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New year, new projects

Happy New Year! A new year is starting, and Fabric Expressions has a lot of fun things planned. I am looking forward to the new year. 2011 was tough for me: I had to say goodbye to two family members. Back to more fun stuff:

I am running my first Saturday Sampler; it is a mystery. On the first Saturday of the month starting Jan. 7, you will come in and pick up your kit. I will demo the blocks you will need to make. Come in the following month and show us your completed blocks, and get your next set of blocks for no extra cost. If you don't bring your completed blocks or miss a meeting, it costs \$5 to get your next kit. Find more information on the back page.

We have some great Block of the Month programs starting in January. We will have the "Buck a Block" program in two different themes. One will be made from Civil War reproduction fabrics and one will be all black and white fabrics. There will be finishing kits available with the fabric in the sample while supplies last, or we will customize the finishing kit for you. The quilt is a twin size.

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Make sure you stop by on St. Patrick's

Day. It's National Quilting Day and Fabric Expressions' birthday. We will be giving out a free St. Patrick's Day fat quarter, while supplies last, and cake. We will have other surprises for you.

Our UFO (unfinished objects) classes have been so popular we have decided to add another set. There will now be a Saturday UFO once a month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will continue to offer both day and evening sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, and a Saturday evening session once a month.

There are a lot of new classes to choose from. We had a few requests for classes we offered last session, so we are repeating a few classes. We are offering quick and easy projects, like "quilt as you go" table runners and place mats, as well as full-size quilts that we will take a few classes to complete.

Now that you have a calendar for 2012 make sure you write down the dates for our Shop Hop on August 3-5. We will have a custom fabric and new shops in the hop. I am excited and already planning our shop's project.

Thanks, Alison



SPECIAL EVENTS

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 1/20, Wed 2/22, Wed 3/14
Tue 1/24, Tue 3/27

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$95 (Sorry, no discounts)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US: It's Fabric Expressions' birthday and St. Patrick's Day, but YOU get the presents! I have now owned the shop for five years, so come celebrate with us. We will have birthday cake and you receive a St. Patrick's Day-themed fat quarter while supplies last.

Sat 3/17

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Jan. 13-15

Friday, Jan. 13:
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14:
10 a.m.
to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15:
Noon to 5 p.m.



MYSTERY SUPER STASH BOWL: Not interested in the pre-game hype or even the game itself? Come make a quilt and at least miss part of the game. You can use up some of your stash and enjoy a pot luck. A pattern will be provided.

Sun 2/5
Alison Dale

12:30-5 p.m.
\$45

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.)
1/17, 2/21, 3/20, 4/17
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.

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)

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sweet Valentine: A fun “quilt-as-you-go” table runner. Use up some leftover 2½-inch strips along with some background fabric to whip up this runner to set the mood for Valentines Day. Book required.

Thu 1/19 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

Quilted Door Hanger: This fun project welcomes guests to your home with creative use of yo-yo’s, embroidery and quilting. You can hand embroider, or there will be an embroidery machine available to do the “Welcome.” Book required.

Thu 1/26 12-3 p.m.
Beth Corn \$35



Jen’s Garden: It may be winter, but you can think about spring and have this cute wall hanging complete for when the flowers bloom. The quilt come together really fast. You can use up your stash or a charm pack. Pattern required.

Sat 1/28 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35



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 1/30 and 2/13 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.
Alison Dale \$50



Hearts & Flowers: This is quick and easy. With an approximate size of 42½ inches square, this can be a baby quilt or table quilt. Start with simple Four-Patch blocks and add rectangles to make the hearts. This is a good chance to pick some cute fabrics. Pattern provided in class.

Tue 1/31 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mary Peterson \$35



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 2/2 and 2/16 12-2:30 p.m.
Beth Corn \$50



Set the Mood Placemats: Fun placemats to make from charm packs or layer cake squares. There are three options for motifs. You will use the “quilt-as-you-go” method so you can finish in record time. Book required.

Fri 2/3 10 a.m.
Alison Dale \$35

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 basic machine piecing techniques, and by the end the weekend most people have the main part of the quilt completed. Pattern provided.

Sat 2/11 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
and Sun 1/12 12-4:30 p.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$65



Picture Piecing Project: Have you taken one of Mary’s Picture Piecing Classes? Do you have some unfinished Picture Piecing Projects? If so, bring them to the Fabric Expressions classroom, and I’ll help you complete these UFO’s. Let’s get them done, and I’ll take pictures of your finished project.

Wed 2/15 6-8:30 p.m.
Mary Peterson \$35

◀ **Party Dress:** Cute little party dresses are perfect for storing your small essentials. The purses come in two sizes. Great for storing glasses, scissors, lipsticks. Pattern required.

Mon 2/20 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

NEED A MONTHLY HABIT? JOIN THE CLUB!

