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Happy New Year!

Once again we are ready to usher in a new year. Right now it seems like an open slate with room for all kinds of possibilities, but soon our calendars will be filled with all kinds of activities.

2017 will be a special year as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. This event has not escaped the quilting world, there are lots of fabric collections and challenges taking place. That is so nice to see, as there is not always as much Canadian content in our fabric choices.

I don't usually make New Years resolutions because I just break them, but my goal this year is to learn a new skill. I am not sure what it will be but there are so many options in the quilting world calling my name. I hope we can help you learn a new skill as well, with our schedule of new classes. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



January to June

We are challenging all of you to look through your cupboards at home and rescue some of those projects you started and then abandoned. Make a list of the ones you would like to see finished and register that list with us. As you complete each one bring it in or send us a picture. We will give you a ballot for each item that is completely finished, another ballot if the fabric was bought in our store and another ballot if it is from a class or a demo. Every month at Saturday Sampler we will make a draw from these ballots to award a \$25.00 gift certificate. At the end of June we will make another draw from all the ballots for a \$50.00 gift certificate. Let's get sewing!



Moonlight Serenade

by Jan Douglas

starting Tuesday Feb. 7 at 1:00p.m.

This has been one of the longest running classes. For 9 weeks we are going to meet, I will demo how to make one part of this breathtaking quilt. You will do your sewing at home and then return to show us the next week. Some of the techniques we will learn are; piecing, hand or machine applique, inset seams, and mitered borders.

It is so inspiring to see this quilt made up in your colors.

We are now on facebook!
Please check us out.



Let's do a Quilting Retreat!

A quilting retreat is a great opportunity for you to get away from all your distractions and just sew. This winter we have 3 different retreats for you to choose from;

Moosomin Communiplex

January 20,21 and 22

We will set up Friday afternoon and sew until Sunday afternoon. We will provide supper on Friday, lunch and supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. We will let you make your own arrangements for sleeping accommodations. Let us know if you need help with that. We will share lots of laughs, see some demo's, win some prizes and get lots of sewing done. Let us know as soon as possible if you will be able to attend. Cost; \$125.00

Circle Square Ranch

March 31, April 1 & 2 OR

March 28,29 & 30

Circle Square Ranch is located 20 km south of Wolesley. It is a camp with a large building that contains a large dining hall - where we will sew and then several bedrooms in the same building. As it is a camp you will need to bring your own bedding and towels. They will provide us with 6 meals - supper on Friday, breakfast, lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. We can arrive Friday morning after 9:00 and leave Sunday afternoon. You need to provide your own lunch on Friday. That should give us time to get some sewing done! The cost for the week-end is \$125.00. To keep this fair for everyone, I will start taking registrations on Feb. 1. Payment after that date will secure you a spot.

Class Policies

You must pre-register for all classes, either by phone or in person. Class fees must be paid in advance to reserve your space as class space is limited. If the class is canceled these fees will be fully refunded.

At the time of registration, you will receive a supply list of what is needed for that particular class. We appreciate you buying your supplies from us so we will give you a 15% discount on all supplies for your class. Most of the classes require a sewing machine. Please make sure yours is in good running order. If you do not have a sewing machine you can bring, let us know and we will have one ready for you

**Valentine's Day Table Topper**

Wednesday January 18 9:00-4:00

This adorable Valentine quilt pattern is the perfect way to make our tables look a bit more festive for Valentine's Day. The hearts are pieced together and then appliqued onto the table topper for added interest. You will learn to strip piece, applique, and then make your own bias binding to finish the edge.

Cost; \$30.00

Charity Quilts

2nd and 4th Monday of each month
from 1:00-4:00

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of sewing. We provide the fabric, you sew and together we will provide quilts for those in need.



Saturday January 28

9:00-4:00

This is a day which we, as quilt shop owners, designate to say thanks to you faithful customers, who support us through the year.

Please join us for a fun day of quilting. You can bring something to work on, we will demonstrate some of our new products or techniques and there will be many in store sales!

