	22 <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	23 <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *	24 <u>3:30</u> Lotus Blossom (1)	25 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling *	26 <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *
27	28 CLOSED	29 <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *	30 <u>10:30</u> Serendipity (1)	31 <u>3:30</u> Lotus Blossom (2)		

June 2012

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (1)	2 <u>10:30</u> Quick Fuse * <u>1:00</u> Easy Chevron (1)
3	4 <u>2:00</u> Modern Messenger/Diaper Bag (1)	5 <u>1:00</u> Le Jardin BOM	6 <u>10:30</u> Serendipity (2) <u>1:00</u> Wool Applique *	7 <u>1:00</u> Le Jardin BOM <u>1:00</u> Scalloped Borders * <u>3:30</u> Triangles *	8 <u>1:00</u> Beginning Machine Quilting (2)	9 <u>1:00</u> Easy Chevron (2)
10	11 <u>1:00</u> Binding * <u>2:00</u> Modern Messenger/Diaper Bag (2)	12 <u>10:30</u> Normandy Court BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (1)	13 <u>10:30</u> MQ-Stippling * <u>1:00</u> Paper Piecing *	14 <u>10:30</u> Hand Applique * <u>3:30</u> Dresden Plate * <u>6:30</u> Normandy Court BOM	15 <u>1:00</u> Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women	16 <u>1:00</u> Mitered Corners *
17	18 <u>3:30</u> No-Batting Table Runner*	19 <u>10:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (2)	20 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (1) <u>1:00</u> Embroidery *	21 <u>10:30</u> Instant Tote Bag* <u>6:30</u> Comfort & Joy BOM	22 <u>1:00</u> English Paper Piecing *	23 <u>10:30</u> Bag Techniques * <u>1:00</u> "1600" (1)
24	25 Dear Jane Group	26 <u>10:30</u> Rotary Cutting * <u>1:00</u> Learn to Quilt I (3)	27 <u>10:30</u> Learn to Paper Piece (2)	28 <u>3:30</u> Icing on the Quilt *	29	30 <u>1:00</u> "1600" (2)

July 2012

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How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 10:30 For Unto You BOM 1:00 Learn to Quilt I (4) 1:00 Le Jardin BOM	4 CLOSED	5 10:30 Instant Tote Bag* 1:00 Le Jardin BOM	6 10:30 MQ-Stippling * 1:00 Wool Applique *	7 10:30 For Unto You BOM
8	9 2:30 Serendipity (1)	10 10:30 Normandy Court BOM 1:00 Learn to Quilt I (5)	11 10:30 Learn to Paper Piece (1)	12 3:30 Dresden Plate * 6:30 Normandy Court BOM	13 10:30 Six Halves Make a Whole (1)	14
15	16 1:00 Scalloped Borders * 2:30 Serendipity (2)	17 10:30 Comfort & Joy BOM 3:30 Triangles *	18 10:30 Learn to Paper Piece (2) 3:30 Icing on the Quilt*	19 10:30 Quick Fuse * 1:00 Embroidery * 6:30 Comfort & Joy BOM	20 10:30 Six Halves Make a Whole (2) 1:00 Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women	21 10:30 Hand Applique * 1:00 Paper Piecing * 2:00 "1600" (1)
22	23 1:00 Easy Chevron (1)	24 1:00 Mitered Corners *	25 1:00 English Paper Piecing *	26 10:30 Rotary Cutting * 1:00 Binding * 3:30 No-Batting Table Runner*	27 10:30 Six Halves Make a Whole (3) 1:00 Beginning Machine Quilting (1)	28 10:30 Bag Techniques * 2:00 "1600" (2)
29	30 Dear Jane Group 1:00 Easy Chevron (2)	31 1:00 Learn to Quilt II (1)				

August 2012

* - denotes a 60 minute
How-To class

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Bag Techniques *	2 10:30 Lotus Blossom (1) 5:00 Modern Messenger/Diaper Bag (1)	3 1:00 Beginning Machine Quilting (2)	4 10:30 Instant Tote Bag*
5	6 1:00 Easy Chevron (1)	7 10:30 For Unto You BOM 1:00 Learn to Quilt II (2) 1:00 Le Jardin BOM	8 10:30 MQ-Stippling *	9 10:30 Lotus Blossom (2) 1:00 Le Jardin BOM 5:00 Modern Messenger/Diaper Bag (2)	10 1:00 English Paper Piecing *	11 10:30 For Unto You BOM 1:00 Serendipity (1)
12	13 1:00 Easy Chevron (2) 3:30 No-Batting Table Runner*	14 10:30 Normandy Court BOM 1:00 Learn to Quilt II (3)	15 1:00 Mitered Corners *	16 1:00 Wool Applique * 3:30 Dresden Plate * 6:30 Normandy Court BOM	17 1:00 Richfield's Wild & Wooly Women	18 10:30 Hand Applique * 1:00 Serendipity (2)
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26	27 Dear Jane Group 1:00 Binding *	28 1:00 Learn to Quilt II (5)	29 3:30 Icing on the Quilt *	30	31 10:30 "1600" (2)	

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 - June 1 & 8 or July 27 & August 3, 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 - June 20 & 27 or July 11 & 18, 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, June 12 to July 10, 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, July 31 to August 28, 1:00-3:30 \$109**

Block of the Month Programs

- 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: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: May 17, June 21, July 19, August 23; 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: May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7; 1:00
Thursday Sessions: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 9; 1:00
- 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. **Price: \$23/month plus a one time registration fee of \$15 returned with completion of the program.**
- Tuesday Sessions: May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14; 10:30
Thursday Sessions: May 10, June 14, July 12, August 16; 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 RW3' s and share your love of all things wool.

Meetings: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17

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 21, June 25, July 30, August 27 \$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

- NQA 43rd Annual Quilt Show, June 14-16, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio.
- The Ohio One Stop Shop Hop, July 13-14, Hope Hotel, Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
- Pieceable Quilter's Guild, July 21-22, Muskingham County Fairgrounds, Zanesville, Ohio
- Quilting With Machines, September 19-22, Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio
- Quilting Around Chautauqua, September 29-30, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York
- Streetsboro Quilt Guild, October 5 & 6, Faith Baptist Church, Streetsboro, Ohio
- Mayfield Township Historical Quilters Quilt Show, October 12 & 13, Mayfield Village Civic Center, Mayfield Village, 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.