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 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2 10 a.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$25

Baltimore Cousins: 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. In four classes, we will investigate the history and meaning of these blocks and work on appliqué techniques for each block. We will make four 20-inch blocks. A full-size pattern will be provided.

Mon 1/23, 2/27, 3/26, 4/23 10 a.m.
JaNelle Erickson \$100

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 2/7, 3/6, 4/3 and 5/1 10 a.m.
Alison Dale \$20

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.” Book required.

Fri 2/10, 3/9, 4/13, 5/4* 10 a.m.
Alison Dale \$20

*not the second Friday

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 1/25	Lady of the Lake
Wed 2/8	Isabella
Wed 3/7	Walk in the Park
Wed 4/11	Autumn Splendor

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

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

Bunny Duet: Fig Tree & Company has a new collection: vintage stamp designs. There are five wall hanging patterns to choose from so far. A medley of a little piecing, a little appliqué and a little embroidery and you're on your way to creating your very own heirloom collection. Pattern required.

Thu 2/23 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 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 for turn-under machine appliqué. Kits included.

Thu 3/1 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m.
Thu 5/3 12:30-3 p.m.
Beth Corn \$50

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 layer cakes using the twister tools. Tool and book required.

Fri 3/2 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Alison Dale \$40

Secret Gardens: I called it gardens because there are two projects. One is a quilt and the other a tabletopper or wall hanging. The appealing designs with floral themes are a little bit country with a dash of contemporary flair; easy fusible appliqué makes for quick work. You can make them both or just one; the constructions are the same. We will meet three times to get the project done. Book required.

Mon 3/12, 3/19, and 4/9 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$50



Afternoon Delight: This dramatic quilt is delightfully fast and easy. The Flying Geese units are fun and oh so fast. No bias edges, no trimming and no waste! The wall quilt is 45 inches square, or you may want a larger size. Yardage requirements are on the pattern. This is a chance to use Novelty prints, Asian, floral, pictorial, embroidery designs or photo transfers. Pattern required.

Tue 3/13 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Mary Peterson \$40

Organizational Pouch: This handy pouch is great for your handbag, sewing area and office. You use your favorite fabric to construct a pouch with a place for everything — and it's portable! This fun-to-make accessory is one you will make over and over. Pattern required.

Thu 3/15 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Beth Corn \$50



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 3/22 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35



◀ **Daisies Chain:** A new pattern that is fast and easy using a jelly roll and some background fabric. Pattern required.

Thu 3/29 6-8:30 p.m.
Tue 4/16 10-12:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35

Papillon: Learn a different way to make square triangles. In this quilt you will make triangles that finish at 4½ inches, using strips that are 4½ inches. This is possible when you use the "Strip Tube Ruler." Ruler required, pattern provided.

Thu 4/5 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35



Bali Bag: This large quilted tote bag from Virginia Robertson features Bali Batiks. There are instructions for 8 pockets inside and the flap fastens with Velcro. This is an easy to make bag with a finished size is 15"x15"x6". Pattern required.

Thu 4/12 and 4/19 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beth Corn \$50



Maisie's Daisies: Celebrate Spring with this fun quilt of log cabin blocks and daisies. Learn the Buggy Barn method of crazy stack and wack to make the log cabin blocks. The pattern uses fat quarters. Book required.

Sat 4/21 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Alison Dale \$50



Harvest Heart: Nature's bounty will forever flourish on the vine in this sweet and charming wall hanging with fanciful flowers and a touch of whimsy. Book required.

Fri 4/27 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Alison Dale \$40

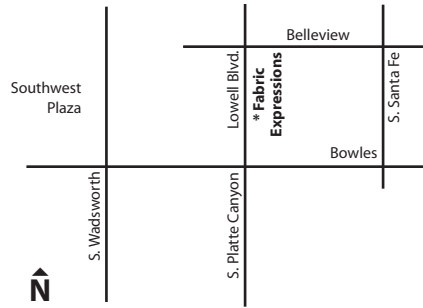


Chintz: A quilt that is sure to become a quick favorite. With six different blocks — all simple and based on the same method — this quilt looks unique but is straightforward to piece together. You can personalize it by changing the blocks around, adding more hearts, taking the applique out or adding more appliqué. Pattern required.

Mon 4/30 10-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.
Alison Dale \$35



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“Block of the Month” madness!

We will offer many different Block of the Month programs this year. Some last the whole year, but two will last six months or less. We will offer another called “Vintage Rouge” in the summer; watch the next newsletter for more details.



