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Quilt inspiration blooms this Spring

Spring is in the air. The flowers are blooming and I am not wearing a turtleneck every day. I love this time of year. The longer days and warmer temperatures just make me happy.

We are offering a lot of great classes this session. The holidays will be here before you know it, and holiday fabric will be arriving soon. We will be offering some Christmas in July classes that would make great gifts or decorations for you.

We are starting a new club this session: "The Banner Club." Each month we will make a small banner you can use to display as a wall hanging, a table topper or on a door. It is perfect for you add a little decoration for the



seasons and holidays.

Do evening classes work better for you? We try to offer classes that work for most people. We can try to add a class if we have the interest; we need to have a minimum of 3 people to add a class. If a class fills, we will do our best to add another class

Shop Hop planning is in full swing. Mark your calendar for Aug 3-5. "Colorado Wildflowers" is the theme this year. We have added two more shops this year. Our Shop Hop fabrics are beautiful, and I can't wait for them to arrive.

We will be starting a new Block of the Month in June: "Vintage Rouge." The combinations of gently aged tones of red and sage green with antique beige offer a look that works all year long and well into the holiday season.

This is a six-month program, which leaves you plenty of time to complete the quilt before the upcoming holiday season. See more details on the back page.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE : Bring your sewing machines in for a cleaning and basic tune-up while you shop. Kurt will work on your Bernina's 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 6/6, 7/18, 8/29
Above and Beyond 6/12, 8/14
10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$95 (Sorry, no discounts)

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.)
5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/17
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.

OPEN HOUSE

May 11-13

Friday, May 11:
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 12:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 13:
Noon to 5 p.m.



SIGN UP FOR CLASSES

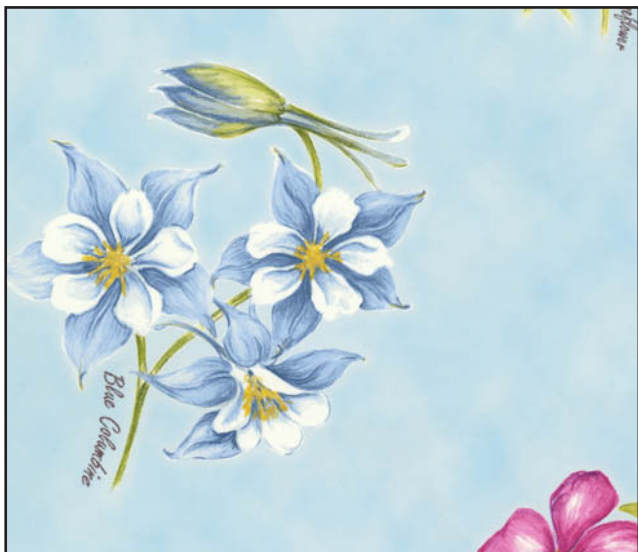
See samples; choose the classes best for you

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)



SHOP HOP

Be a part of the Rocky Mountain Fever Shop Hop August 3-5. The theme is year is "Colorado Wildflowers." We have designed another exclusive fabric for the shops. The flowers are from water color painting by Sheryl Witt. There are eight shops in the hop this year. Each shop will have an exclusive fabric and unique projects.

CLASS SCHEDULE



Shining Star: Make this star quilt with no diamonds and no“Y” seams. You can either make a wall hanging or full size quilt. There is a pattern for both. Pattern required.

Tuesday May 29	10-12:30pm or 6-8:30pm
Alison Dale	\$30



Over The Moon: This stunning illusion is achieved with just one curved unit alternating with squares. The curved units, made with the “Learning Curve Ruler,” create perfect circles in this machine-pieced quilt. Ruler and pattern required.

Friday, June 1	10-3pm
Alison	\$40

Introduction to Paper Piecing: Paper piecing has become a very popular technique in quilting. Come learn the technique and begin to make incredibly detailed quilting projects with ease. You will practice with four little block patterns in class. Pattern provided.

Saturday, June 2	1-3pm
Alison Dale	\$25

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.

Thursday 6/7 and 6/28	10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m.
Alison Dale	\$50



Petit Fours: Baskets are classic, traditional and simple blocks that have been around for as long as quilting as. Combine the baskets with some nine patches and make this beautiful quilt.

Saturday, June 9	11-4pm
Alison Dale	\$40



English Paper Piecing: Learn this time-honored technique dating back to the early 1800s. Traditionally done by hand, this technique also can be done by machine. You will learn both methods and a few different ways to prepare your pieces. You may choose make a grandmother’s flower garden quilt or use them as appliqués. Paper piece templates required.

