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Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Closed Sundays

Conveniently Located...
Behind Denny's at the southeast corner of
Academy and Flintridge

CLASS REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

PLEASE READ THE CLASS POLICIES BELOW BEFORE REGISTERING FOR ANY CLASS!!!!

♦ REGISTRATION

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- Preregistration is a must!
- Early registrations are helpful for scheduling, and often enable us to add additional classes when warranted. We have a minimum and maximum class size…late registration cannot resurrect a cancelled class.
- The class fee is required at the time of registration.
- You must use your charge card when registering by phone.

♦ REFUNDS

- We will refund or transfer your class fee only if we are notified five working days prior to the class. Please don't ask us to make an exception. Check the dates carefully!
- We do not guarantee transfers or allow makeup classes, but we will work with you if an emergency arises.
- We consider your enrollment to be a commitment to our teacher.
- · We will refund if we cancel the class.
- No refund for supplies: we recommend waiting to purchase supplies until minimum student enrollment is reached. We are unable to issue refunds for supplies should a class be cancelled.

♦ CHILDREN

- Do not bring them to class. We love them, but you can't be an effective student and parent at the same time.
- We must also refuse requests to allow visiting grandmothers, mothers-in-law, daughters-in-law, husbands, etc. to "visit" class without paying the regular class fee. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

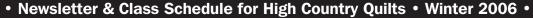
♦ SUPPLIES

- You will be given a supply list upon registration. We offer a 10% discount to our students on all required supplies purchased at HCO for class.
- You must complete your purchases before the end of the final class session.
- Most classes require that supplies (including fabrics) be ready for the first class.
- Fabrics must be pre-washed.
- Some classes require you to bring your sewing machine.
 Please make sure that you are familiar with the machine and that it is in good working order, with the necessary cords, parts, and attachments.

OURTESY TO OTHERS

• We strongly suggest cell phones be turned off or silenced during class times. Emergency calls may be received at 598-1312.

Thank You!





he year is winding to its close, the air is brisk, and there are many changes here at High Country Quilts. First, and probably most on everyone's mind is that we have new owners! Jean Wilt, Karen Rellaford and I, Natalie, have pooled our courage and our resources to purchase the store. Many of you know us, as we have been staffers and teachers for a number of years (15 years among us), and though we are "newbies" at shop ownership, we have strengths that complement each other. We hope to be having fun quilting with you for many years.

Let's introduce ourselves!

Karen: "I have been a quilter for over 25 years and prefer piecing to appliqué. For me, it's all about color and texture. There is nothing better than to help a customer pull beautiful colors together to become a work of art. A close second is learning new techniques and incorporating them into the classic designs that I love. I'm a wife of 34 years with two adult sons who live in the Springs. I love Colorado and cannot imagine living anywhere else! My secret dream has always been to own a quilt shop. I'm so blessed to be able to realize that dream with Natalie and Jean."

Jean: "I consider myself to be somewhat of a native, moving to Colorado Springs in 1969 while my father was in the Air Force. I graduated from Cheyenne Mountain High School and attended CSU in Fort Collins where I majored in Home Economics. I met my husband Ron while I attended CSU and he attended the Air Force Academy. My first quilting class was in 1984 while stationed in Abilene, Texas. With two young children, I needed an outlet for myself while Ron was deployed. So I enrolled in a quilting class and created my first sampler quilt. I continued to quilt over the years while the children were in school and Ron was TDY.

"In 1992 Ron left Active Duty and joined the Air Force Reserves, and we moved back to Colorado Springs. I began working and teaching at High Country Quilts in 2000 after oldest daughter, Amber, graduated from high school. We currently have two children, David and Laura, in college while Amber is doing an internship at Vanderbilt."

Jean's hobbies include quilting, sewing, smocking, crossstitch, knitting, baking, crafts, and ... more quilting!

Natalie: "My first quilt was in 1974 when my son was two. I found some drapery fabric with airplanes printed on it, sewed it together to be a bedspread and quilted it by machine with the invisible nylon thread I got at the fabric store. That thread was more like nylon cable! I used a cotton batt, and that quilt was heavy enough to withstand a Colorado Winter, but a little heavy for southern California, where my husband was stationed at Miramar as a RIO in Navy F4's.

