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SHOP HOURS
Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays

Special Events

April Retreat

The retreat last October was such fun that we decided to do it again! You will enjoy 3 days and 2 nights at The Hide-a-way Lodge (April 24th, 25th, and 26th), just minutes from Colorado Springs. Meals are prepared and served to us and with just 2 to a room, the accommodations are perfect. Imagine, 3 days of nothing but eat, sleep and sew; what could be better! Cost \$250.



Bus Trip

Have you ever wanted to travel to LaVeta? You know, Ricky Tims' studio is there! We decided this would make the perfect 'field trip' and give us all the opportunity to see what's new without having to drive. We will leave from HCQ

on March 13th at 7:00am (returning at 5:30pm) and travel to La Veta where we will be included as a live studio audience for Ricky Tims' new television show! They have assured us there will be a 'special guest' appearance, but will divulge no more! During the taping, there will be time to have lunch at one of La Veta's 'hot spots' and maybe even be time for a side trip to the local quilt store! There will be a trip cost of \$50.

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Sweetheart Sale

Come and join us as we celebrate!! When? Monday, February 12, 2007 from 8am until 6pm. What are we celebrating? You, our best customers, and High Country Quilts' 24th anniversary month. What could be more worthy of a sale! In honor of the special event, we will be offering a 24% discount all day on all regularly priced merchandise. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you!



Dates to Remember

Jan. 1.....New Year's Day-Shop Closed
Jan. 27.....Winter Olympics
Feb. 12.....Sweetheart Sale
Feb. 14.....Valentine's Day
Feb. 18.....Chinese New Year
Mar. 13.....Bus Trip to LaVeta
Mar. 30-31.....Pueblo Quilt and Stitch Expo
Apr. 24-26.....Mystery Retreat

• Newsletter & Class Schedule for High Country Quilts • Winter 2007 •



What's New? at High Country Quilts?

Wow! Fall was here and now is gone!! The weather is getting chilly and it seems so right to cuddle up in a quilt. Our first year was wonderful. Your support was so much appreciated through the year and we'll do our very best to be deserving of your support in the future. Great ideas for the upcoming new year are buzzing among us, so many that we don't know how we are going to fit them all in!

Quilt market was wonderful but is just a blur to us now. We had so much fun and learned so much too. All those new patterns and products that we saw in Houston have started arriving! There are some new names, but also ones that you are familiar with such as Mt. Redoubt's newest. If you couldn't make it to our after market party, stop by the shop and see what's new.

We were able to meet the APQS folks at quilt market. What a great bunch of people! We tried the new APQS George while we were there and fell in LOVE!! Come by the shop and meet George, we'll let you try him out! Our long arm classes are off and running. We are so lucky to have Janet Mohler as our long arm instructor. Janet's quilting has won awards and she has taught at the national level. You can see some of her wonderful work in Karen McTavish's book, "Mastering the Art of McTavishing".

We're really excited about the classes we have scheduled. We have a fun group of projects for our "Winter Olympics" that we think you will enjoy. Sign up for just one or all four and take advantage of the discount we are offering!

Our 2007 block of the month will dance into your heart! Flowers and Flutters by Natalie will combine pieced flowers and butterflies out of batiks into a happy quilt. We think you have great fun with this one. As always, patterns are free during "their" month, and packets of fabrics will be available for purchase.

Those of you who have given us your e-mail address have received some fun e-mail notices reminding you of special events from Jeanette, our web site Guru. We have gotten some very positive responses to our web site format. You are now able to read our newsletter online as well as signing up for classes from your home! If you would like to be part of our e-mail list, please call or stop by the store so we can add you, then put hcq@hcquilts.com in your address book so these newsy little gems won't be filtered out.




With the New Year just ahead of us, comes a time for new projects as well as reflecting on all we have accomplished in this last year. What a wonderful year it has been! Enjoy this chilly season and stop by the shop when you get a chance. But most of all have a very happy New Year from all of us at High Country Quilts!