Monday, June 11 or Saturday, July	10-1pm or 6-9 1-4pm
Alison Dale	\$35

Machine Quilting 101: Learn the fundamentals of machine quilting. You will learn everything your need to know from preparing your quilt top to free motion quilting. You will spend the day practicing different techniques. Kit and book required.

Saturday, June 16	11-4pm
Alison Dale	\$60

Professional Tote: This tote has all the pockets and compartments needed for to-day’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.

Friday June 15 & 22	10-12:30pm
Beth Corn	\$50

Bed Runner with a Pocket: Make a bed runner using fat quarters, Layer Cakes, Turnovers, Jelly Rolls or charm squares. This is fun and you can add pockets if you wish to hold your favorite quilting magazines, the TV remote or other bedside accessories. Choose whatever pattern you wish and customize to your bed size. Book “Bed Runners Using Precut Fabrics” required.

Tuesday, June 26	10-2pm
Mary Peterson	\$40



Bailey Island Hobo Bag: Do you have some leftover 2 ½ inch strips of fabric? How about leftover batting? Here are a couple of practical and Sweet Hobo style bags to use them up. Comfortable and easy just like a island vacation.

Wednesday, June 27	10-3pm
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 basic machine piecing techniques, and by the end the weekend most people have the main part of the quilt completed. Pattern provided.

Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1	10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 12-4:30 p.m
JaNelle Erickson	\$65



Moab Trails: This pieced quilt was inspired during a trip to Moab, Utah. The intersecting strips of fabric look woven but are pieced. Using strip piecing and just three fabrics, create your own version of this beautiful quilt. This is not a difficult quilt; it just looks that way! Pattern provided.

Thursday July 19 & 26	10-12:30pm
Beth Corn	\$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. These are original designs that will be provided in class. Patterns will be available for purchase after each class.

Wednesday 5/23	Stars and Strips
Wednesday 6/13	American Pride
Wednesday 7/25	Christmas Stars
Wednesday 8/1	Round Robin

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$25 each or SAVE! All for \$75 Alison Dale



Hummingbird: This pattern features “Picture Piecing”, an original technique using freezer paper. It is entirely machine sewn. This pattern has only straight seams, there are no “set-in” angles. It’s really not as hard as it looks. Have fun as you explore a new technique! The Hummingbird picture is a 12-inch finished block. It can machine quilted or framed without quilting.
Tuesdays July 10 and 31 10-2 pm
Mary Peterson \$40



New York Beauty: A clean, precise, starburst pattern has been a classic quilt design for years. You will spend the day working on a simple paper-piecing foundation method. Must have paper-piecing experience. Book required.
Saturday, July 28 10:30-4:30
Alison Dale \$40

Twisted Table Runner: Using a contemporary log-cabin block gives the illusion of the quilt twisting. The blocks are paper pieced. You can make a table runner or a full size quilt. Pattern provided.
Monday July 30 10- 2:30 or
Saturday August 11 12:30-4 pm
Alison Dale \$40

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.
Wednesday, August 8 10-12
Beth Corn \$40



Mountain Retreat: Who wouldn’t like to spend some time at this retreat? The houses on the mountain can be made with fat quarters or layer cake. This makes a fun wall hanging but you can make it as big as you like. Pattern required.
Wednesday, August 22 10-1pm
Alison Dale \$35

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. You pick any project in one of the “Twister” books. Tool and book required.
Thursday, August 23 10-1pm
Alison Dale \$30

Holiday Placemats: You will have the best dressed table in the neighborhood with these placemats. The pattern features templates for 4 different placemats. We can use the Acu-cut to help with some of the circles. You can also make a table runner to match — I will show you how. We will spend the day making this fun holiday table.
Friday, August 24 10-4pm
Alison Dale \$40



Dresden Plates: Make this traditional block made easy with the help of the Dresden Plate ruler. I will show you a few different plate designs and ways to layouts. The Dresden plate is a beautiful quilt whether you want to make a table runner or a king-size quilt. We will spend the day making blocks. Come Join the fun. Ruler required. Pattern provided.
Saturday, August 10:30-4:30pm
Alison Dale \$40



Spooky Fun: Get a jump on your Halloween project with this fun wall hanging and matching placemats. The pattern shares a couple of tricks and is sure to bring a treat for your fun and spooky celebration on All Hallows Eve! Spend the day sewing with us.
Monday, August 27 10-4
Alison Dale \$40