**Beginner's Machine Quilting**

Saturday February 4 9:00-4:00

Have you been busy making tops but are hesitant to do the quilting? In this class we are going to introduce you to quilting on a regular sewing machine. We will cover the following topics;

Supplies necessary - thread, batting, needles, marking tools

Machine set up

Quilting with a walking foot

Free motion quilting

Binding

Cost; \$30.00

Its my Tuesday and I will quilt if I want to!

Do you have projects you would like to finish but can't find the time? Maybe you need a little help with a certain technique? On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we will meet at the store and work on whatever you want. You can come at 1:00 or at 7:00 or you can come at noon and stay all day.

**Spring Table Runner**

Thursday February 16 9:00-4:00

With just a bit of piecing and some basic applique, you could create this adorable table runner just in time for spring! This would be a great class if you want to try doing applique but are a little nervous.

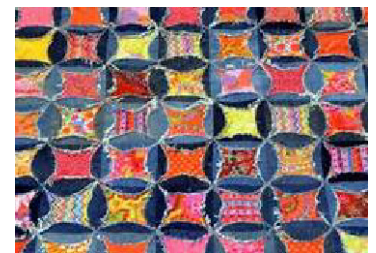
Cost;\$30.00

**Checkerboard****Dresden Plate**

Saturday February 18 9:00-4:00

Dresden plates are making a comeback (If you asked Santa he may have put the ruler for this in your stocking). In this class you will combine strip piecing and the dresden plate pattern. You can make any size from a baby to a king size.

Cost; \$30.00

**Circle Rag Quilt**

Saturday February 25 9:00-4:00

Rag quilts have always been a popular choice. They are a form of quilt as you go, so when you are done, it is all done. This pattern adds another twist because you start with circles. Although not necessary this pattern works well with denim.

Cost; \$30.00

Pattern; \$10.95



First Friday of each month

Quilt like a pro at home. Join us for a 7 month class series where you will learn how to free motion quilt with templates by designing and quilting your own Quilt as you Go Sampler Quilt. Rulers bring a whole new experience to free motion quilting.

This is a video based class where you will learn directly from Leonie West of Westalee Designs all the way from Australia. She is one of the first to design and manufacture the ruler feet and templates

Cost; \$50.00



Table Charm Two

Saturday March 4 9:00-4:00

What a great way to use one of those delicious Jelly Rolls you have had your eye on. With just one roll you can make one table runner and 4 placemats. Spring is coming and you may need a new set for your table.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$12.98



Flower Power

Wednesday March 15 9:00-4:00

Pick some of those new spring fabrics and we will show you how to easily piece this table runner. It finishes at 20"x 50", perfect for that big table.

Cost; \$30.00

This is a worldwide celebration of

everything quilting. Lets "sew April 1st doesn't have to be a day of ourselves silly". Leave the stress pranks but don't be fooled! Come and behind - indulge, focus, and sew enjoy the day creating a project you've together with friends. Are you new to been meaning to finish. If you don't town or new to the quilting world? have one, we can help you find a brand Come, meet some new people and join new one.

us for a day of fun!

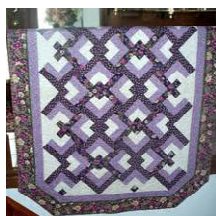
Bring a project you would like to get done. It will be fun to see what every one is working on.

Lunch provided

Once you "quilt", thats it. It's no joke.

There is no turning back. There are too many things about this hobby (addiction) that are so wonderful!

Lunch provided (if you dare).



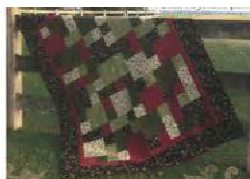
Lover's Knot

March 16,23,30 & April 5

9:00-4:00

This is a great class for you beginners who want to try a new pattern. The Lover's Knot is a version of a log cabin, so with only straight lines you piece this very attractive quilt. In the the 4 classes we will take you right from the cutting out to quilting and binding.

Cost; \$50.00 for 4 classes



Take 5

Saturday March 25 9:00-4:00

Take 5 minutes, Choose 5 fabrics. And in 5 hours you will have made this fantastic quilt. This pattern may be geared to the beginner but if you ever need to make a quick quilt, this will be a go to.

