

# Fabric Expressions

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## Shine some light on your quilting

This is my favorite time of year, spring is in the air, and summer is almost here. I love the fact that it stays lighter longer. Feels like we get more things done but I am not so sure.

We have some great classes this time around. The holidays are just around the corner, and holiday fabric is starting to arrive. We have some great projects that would make great gifts.

We try to offer classes on evenings and weekends in order to fit as many different schedules as possible. If there is a class that does not work with your schedule, we would be happy to offer it at another time if we have enough interest. We need at least three people in the class.

Do you have some unfinished projects that you have forgotten how to put together



or are you stuck and need some help? Well, JaNelle is again offering a great class for you: "The last stitch school." Bring your projects and your questions, and JaNelle will be there to help. We will have two sessions each day with a limit of three people per session.

Shop Hop planning is in full swing. Mark your calendar for Aug. 5-7. "America the

Beautiful" is the theme this year. Each shop will have a project using the blocks from all the shops. There will be other projects in each shop that highlight the style of each shop. In addition, some of the shops got together and designed a fabric. The shops picked different colors so you have many to choose from.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**TERRIFIC TUESDAY:** On the third Tuesday of the month come join us for Terrific Tuesdays. I will demo a quick new project using the different pre-cut fabric packs. (Charm packs, jelly rolls, honey buns, etc). Bring a show-and-tell for a chance to win a door prize.

**4 classes - 4 patterns  
4 DOLLARS**

(Sorry, no discounts.)

5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16  
10 a.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

**There is one rule:** You must come to class to receive the pattern. There will be a \$3 charge for the pattern if you can't attend.

**SEWING MACHINE SERVICE:** Bring your sewing machines in for a cleaning and basic tuneup while you shop. Kurt will work on your Berninas and Don from Above and Beyond will work on Phaff, Elna, Brothers and most other machines. If there is something specific you need done to your machine, let us know before you come so they can bring the needed parts. Make your one-hour appointment today!

Bernina Wed 5/25 or 7/20  
Above and Beyond Tue 5/24 or 8/9

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$95 (Sorry, no discounts)

## OPEN HOUSE

**May 6-May 8**

Friday, May 6:  
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 7:  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 8:  
Noon to 5 p.m.



### SIGN UP FOR CLASSES

See samples; choose the classes best for you

### 15% OFF CLASSES

(Sorry, no discounts on telephone registrations)

15% OFF FABRIC (1/2-yard minimum cut)

15% OFF BOOKS, PATTERNS AND NOTIONS IN STOCK

25% OFF 4 YARDS OR MORE of same fabric  
(Some restrictions apply)

*"America the Beautiful"*

**THE 2011 SHOP HOP IS COMING!**

**AUG. 5-7**  
Watch the website for details

# CLASS SCHEDULE

**Fat Quarter Quilting:** Gather up your fat quarters and come make these fun little quilts. We will make 3 different 16" x 20" mini quilts from the same pattern package. The pattern uses reproduction fabric, they would look sensational in any color or fabric you choose.

Mon 5/9, 6/6 and 8/22 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$45

**Pennsylvania Folk Quilt:** The original wall hanging was made from homespun. I converted the pattern to use jelly roll strips for the border instead. The appliqué pieces are large and can done fast. Pattern required

Tue 5/10 and 5/31 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$50



**Invisible Machine Appliqué:** Patty has changed the pattern but the process is the same. Learn to machine appliqué using invisible techniques so it looks like you did it by hand. This is now a two-session class. The first session you will

learn how to prepare your appliqués; the second class you will learn the sewing technique. Pattern provided.

Sun 5/15 and 5/22 12-2 p.m.  
Patty Bisbee \$50

**Charity Sewing:** Last year we were part of the Million Pillowcase challenge. We donated nearly 1,000 pillowcases to local charities around the Denver Metro area. Fabric Expressions plans on making this an annual tradition. In 2011 we will have a charity sewing day the third Monday of the month. We will continue to make pillowcases, sew quilt tops for "Quilts of Valor" and make projects for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop.

