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# Handi Quilter Newsletter

HQ Sweet Sixteen Sit Down



HQ Sixteen



HQ Avante



HQ Fusion



HQ Pro-Stitcher



Ah! The Care free days are upon us! We know many of you have spent the long winter months, quilting with your machines. (and doing beautiful work we must add). However, now is the time to come out and play. This time of the year things are budding and blossoming with new possibilities. The Spring and Summer months are so exciting in the Quilting World, as we have so many opportunities around us to blossom and grow our quilting knowledge and skills.



Leslie, Scott, Sue  
Handi Quilter Educators

We have a full range of "Quilting Classes" planned for you this summer. To keep you inspired, we changed a couple of the tried and true classes and are working on developing a couple new creative technique classes. Now if we could only find a couple more days in the calendar to fit them all in. Treat yourself, come learn a new skill or techniques to add to your quilting rapport! Grow your skills, join us in the Country Traditions Handi Quilter Studio classroom!

The month of May, will find us juggling the **Machine Quilter's Showcase** and Quilt Market. If you are going to the show in Kansas City, let us know, we have discount coupons for admission. Stop by the Handi Quilter booth and say hi to the corporate Handi Quilter team. Tell them Country Traditions sent you! If you haven't gotten your Handi Quilter system yet, now is the time! Call or stop by the shop, to reserve your Classroom Demo machine today! Numbers are limited, if you wait till the show you may miss out on this great savings!

June and July will find us in full quilt show mode. Stop by our booth in June at the **Omaha Quilt Show**, we are planning to showcase the newest "quilting tools and supplies" shown at Market. And will also be at **Quilt Nebraska** in July, showcasing all the great things Handi Quilter has to offer. Hope you can take time to visit the shows and view the beautiful works of our fellow quilters. It is always inspiring!

After a summer of learning, show off your new skills and passion for quilting, by taking another under your wing. Join us in the Handi Quilter classroom studio as we add finishing touches to our **Quilts of Valor** projects. Call or stop by the shop for all the details.

## Why You Should Purchase Your HQ from Country Traditions

- Complimentary Delivery, Setup & In Home Instruction.
- Complimentary "Lifetime" Owners Classes, plus discounted technique classes.
- On-Site Certified "Handi Quilter" Technician
- Knowledgeable Handi Quilter Certified Support Team who actually quilt their quilts on HQ's! Join our Handi Quilter Family. We will be here for you after the sale with support and education, to ensure your quilting success!

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# Handi Quilter Classes



## Long-Arm "Techniques" Classes

### Pantograph Class

Saturday, July 9 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
Friday, August 5

Learn how to use pantographs for borders, blocks, and all over quilting. Experiment with many uses of Pantograph Designs & blocks in class.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Free-motion Class

Friday, July 8 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
Saturday, August 6

Learn to free motion quilt by experimenting with the five basic drawing shapes. Complete a sample with various designs.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Art of Ruler Work: 101 Class

Friday, May 27 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
Saturday, July 16

Learn the proper use of the ruler base, ruler safety, and what different long arm rulers can bring to your quilting techniques.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### McTavishing Class

Saturday, May 28 9:30 am-1:30 pm

A fun background filler design using a style of free flowing meandering movements of long lines and shapes.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Drafting & Quilting Feathers Class

Friday, July 15 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Draft & create beautiful feather designs on paper, then learn to apply your designs to your quilting. With a little practice you will be quilting beautiful feathers!

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Machine Trapunto Class

Saturday, July 23 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Learn how easy it is to add that beautiful stuffed/textured look to your quilt tops. In class, learn the basics of Trapunto as you complete a simple wall-hanging design.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### (TNT) HQ Class

Friday, July 1 9:30 am- 1:30 pm

Achieving perfect tension is easy once you understand the relationship between Thread, Needle and Tension. You will leave class Tension confident and ready to use a variety of threads.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Thread Play Class

Friday, August 26 9:30 am- 1:30 pm

Learn how to create stunning quilting with different thread techniques. Come play, experiment with all the creative things you can do with your HQ from Thread Painting, Color Blending, Hyper quilting, and a variety of other artist techniques.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### Micro Quilting Class

To be Announced-Class Coming Soon

Micro quilting can take quilting designs from nice to WOW! Play with this popular technique as we experiment with different fills ideas.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

## Handi Quilter Owners Class

Saturday, May 7, Saturday, July 2, Saturday Aug 27  
9:30 am-1:30 pm

Designed for "New" Owners of a HQ. Quilt on a small wall hanging while learning about various techniques and features of your new machine. We will review loading, threading, tension play, how to start & tie off, and functions of the machine.