"My first real quilt came out of classes at High Country Quilts in 1986, and I've never stopped enjoying quilting or learning about quilts and quilting. I've worked at High Country Quilts since late 1996, and have designed our blocks of the month since 1998, with a break in 2002. Frankly, I have more plans for quilts I want to make than any two people could do in their lifetimes!"

Classes are starting again in January. Jean has developed a class for beginning quilters (or experienced quilters who want to sharpen their skills) based on Applewood Farms' Hidden Star quilt. It is a gorgeous sampler quilt generating much excitement in the store—we are enthusiastic about offering it this year. The class will lead you through the basics of fabric selection, rotary cutting, piecing triangles of all kinds, stars, and machine appliqué. This really is the most complete beginning class we've ever offered! With many topics to cover, this class will run for eight sessions. We know you all have busy lives too, so you know we'll give you plenty of time between class sessions to complete your blocks.

Karen's fabric knitted bags have generated a lot of interest, so look for that class later in the newsletter. They are another great way to use up scraps and incorporate the renewed interest in knitting.

Please examine the **survey** we include in this newsletter. Hearing from you about your quilting needs will help us decide what we can do for you and how we can serve you better. **Return the completed survey to the store and it becomes a 10% discount coupon off regularly priced merchandise.** We love the character of High Country Quilts as it has evolved over the last 22 years, and want to keep the best of what Barb has built but still give the store our own imprint. This is your chance to guide us in our choices.

You will be happy to hear we will continue the **Customer Card** program begun several years ago. We will honor cards stamped before November, and we will be offering new cards again. **Gift Certificates** are also on the menu again, so let your family know that if they are unsure of the perfect gift for you a High Country Gift Certificate is always the right size and color.

Our **Block of the Month for 2006,** designed by me again, is a colorful explosion of simple nine patches, called High Country Quilts' **New Pathways**. It is possible to paper piece the blocks if you wish, but also simple to piece using more traditional methods. You'll like the selection of rich, clear colors we have picked for this quilt as much as we do. Take a look at our **BOMmer Group** on page 7 for a sneak peek at January's block!

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Classes in the Basics



Perfect Beginnings

Instructor: Natalie

Beginner level. We feel that basic beginner quilt classes should be fun, motivating, and full of the basic quilting procedures. In this class you'll learn to hand piece, hand appliqué, and hand quilt while making a wallhanging. We

want to give you a well-rounded base on which to build your quilting knowledge. Therefore, we keep the project small (approximately 24 inches square) so you don't get too much time or money invested before you decide whether you like quilting. We teach the class using **hand-sewing methods** because we want to slow the whole process down so you will have plenty of time to absorb the information. We feel that in order for you, as a quilter, to understand what you encounter in future classes you need to understand the basic nitty-gritty. We have comprehensive handouts, and the class size is limited to eight students. We'll also cover fabric selection, mitered borders and bindings, and you'll learn the vocabulary of quilters. This is the perfect class for absolute beginners and those who want a refresher course. After this class, we can help steer you toward classes involving your favorite techniques, or to machine stitching.

Pattern included

Class cost: \$45 + supplies

Tue., Feb. 7, 21, 28, Mar. 7......6:00-9:00 Sat., Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 25......2:00-5:00



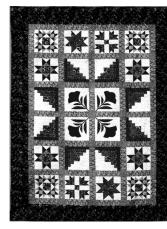
Paper Pieced Grandmother's Pin Cushion

Instructor: Linda Gardner Beginner level. Grandmother's Pin Cushion is an old fashioned looking pin cushion by Saginaw Street Quilt Company. It is made

up of traditional log cabin blocks, but it is paper pieced! Linda will share her tips and techniques on paper piecing with you as she guides you, step by step, in creating your very own Grandmother's pin cushion. What a darling addition to your sewing basket, or this would also make a wonderful gift for a fellow quilter. Fast, Fun and Easy! Paper piecing is a very accurate technique that every quilter should add to her repertoire—so many blocks which are difficult using more traditional piecing methods become easy when they are paper pieced.