Mon 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Personal Sampler:** Do you have some extra blocks, or started a quilt and stopped after making a block? Gather up your blocks and make a sampler quilt that is unique, no two will look alike since we will have different blocks. We will make connector blocks that we can trade and design individual quilts.

Fri 5/20, 6/17, 7/22 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Or Tues 5/24, 6/14, 7/26 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$75

**Mystery Quilts:** Come in and make a mystery project. You will be given a supply list before class and clues to solve the mystery during the class. You will have the mystery answered before you go home. We will have both a day and evening class available. There is a potluck. Register early; this class fills up fast. There are two classes, with different projects. 10:30-3:30 or 5pm-10pm Pattern provided

Sat 5/21 Project 1  
Sat 7/23 Project 2  
Alison Dale \$30



**Hugs and Kisses:** Quick to sew, beautiful to look at, and wonderful for cuddling, especially if you make it out of flannel. Great quilt for kids going off to school, or to take on a road trip. Book required.

Thu 5/26 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$35



**Flag of Valor:** A patriot quilt inspired by the American Flag. The pattern was designed as part of the quilts of valor program. Make this beautiful quilt with pieced stars and bunting for yourself or you can donate it. Pattern provided.

Sat 6/4 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$50

**Magic Carpet:** An easy cut, easy sew quilt that makes a striking statement. Pull out your scraps, or use a layer cake with a coordinating jelly roll to make it even easier. Book required.

Wed 6/8 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
JaNelle Erickson \$45



**Bittersweet Briar quilted wall hanging:** This beautiful large floral design incorporates winding vines and sprays of berries. Using machine or hand appliqué you can create this stunning quilt. We will use several bias techniques and ideas for circles to determine which works best for you. This wallhanging can be made in either cotton fabric or wool, both are gorgeous. Kim Diehl's book "Simple Graces" required.

Thu 6/9 and 6/23 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Beth Corn \$50

**Absolute Beginners:** Discover quilt making without a great investment in time or materials, and learn the basics. You can use our rotary cutter, mats and rulers as you construct a lap-size quilt. In one weekend, JaNelle will teach you the basic machine piecing techniques and by the end the weekend most people have the main part of the quilt completed. Pattern provided.

Sat 6/11 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
and Sun 6/12 12 - 4:30 p.m.  
JaNelle Erickson \$65

**Twister:** Remember the fun you had twisting the night away to the sounds of Chubby Checker? You'll have the same good time creating fabulous pinwheel projects with our Twister tool. This quilt is easy and fast using charm squares or layer cakes.

Mon 6/13 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Or Tue 7/12 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$40

**Double Diamonds II:** This class is the next level for the double diamond ruler. Don't worry if you didn't take the first class you won't be far behind. In this class you will make 1.5- or 3.5-inch double diamonds quick and easily. The creations you can make using this technique are endless. Embellish handbags, jackets, pillows, and much, much more. Join me to make an easy placemat using the Egyptian Key pattern and learn how to do this simple technique. Just in time for the summer fun. So give them as a gift today or keep them for yourself. We all know diamonds are a girls best friend! Ruler required. Pattern Provided

Wed 6/15 6-9 p.m.  
Terri Lundy \$35



**Whispering Creek Jacket:** A beautiful piecing project for an elegant or casual look. Quilting as you go makes this jacket easy. Use your favorite fabrics to create your own look. Class will focus on piecing and jacket construction-yes you can set in sleeves, I promise!

Thu 6/16 and 6/30 6-8 p.m.  
Beth Corn \$50



**Easy Striped Table Runner:** One of the easiest projects you will ever make! Cutting is very easy using a 60 degree ruler, and the top has only 5 seams. Binding is optional. Pattern and 60 degree ruler required.