Registration: \$59.99,  
(complimentary if CT HQ Owner)

## Handi Quilter Pro-Stitcher Owners Class

Friday, May 13 and/or Saturday, July 23  
9:30 am-1:30 pm

Designed for "New Owners of a HQ Pro-Stitcher". You have done the tutorials, now learn what else the Pro-Stitcher can do for you. We will review the features of the Pro-Stitcher as we play.

Registration: \$59.99,  
(complimentary if CT HQ Owner)

## Pro-Stitcher-Software Classes

### Step into Digital Quilting Class

Saturday, July 22 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Thinking of getting the Pro-Stitcher? Or want to see why you should add the Pro-Stitcher to your HQ, come play. Try your hand at Digital Quilting as we create fun seasonal placemats.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### QuiltCad Software 101 Class

Friday, May 20 9:30 am- 1:30 pm  
Saturday, July 9

Come learn how to edit and create your own unique quilting designs in Quilt Cad & Pattern Cad. Learn how to transfer the designs to the Pro-Stitcher.

Instructor: Scott  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

### 4D Quilt Design Creator 101 Class

To be Announced-Class Coming Soon

Learn the basics of 4D Quilt Design Creator. Then play as we quick trace designs, add fills and make your own quilting & applique designs to be stitched out on the Pro-Stitcher and/or our Pfaff embroidery machines.

Instructor: Leslie  
Registration: \$59.99, (\$39.99 if CT HQ Owner)

**Country Traditions Class Polices:** Reservations are required for All Classes, Retreats, and Events. **PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION TO HOLD YOUR PLACE IN CLASS.** Complete class supply lists will be given when you register for the class. Classes require three or more students, register at least a week before the class date, for the class to be held. Please sign up early to ensure the class goes. If the class is cancelled by Country Tradition due to low enrollment, your class fee will be refunded. If the class is postponed due to weather the class will be rescheduled. Handi Quilter class students will complete their projects on the shop's Handi Quilters. Register early since space is limited. Most HQ class fees include a quilt top

# Handi Quilter Events

## Machine Quilter's Showcase: Show Special

Now is the Time...

It's time to place your order for your Handi Quilter System! Handi Quilter sponsors classrooms of machine for use during the Machine Quilter's Showcase show in Kansas City, May 11-14, 2011. Then offers these machines at a very special price. Numbers are limited, so call or stop by the shop to reserve your machine today! Don't wait till the show, at this pricing the machines will be gone!

**Take \$500.00 off your Handi Quilter System, plus free Freight!**  
That's a savings of over \$1,000.00

\*orders must be placed by Thursday-May 12, 2011

## Up Coming Quilt Shows

Visit us at the following shows & ask about our Demo Machine Specials

### Omaha Quilt Show: Quilt Safari

LaVista Conference Center  
12520 Westport Pkwy, LaVista NE  
June-23-June 25

### Quilt Nebraska 2011: Quilt Fantastica

Holiday Inn, 110 Second Ave, Kearney, NE  
July 29th & 30th  
[www.quiltnebraska2011.com](http://www.quiltnebraska2011.com)

## Quilts for Valor: Under our Wings Event

### Handi Quilter: "Quilters" Wanted

Country Traditions is hosting a Quilts for Valor workshop (August 12 & 13) and are in need of quilting coaches, to take a rookie quilter under their wing and help them add the finishing quilting touches to a quilt top pieced to cover a service member or veteran touched by war. We will be using the store's HQ's, coaches provide the batting and thread, rookie's provide the backing. Please join this worthy cause & sign up to be a Quilting coach! Not a Handi Quilter Owner, come take a HQ for a test drive and help with a worthy cause at the same time.