Pattern required.

Class cost: \$10 + supplies



The Hidden Star Sampler

Instructor: Jean

Beginner level. 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 indepth study covering the basics of quiltmaking. Finishing at approximately 91" x 108", the Hidden Star Sampler includes

six different blocks, all created on your machine. We will take you step by step as you make your fabric selections and learn to rotary cut. You will also learn some tips on triangles, different methods of machine piecing, the difference between half-square and quarter-square blocks, machine appliqué, and much, much more! Basic border and binding instruction will also be covered. So, come join us as you make your very own Hidden Star Sampler Ouilt. It is sure to be a winner! **Note:** this class is not designed to teach you how to use your sewing machine. You must be familiar with your sewing machine and have it in tip-top working condition. Book required.

Class length: 8 sessions—3 hours each. Class cost \$80 + supplies Tue., Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, 21,

Apr. 4, 18, May 26:00-9:00



Beginner Hand Appliqué

Instructor: Gloria Kugler Beginner level. For this class that means the ability to use scissors and perhaps thread a needle are helpful but not required! Gloria has put together an easy class for the "beginner-beginner"! She will cover the very basic tech-

niques used to create templates, inside and outside curves and points, stems, leaves, and more. Using the book, Hand Appliqué with Alex Anderson, as a guide, you will soon learn to create a beautiful masterpiece. Gloria will take you step by step through the process of creating a variation of the "Color Sampler" wallhanging in Alex's book. Then you'll be ready for the limitless possibilities offered by appliqué, and the fun and satisfaction that comes with it!

Book required

Class cost: \$32 + supplies Tue., Jan. 13, 20......6:00–9:00



Terrific Projects



Colorsplash Trip Around the World

Instructor: Jean

Intermediate to advanced level. 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! Using smaller

squares than usual for this traditional pattern, and two to three times as many fabrics achieves a very beautiful shaded look. 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 quiltmaking skills.

Book required.

Class cost: \$35 + supplies



Rings That Bind

Instructor: Jean

Intermediate to Advanced

level. Representing the rings exchanged by the bride and groom, the Wedding Ring quilt is a tradition which is often bypassed because of its perceived difficulty and time consuming nature. Jean

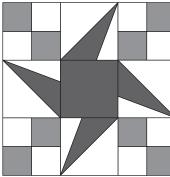
will teach you the Rings that Bind method to make a double wedding ring quilt that you can actually piece, bind, and quilt all in a short amount of time. No tiny pieces to deal with, and you will be doing a "quilt-as-you-go" method. Thus, when you are done, you are really done! We will discuss different creative options for your squares, such as embroidery, appliqué, and embellishment, so that you can truly create a masterpiece. The pattern goes from tablerunner size all the way up to a king size, so choose the one that suits your

Warning: the backing fabric is used on both the front and the back of the guilt, so the vardages may seem guite overwhelming. Just remember, you are quilting as you go. You will not need to purchase additional fabric for the back!

Note: This class is not for beginning quilters. You must have good sewing skills as well as previous experience with machine piecing and machine quilting.

Book Required: \$24.95

Class Cost: \$30 + supplies



BOMmer Group

Instructor: Natalie Beginner level. From nearly the beginning of High Country Quilts, we have been designing and giving away a FREE quilt block pattern each month. Classes have not been a part of this project, just

the free pattern. We have had many requests for a Block of the Month class, so we're offering this on the first Saturday morning of every month. Natalie will be offering valuable tips and techniques for both machine and hand piecers alike. Each class will be different depending on where you need help. **z**(this year's or a previous year's), join us for the HCQ BOMmer Group. Come once, come every month...it's entirely up to you! We assume you have basic quilt-making skills. Pattern required for block you need help with.

| Class co | st \$18 + | supplies |
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| Sat., Jan. 7 | 10:00–12:00 |
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| Sat., Feb. 4 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Sat., Mar. 4 | 10:00–12:00 |