Jean, Karen & Natalie








Winter Class Index





Monday Classes

CLASS NAME	SKILL	COST	BOOK	PATTERN	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			1/22, 1/29	10 – 12	Janet
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			2/19, 2/26	10 – 12	Janet
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			Mar. 19, 26	10 – 12	Janet


















Tuesday Classes

CLASS NAME	SKILL	COST	BOOK	PATTERN	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Beginning Hand Applique		\$30		✓	3/20, 3/27	6 – 9	Gloria
Celtic Hearts		\$35		✓	1/30, 2/6	6 – 9	Karen
The Hidden Star Sampler		\$80	✓		3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26	6 – 9	Jean
Perfect Beginnings		\$45		✓	2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6	6 – 9	Natalie
Take 12 Jacket		\$35		✓	2/6, 2/13	6 – 9	Karen

Friday Classes

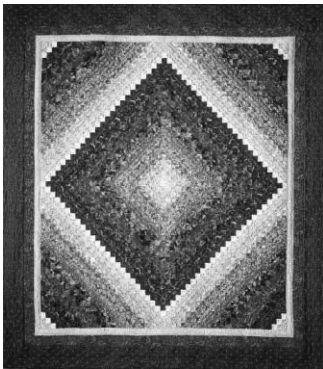
CLASS NAME	SKILL	COST	BOOK	PATTERN	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Links		\$35		✓	3/16	10 – 4	Jean
Machine Quilting		\$40	optional		2/2	10 – 3	Natalie
Seams Raggy		\$35		✓	1/19	10 – 4	Jean
Swing Fever Jacket		\$35		✓	2/16	10 – 3	Jean

Saturday Classes

CLASS NAME	SKILL	COST	BOOK	PATTERN	DATE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
Baby Quilts		\$30		✓	3/24	10 – 3	Jeanette
Baltimore Basics		\$65	✓		2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13	10 – 12	Gloria
Colorsplash Trip Around The World		\$35	✓		3/24	10 – 3	Jean
Cotton Theory		\$35	✓		1/20	10 – 3	Jean
County Clare		\$60		✓	2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14	10 – 1	Jean
Growing Wild		\$80	✓		1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9	2 – 5	Jean, Karen, or Natalie
Heartfelt Wool Table Runner		\$10	✓		1/27	4 – 5:30	Jean
The Hidden Star Sampler		\$80	✓		2/24, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/19	2 – 5	Jean
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			1/13, 1/20	10 – 12	Janet
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			2/10, 2/17	10 – 12	Janet
Long Arm Quilting		\$120			3/10, 3/17	10 – 12	Janet
Meet Me In Paris		\$45		✓	2/3, 2/10, 2/17	2 – 5	Jean
Painted Placemat		\$10		✓	1/27	2 – 3:30	Natalie
Pillow Wrap		\$10	✓		1/27	10 – 11:30	Marilyn
Scrappy Bears Path		\$35		✓	2/24	10 – 3	Natalie
Tree Of Life		\$30	✓		2/17, 2/24	2 – 5	Karen
Winey Coasters		\$10		✓	1/27	12 – 1:30	Karen

Note: A check mark in the book column designates whether a book is required for the class. A check mark in the pattern column designates whether a pattern is included with the class. Supplies for each class are not included in the price of the class. Skill levels are show by the number of thimbles shown next to each class. One thimble designates a beginner class, two thimbles designates an advanced beginner class and three thimbles designates an intermediate class.

Returning Favorites



Colorsplash Trip Around the World

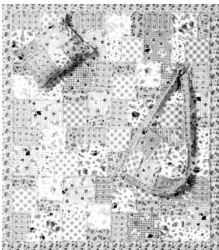
This quick method of cutting and sewing gives you the opportunity to construct a uniquely beautiful quilt in a very short period of time. The quick method combined with the popular “watercolor” look creates a breathtaking design that receives rave reviews! Fabric kits are available, but you may pick your own fabrics. We’ll help if you

want us to. Please allow a minimum of two hours to choose the fabrics (three to four hours is more realistic). The quilt is totally rotary cut and machine sewn. Previous rotary cutting and machine piecing experience required. We assume you have basic quilting skills.



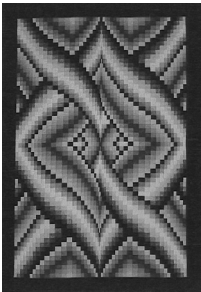
Beginner Hand Appliqué

For this class “beginner” means the ability to use scissors and perhaps to thread a needle! Gloria has put together an easy class for the “beginner-beginner”! She will cover the very basic techniques used to create templates, inside and outside curves and points, stems, leaves, and more.



