

Fabric Expressions

PATTERN COMPANY & QUILT SHOP

September - December 2011

Volume 53

3625 W. Bowles Ave., Unit 13
Littleton, CO 80123
303-798-2556 // Fax: 303-798-3271

Website: FabricExpressions.com
E-mail: FabricExpressions@msn.com
Blog: FabricExpressions.blogspot.com

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tues: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun: 12 to 5 p.m.

A bounty of quilted creations

Wow, I can't believe how fast the summer has gone. Two of my cousins are moving to college, football is starting and soon it will be cold. Fall and winter are just around the corner. Hard to believe, since it is over 90 degrees outside while I am working on the newsletter.

We have a calendar filled with fun classes. JaNelle is going to host an embroidery club that will meet once a month and work on any embroidery project you like. We have added more UFOs to help get your projects done. We have quick little projects as well as big quilt projects.

I would like to thank everyone for shopping and taking classes at Fabric

Expressions. I know that times are tough, and people are cutting back. We try really hard to have the fabric and projects that you are interested in. One way we can thank you is once again have a Customer Appreciation Auction on Saturday, Nov. 5. Starting in October, every dollar you spend in advance of the auction you will get quilting bucks. At the auction you use the bucks to buy books, patterns, kits, and other surprises.

During the fall and winter we will be closing at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Sept. 6. If we have a class, such as Terrific Tuesday, we are here until 8 p.m., so give us a call — we may be here. It is also a good idea to call if it is snowing. We are open most of the time during snowstorms but would hate for you to drive here and find us closed. We want everyone to be safe when we have dangerous weather conditions.

We will have our charity sewing days on the

third Monday in September and October. We will continue making pillowcases, sew quilts for Quilts of Valor, make projects for the Arapahoe Santa Claus Shop, and make tops for Fire House Quilts. If you have a charity that would like some of our pillowcases let me know. I am trying to donate them to different charities around the area.

I know it is hard to believe but we have started planning for next years Shop Hop, Mark your calendar for Aug. 3-5, 2012. Yikes.

We have a "Accu-cut" here at the shop and we do rent it out. We have many different die cuts. The rag quilts squares are the most popular but we also have different shapes, and strips that you can cut. It can be used anytime there is not a class. Call first or make an appointment. It is \$10 an hour and you can get a lot cut in an hour.

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). Bring a show-and-tell for a chance to win a door prize.

**4 classes - 4 patterns
4 DOLLARS**

(Sorry, no discounts.)

9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20

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
Above and Beyond

Thu 10/13 or Wed 12/7
Tue 10/25

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$95

(Sorry, no discounts)

OPEN HOUSE

Sept. 9-11

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

Saturday, Sept. 10:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11:
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)

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION AUCTION

5 P.M. NOV. 5

Starting in October, you will get quilting bucks for every dollar you spend. At the auction you use the quilting bucks to buy books, patterns, kits, and other surprises!



CLASS SCHEDULE

Jingle All The Way: Come make some of the cute holiday projects from the new Art To Heart Book "Jingle all the Way." We will have three classes and make a different project from the book in each class. In the first class we will make the "Peppermint Garland"; the other two projects will be decided by the classes. Book required.

Thu 9/15, 10/20 and 11/17

Alison Dale

10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

\$45



Old Glory: There are lots of times to celebrate with a flag flying high. Come make this beautiful flag quilt and use up a lot of your red and background fabrics at the same time. I will show you two ways to make the stars. Book required.

Mon 9/19 and 9/26

10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.

Alison Dale

\$45

Professional Tote: This tote has all the pockets and compartments needed for today's professional woman. Whether you work in an office or not, this tote has it all. There is a pleated pocket on each side of the tote to hold a bottle of water, umbrella, magazine, baby bottle or telephone. Also, on the front is a zippered pocket to hold your ID and Passport for your airport travel. Behind that pocket is one for your boarding pass.

Thu 9/22 and 10/6

Beth Corn

12-3 p.m.

\$50



◀ **If the Hat Fits:** Welcome Halloween with this fun, whimsical witch quilt. Their dangly legs hang over their brooms to give them a 3-D effect. Grab some fat quarters and piece together this stack-n-whack quilt. Book Required.