Class cost \$25

T-Shirt Quilt Class

Instructor Marilyn May Students off to college, sportsoriented teens, in fact anyone who wants to celebrate a special person in their lives

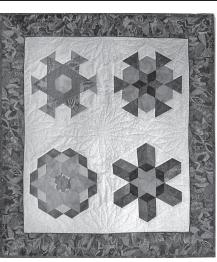
all seems to want to a T-shirt quilt. Putting those special memories into a comfort-giving quilt just seems an appropriate thing to do. Marilyn has just finished her own special T-shirt quilt using the **T-shirt Memories** Quilt Pattern by Linda Long. and is eager to share her experiences with you. We all know of Marilyn's expertise, and her easy teaching style. Why not join her and let her guide you through the simple steps of creating your own T-shirt quilt. There will be discussion and demonstrations of interfacing, sashings, colors placement and so much more. If you would like you can bring T shirts with you for some individual help. The only supplies you will need are pencil and paper.

Sat., Jan. 28......1:00–4:00









Machine **Ouilting** without the Bulk

Instructor: Natalie Advanced beginner level for Machine Ouilting. We all know that pushing the bulk of a large quilt through the small opening in a home sewing machine

is one of the things that makes quilting bed-sized quilts difficult for the home guilter. Marti Michell, an internationally known quilter, designer, and author has developed several techniques to help you conquer the bulk. In her newest book, Machine Quilting in Sections, she calls these techniques "Low-Carb Quilting...It's all about reducing bulk!" Natalie has selected her favorite methods from the book for you to practice in class. You'll be amazed at the guilts you can finish when you reduce your carbs (bulk). Note: Previous experience with machine quilting required. We assume you are very familiar with basic walking foot and free-motion quilting techniques. Be sure your sewing machine is in good working condition.

Book required.

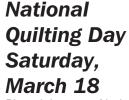
Class cost: \$25 + supplies

Tue., Mar. 14.....6:00–9:00









Pleas join us on National Quilting Day, Saturday, March 18, at 11:00. We welcome Bobbie Aug, nationally recognized quilt historian and author as well as one of the found-

ing owners of our own High Country Quilts. Bobbie will be here to discuss our favorite subject, quilts, and have a sampling of her popular books here for signing. Cost of the lecture is \$7.00, but all participantw will receive a \$5.00 off coupon to High Country Quilts. Cost: \$7 Sat., Mar. 18 at 11:00



Kwik Sweatshirt Jacket

Instructor: Jean

Beginner level. Making a quilted iacket has never been so easy, and oh, so quick! We will use a new pattern by the Two Kwik Quilters, Kwik Sweatshirt Jacket. to create a warm, yet lightweight jacket from

a purchased sweatshirt. Jean will teach you a fun and easy freezer paper technique and you will create a traditional scrap guilted jacket that you are sure to love. Cutting and shuffling your fabrics, chain sewing your blocks together, quilting and assembling your pieces—what could be more fun! Bind and you are done! Note: You must be familiar with your sewing machine.

Pattern included.

Class cost: \$30 + supplies Sat., Jan. 28......10:00–3:00



Please Yourself

Instructors: Jean, Karen. or

All skill levels. Have you admired a quilt sample on our walls, but missed the class? Have you taken a class here,

but have some hurdles to overcome to finish? This is an "open format class" where Jean, Karen, or Natalie will help you jump those hurdles so you can finish your quilt project. Bring your "work in progress" or a new project you want to make and get off to a great start. Every student will be working on a different project (preferably a project from HCQ). When you register for this class, please have in mind which project you will be bringing to class. This will aid us in being prepared for the various techniques or questions that may arise. Note: Previous beginner level rotary cutting

and machine piecing experience required if your project is a machine project.

Book, pattern, or kit instructions required.

Class cost: \$5. Each date listed below is for a separate class, not a series of classes. You may attend as many sessions as you'd like.