Seams Raggy

Back by popular demand! We have recieved many requests for this class, so her it is. This is a beginner level quilt by Four Corners. The quilt is made up of one basic block and sews up beautifully with flannels. What a perfect project for those chilly winter nights. The really great feature of this throw is that when you are done, you are done! No quilting or binding needed. What a great weekend project! Come in and see for yourself.



Links

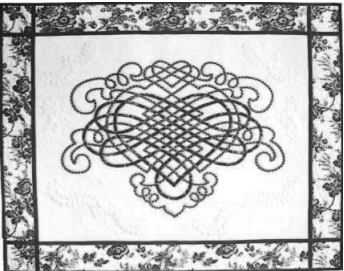
Reminiscent of bargello needlework, Links is a very dramatic looking pattern designed by Dereck Lockwood. Though the pattern looks difficult, it is all strip pieced and color coded. Jean will guide you through sewing and unsewing the panels, rearranging, and finally in assembling your quilt top. You will end up with a 48” x 66” masterpiece. Come and join the excitement.

Quick Tips

Washing Small Pieces: When washing small pieces of fabrics or fat quarters, place fabrics in a mesh lingerie bag and zip closed. Add bag to the washing machine along with your other clothing items, or wash alone in a sink of water. You will notice minimal fraying and you won’t lose those little scraps of fabric!

Portable design wall: Purchase an inexpensive flannel backed vinyl tablecloth at a discount store, or buy flannel backed vinyl at the fabric store. Pin your “design wall” to the wall, or hang it near the ceiling with grommets and small nails.

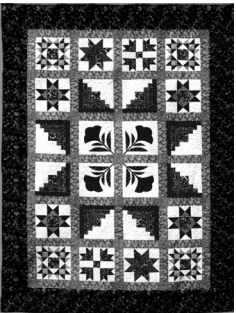
Organize Blocks: Purchase medium and large pizza boxes very inexpensively to store quilt blocks. They are easy to store, stack and keep organized. And, they keep your blocks neat and protected from stretching especially if they have many bias edges.



Celtic Hearts

Most of us who quilt enjoy making items to decorate our homes for the seasons. We also love to simplify our lives. Learn a technique to make your own easy bias tape, which will allow you to focus on the fun and creativity of the designs and use any color

you want for your bias. Curved designs are no longer a scary thought. You will be able quilt this heart design in no time.

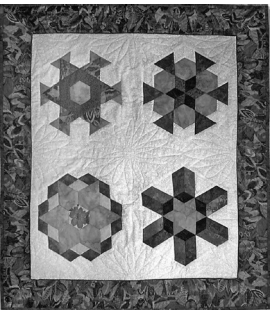


The Hidden Star Sampler

The Hidden Star Sampler, by Applewood Farm Publications is an exciting new approach to learning the basics of quilt construction while making a gorgeous sampler quilt. This class will be an in-depth study covering the basics of quilting.

Perfect Beginnings

We have the perfect class for you to begin your journey into quilting, or simply to sharpen those skills you may have let get just a little rusty. It’s all done by hand, so no machine required. We start at the very basic levels, so no experience required, either. Natalie will guide you gently through the processes of choosing fabrics, hand piecing, hand appliqué, and hand quilting. You’ll also learn those vital steps to apply a border and binding so that your quilt lies flat and square. Have fun and learn all of the basics that you need to start quilting.



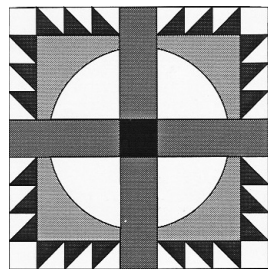
Machine Quilting

Finish those projects! Machine quilting makes fast and easy work of finishing quilts, quilted clothing, placemats, table runners, wall quilts, etc. Based on Harriet Hargrave’s book, *Heirloom Machine Quilting*, our Machine Quilting class covers basic machine quilting, using your machine’s walking foot (even-feed foot), and free-motion quilting.

Technique Classes

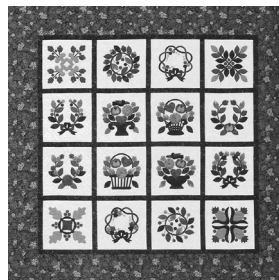
COTTON THEORY QUILTING

Another one of our market discoveries! We were so impressed with this creative “quilt first-then assemble method” that we can’t wait to share it with you. From potholders and placemats to full size quilts, this is a method that you are sure to marvel at! You will love the 3 dimensional look that is created and also the fact that all of these projects are totally reversible! In class we will be making a small cardinal table runner; a great accent for the winter months. Once you have completed this project, you are ready for any of the other patterns and projects available from Cotton Theory.