Cost; \$30.00

Two Fabric

Bargello

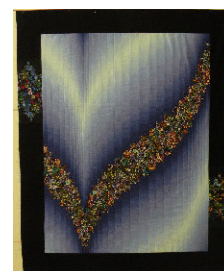
Saturday April 22

9:00-4:00

Here is a simple way to give Bargello a try. You only use 2 fabrics, one of those needs to be a lengthwise gradated stripe. Your finished project can be 46" x 57".

Cost; \$30.00

Pattern; \$14.98



Beginners

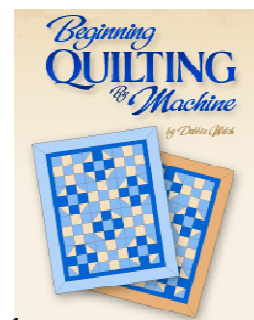
Quilting

Thursdays beginning

April 6 for 8 classes 9:00 - 4:00

Each day we are going to make a part of this small quilt in 8 easy classes. It is made up of 2 simple blocks that will teach the basic techniques all done on the sewing machine. You will learn how to find a true 1/4" seam, half square triangles, strip piecing, quilting and binding. This is a very basic class geared to beginners or anyone wanting to perfect the basics.

Cost; \$80.00 for 8 classes



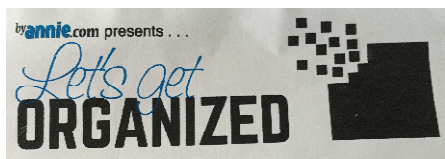


Fold'n Stitch Leaf Topper

Saturday May 6 9:00-4:00

We had a great response to our class on the Fold'n Stitch Wreath so we want to offer you this variation so you can have a new centerpiece for summer. When you stitch the sections together it reveals secondary leaves.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$14.98



Second Wednesday of each month
9:00-4:00

ByAnnie is a monthly pattern series based on the theme, "Let's Get Organized". We will make useful projects to organize your home and workspace while we learn useful skills and techniques which enable you to make projects that look professionally hand made, not homemade.

Here are some of the techniques you will learn;

- quilting with "Soft and Stable"
- installing zippers
- creating zippers any length
- binding secrets
- make strong and durable handles
- sew with vinyl and mesh

Each month for 12 months we will introduce a new pattern. Join for the year for \$150.00 and receive all patterns and classes at a discounted rate or you can pick and choose which patterns you want to do. I will send out an email ahead of time to let you know which one we are making and give you the supply list.



Border Creek Mystery

2nd Saturday of each month

2:00 p.m.

Come and solve this mystery, one month at a time. You never know what part of the quilt you are making until the very end. You can make a queen size finishing at 98" x 98" or a lap at 66" x 90". There are a few clues to help you choose your fabrics so we love to see the same quilt come together in your color way.

Northcott's Canadian Quilt Challenge

Participate in the Trans-Canada Block Party by creating a quilt for a chance to win. You must collect a minimum of 6 blocks from participating shops. Additional blocks may be made but they must be made using Northcott fabrics. You then take a picture of your quilt and submit it to submissions@northcott.net by September 1, 2017. Thirteen finalists will be chosen and receive a set of 8" Bernina shears, a pair of 3 1/2" embroidery scissors and \$250.00 in cash. These 13 quilts will be voted on and the Grand Prize winner will be awarded \$500.00 in cash and a Bernina 570 Quilters Edition sewing machine.

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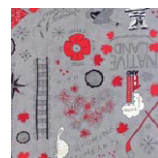


Machine Embroidery Club

Third Friday of each month

9:00-4:00

If you have an embroidery machine, come and join us. Each month we make a different item as we learn how to work with our units. Although it is Bernina based we accept all machines. There are so many things we can do with machine embroidery.



Trend-Tex Quilt Challenge

Trend-Tex has issued a challenge to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. There are 2 quilt categories;

Large - 240" -360" total perimeter

Small - 100 - 160" total perimeter

You must use a minimum of 6 different fabrics from their "Glowing Hearts" collection that was designed with this celebration in mind.

All entries must be submitted to a participating shop by July 31, 2017. Prizes are;

\$750, \$500, \$300 for large

\$300, \$200, \$100 for small

We are carrying fabrics for both of these challenges in the store.

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