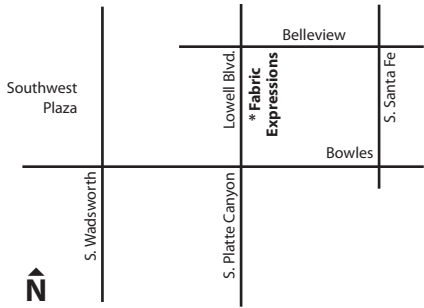
Crazy Table Runner: Using paper-piecing create your own “crazy-quilt” squares and turn those squares into a table runner. You could also make more squares and create a tablecloth or throw. Crazy quilting is a good way to use your scraps for a casual look or theme fabric for a special occasion or holiday! Paper-piecing insures perfect points and interesting angles. Pattern provided.
Wednesday, September 12 10-1pm
Beth Corn \$35

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.	5/16, 6/20, 7/11, 8/15
Fri 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	5/18, 6/29, 7/20, 8/31
Fri 5-10 p.m.	5/18, 5/26, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/7
Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m.	5/19 6/23, 7/14, 8/18
Sat 5-10 p.m.	5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25



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Find your “Block of the Month” bliss

Join one of Fabric Expressions’ monthly clubs: Make new friends and learn quilting history and techniques



“Vintage Rose” offers year-round beauty

The newest of Fabric Expressions’ monthly clubs incorporates English paper piecing and embroidery

This romantic quilt, designed by Vicki Bellino using the Marcus Brothers fabric line, offers a look that works all year long and into the holiday season. In addition to simple piecing and applique techniques, Vicki has chosen to introduce English paper piecing and embroidery into the design. The pattern includes detailed diagrams and instructions for all skill levels, so this is the perfect opportunity to expand on your quilting knowledge. The finished quilt measures 78” x 78”.

During this 6-Month program, you will receive the pattern and fabrics needed to complete the quilt top including borders and binding. The program starts in June and costs \$37.00 per month.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Thursday July 5
Alison Dale

SNOWMEN: The holidays will be here in no time; come make these fun snowmen decorations made of chenille. There are three different sizes in the same pattern you can make. Pattern required.

10-1pm or 6-9pm
\$35

MINI STOCKING: Perfect for small gifts, decorating your home, or making with kids. Whip up several just in a couple of hours or spend a bit more time and make a checkerboard version. Plan or pieced. Retro or traditional. All topped with simple scallops for added charm. Pattern required.

Friday July 6
Alison Dale

10-1pm
\$35

SPRUCE LANE: A quilt as you go project. Make this table runner that is fancy enough for the Christmas table or more casual for the cabin. You can make a matching wall hanging from the same book. Book required.

Monday July 16
Alison Dale

10-1 or 6-9pm
\$35



Saturday July 21
Alison Dale

THREE KINGS: Stitch your way back to the origins of Christmas with inspiring designs based on the story of the Nativity. We will spend the day working on this wall hanging. There is both piecing and appliqué in this quilt. Book required.

10:30-4:30
\$40

STARLIT PINES: Gather up your stash of green fabrics to make this fun quilt. Big Blocks make this a fast to put together. Four Tree blocks some simple appliqué and you are done. Pattern required.

Friday July 27
Alison Dale

10-4pm
\$40

Embroidery Club: Need time and motivation to work on your embroidery projects? 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.”

Mondays 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/10 10am
JaNelle Erickson \$35

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. This is the final session where you will make your final blocks and the border. A full-size pattern will be provided.

Mondays 5/21, 6/25, 7/23, 10am
JaNelle Erickson \$75

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.

Tuesdays 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4 10am
Alison Dale \$20

Banner Club: Do you like to change your décor with the seasons or holidays? Come join a new club. You can make a new banner that can be hung on a door, wall or put on table. These are all original designs. A pattern will be included at each meeting. Some months there may have more than one to choose from depending on the theme of the banner. Some of the themes this session include Patriotic, Summer, Fall, and Christmas.

Thursdays 5/31, 6/14, 7/12, 8/30 10am
Alison Dale \$50

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, Some will be finishing the project from the book “Hop To It.” But you can bring any project of your choice.

Fridays 6/8, 7/13, 8/10/, 9/14 10am
Alison Dale \$20

Fig Tree Club Set 6: Are you a fan of Fig Tree Fabrics? Johanna Figueroa of Fig Tree Quilts has designed exclusive patterns for her club members. Each projects is made with one of her pre-cuts. We meet four times a year.

Thursday, Sept 7 10am
Alison Dale \$10