Scrappy Bears Path

Marti Michell of machine quilting fame has developed great sets of templates to help rotary cut fabrics accurately and without waste. This brand new design, the Scrappy Bears Path, was unveiled at October’s Quilt Market, and Natalie was lucky enough to attend her class. The “Path” comes from the combination of the Bear’s Paw and Drunkard’s Path blocks, all done with easy rotary cutting and machine piecing. You simply will not believe how easy this pattern is to cut and piece and how fast the top will go together. The rotary cutting templates are such a big help, but are not required to create this quilt.



Baltimore Basics

We have been so fortunate to have Gloria teach the Baltimore Album blocks from Mimi Dietrich’s book, Baltimore Bouquets, but that book is now out of print. Happy to say, Mimi has finished her new book, Baltimore Basics, and Gloria will use this book as her inspiration for her upcoming class starting in February. The class will be ten sessions long, meeting once a month, to relieve any “homework anxiety” you might have about doing hand appliqué. We know you will love this new class as much as the original and we can’t wait to help you get you started.

Wearables

Swing Fever Jacket

We saw this jacket for the first time at Quilt Affair in the fall, and couldn’t resist designing a class around it. It sews up quickly, and when made of rayon/batik, it “swings” naturally and drapes beautifully! We bought a nice selection of gorgeous rayon batiks at market, and what a perfect project for you try them out on! We assume that you have basic garment construction skills when signing up for this class.



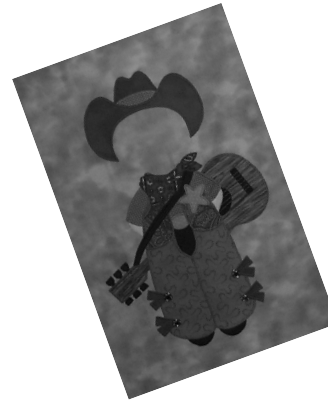
Take 12 Jacket

What a great design! This light weight jacket will be your favorite for the chilly Colorado nights! It is made using 12 fat quarters of your choosing and just begs to be embellished with buttons, machine or hand embroidery or some special quilting. Just let your imagination take charge!



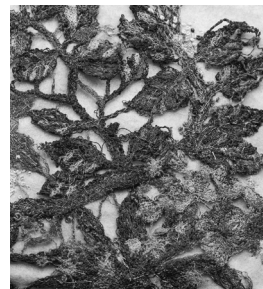
Clubs

Clubs continue to play an essential role in our calendar. If you are looking for a way to meet friends with similar interests, or just have a “girls night out”, this might just be your answer. Each club is a little different, so there is sure to be something for everyone. We have samples from each of our clubs available, so stop in and browse. We are very happy to help you find the perfect fit.



PAPER DOLLS

Everyone loves the Paper Dolls that Marilyn has stitched from Amy Bradley’s Sugar and Spice and Snips and Snails patterns. We’ve had so much fun this past year watching the quilts grow as Marilyn completed her blocks, that we all thought this would make a wonderful club quilt for 2007. Wouldn’t you just love to watch your own paper dolls come to “life” under your needle as you stitch? It’s an easy fusible web method of appliqué which is easy, whether you choose to stitch by hand or machine. Some special little girl or boy in your life would love to get this quilt (hey, I’m certainly not “little”, but I’d love one too). Make either the little girls or the little boys. Or, if you can’t decide, you can make both! Yearly Club cost of \$75.



Passport Adventure Club

(formerly Embellish It)

Needles, stabilizers and fusibles, Oh My! This is just the beginning of your great adventure. This club will start with exploring the not boring anymore basics and expand into exceptional exotic escapades. Each month we will play with the marvelous specialty threads from Wonder-Fil as we explore everything from basic piecing to fun bobbin sewing, appliqué

to funky edge finishes, thread painting, doodling, and beading and more. You will create a fabulous fiber Passport that will be a valuable tool for your future fiber explorations. Yearly Club cost of \$90.