Sat. 9/17 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Patty Bisbee

\$45

EQ7 Overview: Not sure what Electric Quilt can do? Come see a demo on EQ7 and what you can do with this program. No computer needed for the lecture.

come see if you want to get it.

You do not have to own the program –

Tue 9/27

Terri Scott

6-7 p.m.

\$5

Circle of Sunflowers: I designed this quilt pattern when our special batiks arrived for the Shop Hop. It is easier than it looks. I will show different ways to make the blocks, and you can use the Accu-cut for all the circles. Kits available. Pattern required.

Wed. 9/28 and 10/5

Alison Dale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6 to 9 p.m.

\$45

Invisible 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; in the second class you will learn the sewing technique. Pattern provided.

Sat. 10/1 and 10/22

Patty Bisbee

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$45

MORE UFO SEW-INS

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.)

Sun 12-5 p.m.

Wed 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fri 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fri 5-10 p.m.

Sat 5-10 p.m.

9/18, 10/16, 11/13, 12/18

9/21, 10/26, 11/30, 12/14

9/30, 10/28, 11/18, 12/16

9/16, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9

10/22, 11/19, 12/3

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 10/8

and Sun 10/9

JaNelle Erickson

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

12-4:30 p.m.

\$65



Tree Skirt: This tree skirt uses three fabrics and a 10-degree wedge ruler. It can also be made as a table topper. It finishes as a 50-inch circle with 36 wedges. The pattern is included with the ruler. Cutting the wedges is the only tricky part; the rest of the construction is very easy.

Mon 10/10

JaNelle Erickson

10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

\$45



PICTURE THE CREATIVITY

▲ **Photo Album Table Runner/Lap Quilt:** Make a table runner or lap quilt using your favorite focal fabrics. You may also choose to use your favorite photographs. This pattern uses innovative piecing techniques and is suitable for quilters just beyond the beginner level. Pattern required.

Tue 10/11

or Wed 10/12

Mary Peterson

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

6-8 p.m.

\$40

▲ **Table Runner With a Twist:** Pick your favorite flowers or a favorite focal fabric to make this table runner. We chose Colorado Columbine flower fabric for the class sample. You may also choose your favorite photographs. What a fun way to enjoy your favorite pictures with a twist. This technique is for intermediate quilters. Pattern required.

Tue 11/29

Mary Peterson

10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.

\$40

Let's Twist Again: The pinwheel craze continues. Even if you have never used the twister ruler, this is a great class. If you thought you had fun with the first book, just wait. There are more pinwheels, more fun and more ideas for how to use charms and layers cakes using the twister tools. Tool and book required.

Wed 10/12

or Mon 10/17

Alison Dale

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

6-9 p.m.

\$35

EQ7 for Beginners: In this hands-on class, you will learn how to use the program Electric Quilt. Learn how to use the libraries, create a sampler quilt, and the basics of easy draw to draw blocks. You will need to own the program – either EQ7 or EQ6. You will also need to have it loaded on a laptop before the class.

Sat 10/15 and 10/29

Terri Scott

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$45

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.

Wed 9/14	Binding Their Time
Fri 10/21	Put Your Heart In It
Wed 11/9	Caribbean Courtyard
Thu 12/15	Strip Disco

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.

\$25 each or SAVE! All for \$75 Alison Dale



◀ **Wildflowers:** Have you been admiring Debbie's flower wall hanging? She has added three new patterns. Pick your favorite flower at come learn Debbie's methods. We have kits available. Pattern required.

Wed 10/19 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Debbie Neese \$35

Hand Quilting Basics: Hand quilting is a fading art, but some people want to continue the tradition. The quilting process can be very relaxing and enjoyable, and makes a beautiful and treasured product. This class will give you the basics on best equipment

and techniques. Kit fee.

Wed 10/26 6-8 p.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$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 10/27 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Beth Corn \$45

"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.

Mon 11/1 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Beth Corn \$35



◀ **Swoon:** A fun and fast quilt to put together. The pattern uses fat quarters. There are nine star blocks that finish at 24 inches, so the quilt gets big quick. Pattern Required.