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| Fri., Jan. 6 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Jan. 20 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Sat., Jan. 21 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Jan. 27 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Feb. 3 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Feb. 10 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Mar. 3 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Mar. 10 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Sat., Mar. 11 | 10:00–12:00 |
| Fri., Mar. 17 | |
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Our UFO group (that's UnFinished Objects) is still meeting the third Thursday of every month. It's a time to quilt in the company of other quilters, whether you're working on something big or small, there's always room and a friendly welcome for any who want to come to the group.



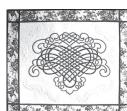
Karen is has brought her enthusiasm and energy and it's infectious. She's come up with so many fun ideas for get-togethers, we couldn't put them all in one newsletter, so we chose a few to use this first quarter! We will have a Quilting Bee buzzing somewhere into the merchandise. The first person to find the Bee every day

will receive a nice gift—it might be a goodie, or a discount, or an extra stamp on your Customer Card, who knows? You'll just have to find him to discover his secret!

On Friday evening, February 10, we will host a **Pajama** Party at High Country Ouilts. Come in your best PJs and stitch on your current project. There will be a nice prize for the best pajamas, and we'll all have a grand time stitching and laughing together. Goodies? Of course! Karen has such good ideas.

Check out our **Moda University schedule**. Registration is only \$25 for a semester (three months) of great guilts, fun and quick projects, free patterns, and "a whole lotta learnin' going on" to paraphrase a song of my generation. You won't want to "cut" a single class. We will give you Moda U credits for completed projects which you can spend in the store for anything you want! Join in the spirit and have a great time!

Jean, Karen, and Natalie



Celtic Hearts

Instructor: Karen

Advanced beginner level. Most of us who quilt enjoy making items to decorate our homes for the seasons and 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 scarv thought. You will be able to quilt-as-you-go this lovely Celtic heart design and be finished in time for Valentine's Day!

Pattern included. Class cost: \$30 + supplies



Ugly Fabric Contest

Bring in at least an obese eighth of your ugliest fabric (the "what was I thinking" fabric) for an evening of fun. We'll determine the ugliest fabric of the night by popular vote, and the winner will receive a \$15 Gift Certificate. Work on a project of your

choice—we'll provide refreshments and prize for the ugliest of the ugly fabrics. Who knows? Perhaps the door prize fairy will make an appearance, too.

Cost: \$3

Child's Play— **Our New Club**

Patterns by Natalie. I become sentimental when I come across one of my grown-up kids' toys, or one from my own childhood. You know the kind: the bear with the fur rubbed off and only one eye, the battered wooden toys, the books which have been read so often their pages feel more like flannel than paper!



Sigh, there's just no hope for me. My whole family has had to learn how to cope. Because I love these things so much, I decided to develop a guilt around the theme of old toys for a club project. Yes, our club is back! We had so much fun getting together, seeing the showand-tells and reacquainting with all our friends that we have to do it again. We think that you will love this pattern, **exclusive to HCQ**—it's a very different quilt from the patterns I usually do. Here's a sketch of one of the kids and toys in one of the blocks. The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 for morning people or 6:00 for evening folks.

Pattern included.

Club cost: \$75 for the year First Thursday 6:00–9:00



Moda University

Come back to school with us! Moda University gives us all a chance to learn together while having a great time and making some simple and really wonderful quilts. Each class we will introduce the class guilts

(there are two quilts a semester) and offer the kits which are available. The patterns are free to the registered students, and there will be some other terrific free patterns for smaller projects, too. While we think everyone will enjoy our school spirit, we won't burden you with any papers or finals or that other hard stuff you remember from your school days! Credits will be given to any student who **completes her quilt** that she can spend in the store! Rah! Rah! for Moda U! Classes meet either the fourth Thursday evening or fourth Friday morning of every month beginning in February. There will be a student discount of 10% on all regularly priced merchandise the day of the classes!

Semester's registration \$25 + supplies Thu., Feb. 23, Mar. 23......6:00–9:00

Grand Opening Sale

Sale Sale Sale

Everyone's asked when we were going to have a big sale and here it is!

January 13, 14, 16 Friday, Saturday, and Monday 9:30–6:00

It's our Grand Opening!