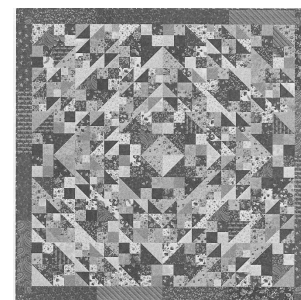


Friday Afternoon Strippers

(Come and Sew)

Friday Afternoon Strippers (come and sew) is still very popular and welcomes all interested strippers. We meet once a month to make quilts from 2 ½” strips of fabric. There are always plenty of pre-cut strip bundles available for purchase, or you may bring your own strips. A different pattern will be featured each month to help you use those strips! Class cost is FREE with featured monthly pattern purchase.

MODA UNIVERSITY



Moda University continues as we head into our second semester of this “school year”. We have been involved in this club for one year now, and the fabrics are getting better and better! We have some luscious collections to entice you, and some simple quilts to show off the beautiful moda fabrics. Kits will continue to be available if you choose to purchase one, and as always, the pattern and extra goodies are complimentary to all “Moda U” enrollees. Remember, you may redeem your credits at any time for a nice discount on store merchandise, or you may save up your credits toward discounts of up to 30% at HCQ. This is a Beginner class. There is a \$50.00 enrollement fee (pattern included with enrollement) for the winter season (January, March, May).

Special Events

Moda University

Thursday, January 25.....	6:00-8:00
Thursday, March 22.....	6:00-8:00
Thursday, May 24.....	6:00-8:00

Friday Afternoon Strippers

Last Friday of each month	2:00-5:00
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Paper Dolls

Third Saturday of each month starting in February.....	10:00-12:00
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Passport Adventure Club

First Saturday of each month starting in February (except May and September).....	10:00-12:00
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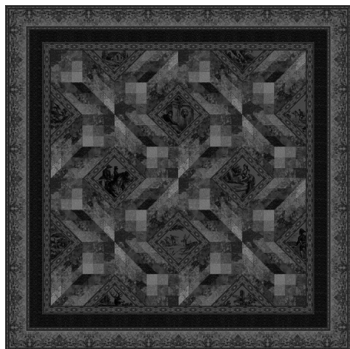
Featured Classes



Growing Wild

Drive away those winter blahs with a wonderful new quilt from Dale Fleming using a colorful garden collection from RJR. Who says we can't garden in the winter? We can with this lovely project, and you'll learn some new and useful techniques, too!

Dale Fleming's Six Minute Circle will conquer any hesitation you have with piecing curves and circles-it's so easy you won't remember why you've avoided circles at all. You'll learn to "create" your own fabrics, to use an easy stitch and flip technique, and a fast and easy method to machine appliqué. We're excited about this class, and we think you will be too. Join us in our quilted garden this January. As a special incentive, if you purchase your kit at HCQ, you'll receive this \$80 class for free! Book included with kit.



Country Clare

Come and join us as we stitch Jinny Beyer's newest original creation. Jean will guide you through this beautiful design which is sure to challenge your skills at an intermediate to advanced level. As we progress through each step, you will wonder at the three-dimensional illusion that is created by fragmenting colors. Beautiful toile scenes are incorporated in the quilt, as well as one of Jinny's own complimentary border prints. This class will cover the entire quilt construction over the span of six monthly classes.

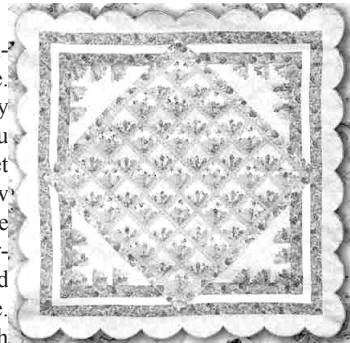


Baby Quilts

What do you do when you need to make a cute little quilt for the new baby in the family or on the block but time is at a premium? In this class you'll make two quick and super easy baby blankies. Even if you're a very beginner quilter, you won't have any trouble whipping out one of these cuties for the next newbie in your life. You can use a combination of flannels, cotton novelty prints, or chenille for your baby blankies.

Meet Me In Paris

This quilt is a very romantic looking quilt top that is very fun to make. Gather some soft florals, or possibly some of our newest orientals, and you are on your way to a gorgeous yet simple quilt. Jean will teach you how to make some easy Dresden plate fans, sash and set them on point, surround them with a few borders, and finish with a very pretty scallop edge. This all looks rather difficult, but with a few simple tools and tips, you are sure to be successful. Come and enjoy!