Wed 6/22 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
JaNelle Erickson \$40

**POLICIES:** Class fees are refundable with one week's notice, except for special classes and events. Fabric Expressions reserves the right to cancel a class up to three days prior to the scheduled date. If such is the case, your fee may be transferred or refunded. Please be considerate of others and do not bring children with you to class. Class fee does not include supplies unless stated. Pick up or request a supply list when registering by phone.

## SMASH THAT STASH

**Stash Busters** - Gather your stash of fabrics to make four different quilts. Each month we use our stash for these fun quilts. Patterns Provided.

Thu 5/19	Catch a Star
Thu 6/2	Railroad Ties
Thu 7/28	Faith
Thu 8/18	Along the Fence

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.  
\$25 each or SAVE! All for \$75 Alison Dale

**The Last Stitch School:** This class is for any quilter who needs to finish a quilt. Perhaps you have put a project aside because of a piecing or appliqué problem, a forgotten technique, or some other frustrating difficulty. We are familiar with most of the Fabric Expressions quilt kits, previous class quilts and BOM quilts. We can also help with Shop Hop quilts and give suggestions for inherited quilt tops. We will focus on your project and your problems to help you complete the quilt. Space will be limited to only three people per session. You may sign up for one session or all of them. Let's get those quilts out of the closets and onto the beds.

Sun 6/26	12-2 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Sun 7/24	12-2 p.m. or 2:30-4:30 p.m.
JaNelle Erickson	\$20 each session



**Winter Smiles:** Come make this fun snowman wall hanging. The curves of the snowballs are not appliquéd they are pieced. This wall hanging is quick and easy, using the quilt as you go method. Book required.

Thu 7/7 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$35

**Two in A Bush:** A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush. I updated a Fabric Expressions pattern. I used batiks instead of homespun. You can make this pretty quick using strip piecing, the appliqué can be fused if you choose. Pattern required.

Sat 7/9 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$40



**More "Fast and Furious: Quilting As You Go":** Purchase a 1.5-inch Honey Bun and we'll make a Skinny Minnie table runner, a 29-inch Tea Time Honey and miscellaneous 5-inch and 8-inch Honey Catcher Coasters. We will meet twice in order to complete these projects. The "Quilt As You Go" technique makes them easy and fast. These are beginner friendly projects. Book required.

Mon 7/11 and 8/1 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.  
Mary Peterson \$30

**"Rug" Tote Bag:** This fun, functional and fast tote bag is so easy you will want to make more than one! Purchase a rectangular rug at the local hardware store or Cost Plus (really!!). They are inexpensive and measure approximately 18 by 36 inches. Instructions provided in class.

Thu 7/14 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Beth Corn \$35



**Barn Chicks:** This is a fun quilt to make. It is made using a different kind of "stack-n-wack" method. Patty will show you how to cut your fabric and then piece it back together. Book required.

Thu 7/16 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Patty Bisbee \$40



**Holiday Crazy Stocking:** Make this fun and easy stocking. You can make it with some of the new holiday fabrics or this is a great way to use up your stash. This project gives you a chance to use all the different decorative stitches on your machine. Pattern provided.

Thu 7/21 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$35

**Set a Pretty Table:** Now that you have made a table runner you need placemats to coordinate. Using the book "Set a Pretty Table" you can choose the design you like and we will get it put together. Book required.

Fri 7/29 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$35

**A is for Appliqué Basics:** If you enjoy handwork, you will love appliqué. Freezer paper techniques are easy to learn and portable. Make a lovely sample using pre-cut squares and Fabric Expressions' fool-proof method. It is also effective method for turn-under machine appliqué. Kits included.

Thu 8/11 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Beth Corn \$45



**Smokey River:** This pattern uses 2.5-inch strips and three coordinating fabrics for the setting and borders. It also uses two rulers, the Easy Angle II (the larger one) and the Companion Angle. Pattern required.