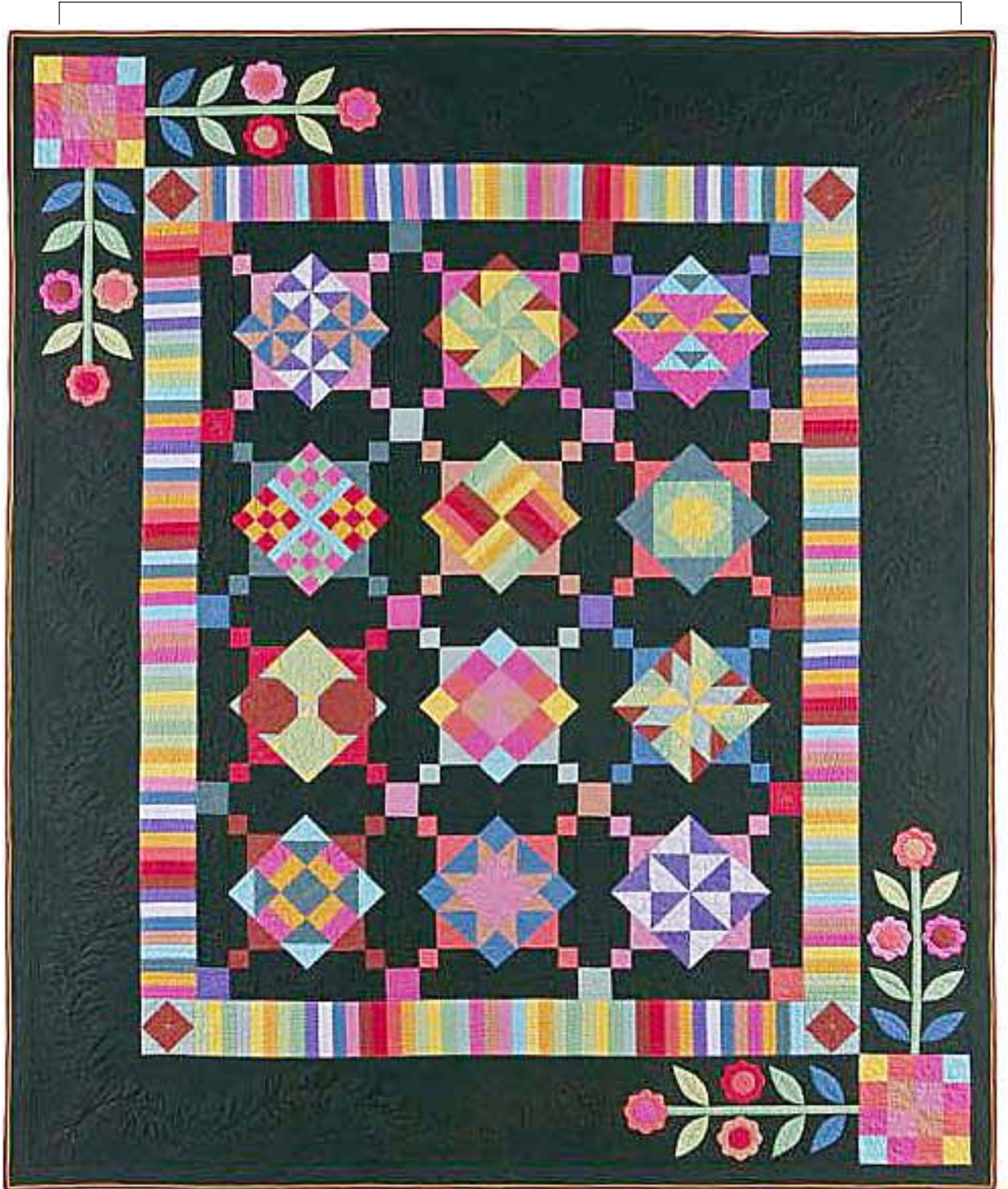
Buck a Block: This program starts Monday, Jan. 2. You receive your first block along with a package of thangles when you register for \$6.25. Blocks two through twelve will be \$1, provided you come in anytime during

the following month with a completed block. If you do not come in during that month the block will cost \$5.

Mystery Saturday Sampler: On the first Saturday of each month we will be hosting a “Mystery Saturday Sampler.” There will be multiple blocks to make each month. There is no finishing kit; everything is included at a cost of \$50. I will demo the blocks at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. You do not have to be here for the demos, but you need to pick up your block kits on that Saturday. If you can’t make it, you can come on the Monday after from 6-8 p.m. There will be a demo at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. You have a month to complete the blocks and must attend the following month. You must bring the finished blocks to the next meeting or you will have to pay \$5 for the next set.



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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.)

Wed 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	1/18, 2/29, 3/21, 4/18, 5/2
Fri 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	1/27, 2/17, 3/23, 4/20
Fri 5-10 p.m.	1/20, 2/10, 3/16, 4/13, 5/4
Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	1/21, 2/18, 3/10, 4/14
Sat 5-10 p.m.	1/28, 2/25, 3/31, 4/28