## LEARNING CORNER: Short Takes

### Avoiding the Waving Edge Quilt Proper Installment of Borders

Once the center portion of your quilt project is complete, it is time to add borders. It is very important to MEASURE your project and cut your borders to your quilts measurements, not necessarily the patterns suggestions. (You may have sewn slightly different than the pattern maker. If you cut your borders following the patterns suggestions they may be short for your quilt.)

To find YOUR quilts border lengths measure the length of your quilt top through the CENTER, from raw edge to raw edge. Then measure the lengths of your sides, slightly inside of the quilts edge. Take the average of these three measurements and cut two border strips the average length. Mark the center of the border strips and the center of the quilt top. Pin the border strips to the sides, matching the center marks and ends. Pin the rest of the border, easing as necessary. Sew and press the seams towards the border strips.

Measure the width of the quilt top (from side to side) through the center and sides, from raw edge to raw edge, including the border pieces you just added, figure your average and cut two border strips to this measurement. Mark the centers of the border strips to the top and bottom edges, matching the center marks and ends. Pin the rest of the border, easing as necessary. Sew and press the seam towards the border strips.

Remember if you just sew on a border strip without measuring, you could be easing in inches, even feet of extra fabric onto your quilt borders causing it to wave when hanging. Measure and cutting to your quilts measurements will help your quilt project stay square and flat!



## DID YOU KNOW?

What was the number one selling Long Arm Quilting System in the Quilting industry in 2010?

Answer:

That's right, the Handi Quilter 18 Avante

already loaded on the machine. So that we may commit to our teachers, sorry there is **NO refund or rescheduling if you cancel**. Please check class dates and your own calendar carefully before registering. If an emergency occurs, you can send a friend in your place. Please arrive early for class if you need to gather your supplies, so class can start on time. Students are encouraged to purchase their class project supplies from Country Traditions. In appreciation, students purchasing supplies from Country Traditions will receive a 20% discount on their class supplies. Visit [www.countrytraditionsonline.com](http://www.countrytraditionsonline.com) to see class projects and to Register for classes on line.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Needles can be damaged by normal use. You don't have to hit a pin while quilting to damage it. Needles can become dull, bent, or damaged through just normal sewing. All this can contribute to thread breaks and a frayed look on your finished projects.

**Every New Quilt, Deserves a New Needle.** A clean, well functioning needle will result in sharp, well-shaped stitches.

Handi Quilter needles range in size from very fine 90/14 to heavy 125/20. Most needles use the two-number measuring system. The higher number relates to the metric system and defines the needle shaft in diameter in hundredths of a millimeter. The lower number relates to the system in the US and is an arbitrary number used to indicate needle shaft diameter.

To learn more about the relationship between Needles and Thread, sign up for our **Thread Play INT Class**.

## Refer a Friend

Calling all Country Traditions Handi Quilter Owners!

Do you have a friend who would like to have their own Long-arm Quilting System. Refer your friend to Country Traditions. If they purchase a "New" Handi Quilter Long Arm System from us and mention your name, you could earn a \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Country Traditions. Your friend gets the reward of finishing their projects and you get some extra cash for a few new Handi Quilter gadgets! It's a win, win situation!

## Country Traditions Takes Top Honor!



Dear Leslie and Kevin,

We are very excited to present to you and the staff of Country Traditions the 2010 Handi Quilter **BEST OF THE BEST AWARD.**

This award is presented to one location in North America that demonstrated the HQ Way through their daily approach to quilts, quilters and quilting. Besides achieving strong sales performance and being named a **TOP TWENTY** volume location for Handi Quilter during 2010, as well as being named as a **2010 HQ WAY** location, we appreciate your dedication to the Handi Quilter brand, the way you take care of your quilters, your focus and approach with education/events, and your ability to handle technical issues as they arise.

Please thank your staff for their efforts on our behalf. Congratulations again on your achievements. We look forward to your continued success in 2011.

Congratulations and Best Wishes,

Mark D. Hyland  
President/CEO  
Handi Quilter, Inc.

  
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