Thu 11/3 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

Machine Quilting 101: Do you have quilt top waiting to be quilted but are afraid? Then this class is perfect for you. You will learn everything you need to know about machine quilting: batting, thread, pinning, marking and free-motion quilting. You will practice on piece blocks in class. Kit provided.

Sat 11/5 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m.
Alison Dale \$72

Big Block Quilt: Using a charm pack, layer cake or fat quarters, we will make a one-block quilt. Learn aspects of design with the many options for the block. Make a quick quilt for yourself or as a gift. "Big Block Quilts" book required.

Sat 11/12 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Terri Scott \$35



▲ **Amish Coins:** You can make the Amish Coin quilt shown on the pattern with berries or you can use the new hibiscus flower, or you may want to use a combination of both. You can use yardage as given on the pattern. However, with the use of a jelly roll, the basic construction goes very quickly and makes a larger quilt. Pattern required.

Mon 11/14 and 11/21 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$50



▲ **Winter Sport Scene:** Debbie has designed three winter sports scenes: a snowboarder, a skier and riders on a chairlift. Pick your favorite and Debbie will show you how to put it together, including the flicker of paint embellishment at the end.

Wed 11/16 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Debbie Neese \$35



◀ **Peace:** Have you been admiring the wall hanging by Bigfork By Cotton Company — my favorite is called "Peace" — but were overwhelmed and did not how to start? Well, come spend Saturday with us putting the quilt together. There will be prep work you will need to get done before class.

Sat 11/19 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$45



◀ **Christmas:** Need a fast project that would make a perfect gift? Come make this Christmas wall hanging. You can fuse all the appliques so you can have it done in no time.

Wed 11/23 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

Mystery: 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. Pattern provided.

Sat 12/10 10:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. or 5-10 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35



◀ **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.

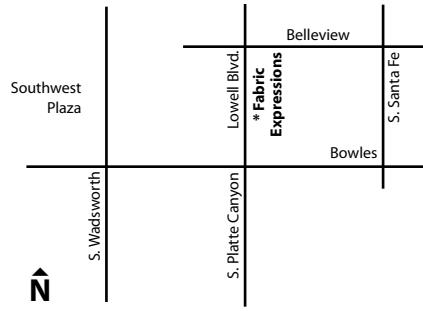
Tues. 12/13 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

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

Sat. 12/17 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Alison Dale \$45



3625 W. Bowles Ave., Unit 13
Littleton, CO 80123
303-798-2556



Be the first to hear about sales and other offers,
and get the newsletter sent straight to you!

Sign up at www.FabricExpressions.com

Find us on Facebook and check out our blog

“Alison’s Expressions” at FabricExpressions.blogspot.com

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!

Fig Tree Club: Join our second annual Fig Tree Club, a quarterly club for all fans of Fig Tree Quilts! Each meeting 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 9/29 and 12/1 10 a.m.
Alison Dale \$10 for year

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, we are working on the quilt project from the book “Hop To It.”

Fri 9/16, 10/14, 11/11, and 12/9 10 a.m.
Alison Dale \$20

Piecemakers: Get a jump on the Piecemaker’s calendar for 2012. If you are a fan of Santa Claus, you will love this quilt. All twelve months’ 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 10/7, 11/4, 12/2 10 a.m.
Alison Dale/Beth Corn \$25



Embroidery Club: Need time and motivation to work on your embroidery project? This club is for sharing ideas, techniques, asking questions, and having fun. Bring your UFO embroidery project or start a new one. Come meet once a month with other needlework enthusiasts to “get your stitches in.”

Mon 10/3, 11/7, 12/5 10 a.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$25

Dear Jane Club: The club meets the first Tuesday of each month (*except in November). 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 10/4, *11/8, 12/6 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.
Alison Dale \$20



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 10/24, 11/28, 12/19 10 a.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$75

WINTER HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue: 9:30 a.m. to 7p.m.

Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun: 12 to 5 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Thursday, Nov. 24
Closing at 1 p.m. Dec 24
Sunday, Dec.25
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1