Sat 8/13 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Patty Bisbee \$35



**Crazy about Halloween:** Do you love to decorate for Halloween? Come make this fun Halloween ornaments and wall hanging. We will meet twice: In the first class we will review Embroidery and then work on the pieced wall hanging. The second class we will make the ornaments that we have embroidered. Patterns required.

Tue 8/23 and 8/30 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$50



**Life's a Beach:** This pattern features "Picture Piecing," an original technique by Cynthia England using freezer paper. It is entirely machine sewn. This pattern has only straight seams, there are no "set-in" angles. Have fun as you learn this technique! There are also some fun embellishments on this picture. Finished size is 17.25 inches by 19 inches. Basic sewing skills and pattern required.

Wed 8/24 and 8/31 6-8 p.m.  
Mary Peterson \$45

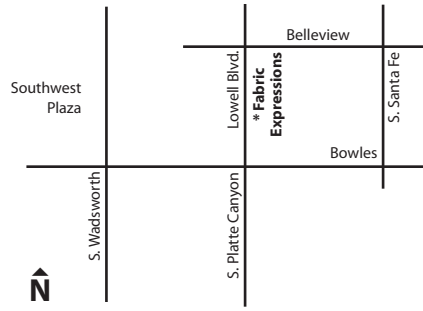
**More UFO Nights** - Bring in your UnFinished Objects and have fun sewing with others. Both day and evening sessions available. Pre-registration required; \$5 each session (Sorry, no discounts.)

Wed 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	5/18, 6/29, 7/27, 8/10
Fri 6-11 p.m.	5/20, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12
Fri 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	5/27, 6/24, 7/15, 8/19
Sat 5 p.m.	5/28, 6/18, 7/30, 8/27





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# Make your quilting a “monthly habit”

Join one of Fabric Expressions’ monthly clubs: Make new friends, learn quilting history  
and end up with breathtaking creations!



**Baltimore’s Cousin:** During the 1840s, the ladies of Baltimore were making friendship album quilts with blocks 12 inches square or smaller. Ladies in other areas of the country were making appliqué quilts with much larger (20- to 30-inch) blocks with larger motifs. From my books, I have drawn nine large blocks that have a traditional look and have special meaning from the Victorian era to create a full-size quilt. During each class, we will investigate the history and meaning of these blocks and work on appliqué techniques for each one. We will make three 20-inch blocks. A full-size pattern will be provided.

Mon 5/23, 6/27, 7/25 10 a.m.  
Janelle Erickson \$75

**Piecemakers:** A piecemaker’s calendar for 2011. The blocks are appliquéd and embellished with ribbon, embroidery and beading. Each month we will work on a different block. You can use any method of appliqué you like. Pattern required.

Fri 6/3, 7/1, \*8/4, 9/2, 10/7 10 a.m.  
\$30 Alison Dale/Beth Corn

**Dear Jane Club:** The club meets the first Tuesday of each month. We will work on different blocks in class and at home. The focus is on precision piecing and what methods work best for each block. We start from easiest to the more difficult. Book required.

Tue 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.  
Alison Dale \$20



**Fig Tree Club:** Join our second annual Fig Tree Club, a quarterly club for all our fans of Fig Tree Quilts! Each quarter you will receive an exclusive pattern and quilt kit available only to club members. Projects will be simple and will include lap quilts and table toppers. Quilt kits will include the exclusive Fig Tree Quilts Pattern and yardage to complete the quilt top and binding.

Thu 6/16 10 a.m.  
\$10 for year Alison Dale

**Appliqué Club:** Do you have a passion for appliqué? Are you interested in working on projects, learning various techniques, participating in show and tell and sharing your morning with fellow appliqué enthusiasts? If so, come join our monthly club meetings on the second Friday of the month. We will be starting a new project from the book “Hop To It.”

Fri 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12 10 a.m.  
Alison Dale \$20