We have many new items on their way to the store, so it's our chance to clear out for our new fabrics, patterns, notions and books. Get ready to save and stock up on those things you've had your eye on!

Some bolts will be \$2 a yard!
Sale fabrics from 25% to 60% off!
Get your quilt backs for those UFOs!
We'll see you there!

Special Days



Calling All Featherweight Owners!

Tim Myers, President of Myers Sewing Company will be here on

Saturday, Feb. 18, to give our customers a class on the care and maintenence of the very popular **Singer Featherweight** sewing machine. We know how beloved these machines are, and everyone who has one will want to know the tricks to keep her "baby" in tip-top shape. Class cost: \$20

Having a birthday party soon?

You and your friends are welcome to **reserve our classroom** for your party and have an evening that's so much fun. Have your party and we'll provide the classroom, some decorations, and your own private shopping time. We'll even include a 20% discount for the birthday girl and 10% discounts for all party goers. Reserve your space early!

Speaking of birthdays...we've expanded our **Birthday Discount to the week of your Birthday.** Relax, have a great day, and use your 20% Birthday Discount when it's convenient for you to come in.

New Projects

Saturday Quick Classes

(and a couple of Tuedays, too). These classes are designed for quilters of all levels. They are quick and easy to make and require only a small amount of time and supplies. You will leave with a head start (or if you are fast, you will finish) and, of course, all of the instruction needed to complete your project! These are all weekend type projects. **Very Fast and Fun!**



Appli-bond Lilacs.

Instructor: Jean

Beginner level. What
a fun way to brighten
up your spring décor.
As one in a series
of Quick Saturday
Classes, this one is
sure to be a winner!
Rather than traditional
appliqué methods that
take a very long time to

create, the appli-bond method is quick and easy! Using the book, **Petal by Petal** by Joan Shay, you will learn to make very realistic looking flowers that are guaranteed to flourish without the weeds!!

Book required.

Class cost: \$15



Locker Hooked Hot Pad

Instructor: Karen

Beginner level. Do you
have a lot of fabric scraps?
Would you enjoy learning
a fast and relaxing technique. What a great way
to incorporate needlework
and quilting into your
home! We have found an

easy hot pad project which will teach you the basics. From there...the sky is the limit. Rugs, pillows...the list goes on. Made from strips of cotton fabric, twine and rug canvas, so easy to learn—you will love it. If you buy the supplies for the hot pad (the book, the mesh and the locker hook) we will give you the class for free! We will have mesh pre-cut at HCQ for the class project.

Book required.

| Class cost: \$15 + supplies | |
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| Class cost: \$15 + supplies Tue., Feb. 7 | 7:00–8:00 |
| Sat., Feb. 25 | |



Which Way Do I Go Potholders

Instructor: Jean

Beginner level. "Which Way Do I Go Potholders" is a new pattern by The Frayed Edge. This pattern uses layers of flannel to create chenille potholders in 5 differ-

ent varieties. These potholders would make great gifts for family and friends or great "kitchen helper" gifts. You can create 2 potholders from only 5 fat quarters! Easy and economical! What more could you ask for?

Pattern included.

Class cost: \$15



Knitted Purse

Instructor: Karen
Beginner level. A beginner's knitting class, using fabric instead
of yarn—this is a first for High
Country Quilts! We love the bag that
Karen has done, and it has received
enough oooh's from everyone who's
seen it to start an avalanche. She
started with the "Some Enchanted

Evening Bag" from Fast Fun and Easy Fabric Knitting by Cyndy Lyle Rymer, gave it her own twist by changing colors for the flap, and produced a real treasure. Big needles help you finish in a flash, and we'll even have kits with the handles and the pretty clip. **You'll love it.**

Book required.



Pajama Party

We're having a Pajama Party and you're invited! Wear your cutest PJ's—there will be a doorprize for the best pajamas. Work on whatever project you want, enjoy goodies, refreshments, and lots of fun. There's a small cover charge but no "class fee" for this fun event.

Cost: \$3

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