Tree of Life

Diamonds with no 'Y' seams? How can it be? With Nancy Johnson-Srebro's method, it not only is possible but actually easy! Learn this technique while making an attractive 'tree of life' block. What a wonderful wall hanging or center medallion for a king size quilt. Maybe diamonds really are a girl's best friend!

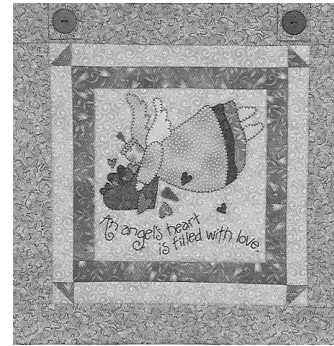


Long Arm Class

If you want to quilt those tops you have completed, are thinking of purchasing a machine for quilting, or just want to learn how a long arm works, this is a great class to take. Janet Mohler will instruct you in everything from the differences in thread to what to look for in a pantograph! You will learn everything you need to know to run a long arm and be 'certified' to rent hours after class completion. The classes are 2 sessions of 2 hours each and include 3 hours of 'home work' on our APQS Millennium long arm which you can schedule at your convenience. What a great way to get those tops quilted!

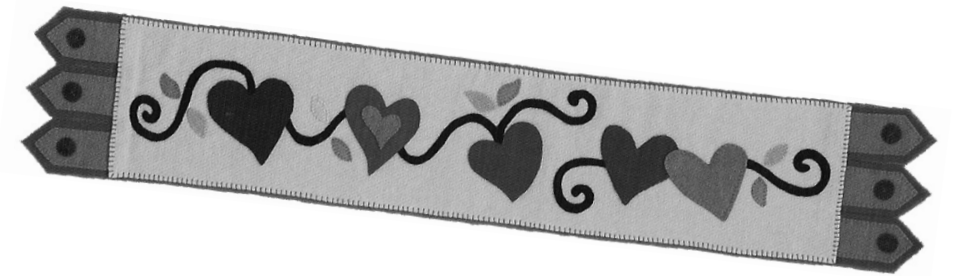
Winter Olympics

Our Winter Olympics is a series of four one and one half hour classes that will allow you to learn new techniques while making some fun little projects. We have chosen some very special projects that are just perfect for a days worth of sewing. It seems as though there is something for everyone! You can sign up for each of the classes separately or take advantage of a nice discount if you sign up for all four.



Angel Pillow Wrap

Celebrate all of the "angels" in your life with a fun pillow wrap! Nancy Halvorsen has designed a month by month series of angels doing different angel activities that are sure to warm your heart! Marilyn will guide you through the ins and outs of making your first pillow wrap. After that, you can use the same pillow and just button a new wrap on for each month of the year.



Heartfelt Wool Table Runner

Just in time for the season of love, this fun table runner will add a little sparkle to your décor. Made of wool felt, this project can be made quickly for yourself or for any of your favorite valentines. Come and join in the excitement as we introduce our first wool appliqué project to High Country quilts!

Winey Coasters

These cute little coasters fit on the bottoms of your stemware and travel around the room with you so you never have to hunt for a coaster. When you want to put your drink down and if you choose different fabrics for each one, they also double as drink identifiers! You can choose as few as 1 fabric or up to 6 different fabrics to add interest. What a wonderful way to protect your furniture. They are great for an evening with friends or make a thoughtful hostess or house warming gift. These little gems can be made up in such a short time, you could wait until the day of the party!



Painted Placemat

You won't believe how easy it is to paint a winter scene, and then sew it in to a pretty placemat. Not an "artist"? Not a problem! The Tsukineko inks are wonderful; everyone can do this with ease. It is easier and prettier than "paint by number". You'll have sets of placemats before you can shake the snow off your boots!

Announcement

UFO (unfinished objects) night continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. During the months of January, February, and March, we encourage all of you who participated in Quilt Pink, or who would like to contribute to the cause, to come help us put the blocks that were donated together into quilts! It should be fun and rewarding. After the quilts are finished, they will be auctioned off on e-bay and the proceeds will go to breast cancer research. Come and donate your time and creativity to a very worthy cause.