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Happy New Year!

I hope the holidays treated you well and you ushered in the New Year in style! Every year this seems to come upon me quicker and I wonder where the year went, but when I look back I realize it was filled with a great variety of things that consumed my days. Now we have a new year coming in and I wonder what I will do with each day that is given to me. Hopefully I will get to spend some of those days with you as we offer our new schedule and classes and events in the store.



I heard a rumor that although many of you finished a lot of your UFO's last year, you might be able to find some more so I am going to challenge you again. This year I want you to pick up a picture of a quilt block from the store, you will fill it out with your UFO's, one in each piece of the block. As you finish each UFO, you will color in that part of the block. Once you get the block finished you turn it into the store for a chance on 3 drawings and some great prizes!

1. This drawing is for those who complete the complete block.
2. You'll get one entry for each UFO you complete, the more you finish, the better chance you have on winning.
3. Every participant will get a chance at this drawing!



Stellar Starburst

Wednesday March 6,13,20 and April 3,10 and 17 at 1:30p.m.

Every year we pick a pattern and then meet once a week to work on it. This year I have chosen this great pattern from "Quilt Moments". It is suitable for all skill levels since the pieced blocks are all squares and rectangles, no y-seams or difficult piecing. Some of the blocks have center squares that you can use a feature fabric for or you can create easy 4-patch kaleidoscope centers with a large scale print. The quilt can be made in one of 3 sizes - 53" x 53", 72" x 72" or 106" x 106".

This class is a demo only, you come and watch me make my block and then you go home and make your own.

Pattern; \$35.98

Charity Quilts

2nd and 4th Thursday 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.



We are now on Facebook. Please join and follow us.

Let's do a Quilting Retreat!

A quilting retreat is a great opportunity to get away from the everyday grind and spend some time doing what you love best. There are no meals to make, no house to clean, just you and the sewing machine!

Moosomin Retreat

January 18, 19 and 20

This will be a do you own thing retreat, just bring whatever you are working on and we will provide the tables, irons and great fellowship. I am hoping on doing it right at the store but if the numbers are too high we will find a different location.

We will start on Friday at 9:00a.m. and finish around 3:00 on Sunday. The cost will be \$125.00. This included 5 meals. You are responsible for your own accommodations.

Circle Square Ranch

March 22,23 &24 OR April 5,6&7

Circle Square Ranch is located 20 km south of Wolseley. 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 \$135.00. To keep this fair for everyone, I will start taking registrations on Feb. 1. Payment on 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

**The Birthstone Series**

1st Monday of each month 9:00-4:00

We got off to a late start at this class in 2018 but now we are all set to go. Each month we will make that month's birthstone using a form of paper piecing. Each block finishes at 17" x 17", so they could be made into a pillow or all joined together to make a sparkling quilt.

Pattern, \$24.98 per month

**Sixes Placemats**

Wednesday January 30 9:00-4:00

These simple to sew placemats use a focus print and then just 6 fat eighths to make four very attractive placemats that finish at 18" x 12".

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$ 14.98

**Little Quilts from Wooden Bear**

3rd Thursday starting January 17
9:00-4:00

I am a sucker for these adorable little projects and I thought this would be a great introduction to applique. There is a "little quilt" or a runner for each month. There will be fabric kits and button packs if you wish. Even if you have mastered applique this would be a fun day to come and build a snowman in January.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$12.98

**Log Cabin Quilt**

February 1st 5:00-8:00
and 2nd 9:00-4:00

The Log Cabin quilt has always been one of my favourites and I believe a great one to begin with. We will start on Friday afternoon when we will learn how to use the rotary cutter and cut all the logs for our cabin. After a short rest we will meet again on Saturday when we will construct our cabin. This is geared to the beginner but anyone who hasn't done the log cabin pattern before is more than welcome.

Cost; \$40.00

**Tumbling Triangles**

Wednesday February 6 9:00-4:00

By combining 2 contrasting fabrics you will create triangles tumbling down the quilt. Using Studio 180 Design V Block tool this quilt is easy and fun.

Class; \$30.00 Pattern; \$16.98

**Double Flip Shoulder Bag**

Wednesday
February 20
9:00-4:00

This bag features 2 full-length zipper pockets that form the front and back sides of the exterior bag. These pockets flip over to the front to conceal a hidden pocket underneath. This is a great bag to keep you organized.

Class; \$30.00 Pattern; &18.98

**Bordering with Style**

Saturday March 2 9:00-4:00

In this class we are going to explore adding borders to our quilt but not just a strip of fabric, let's add some interest to those borders with some piecing. We will learn how to calculate the number of blocks needed and how to use coping strips to make the math work out. This is an excellent way to venture into quilt design.

Class; \$30.00 Book; \$38.98



Kids Learn to Quilt

February 18, 19, 21, and 22

9:30-12:00

We want to offer a class to encourage the young people to try quilting. They will make this Rail Fence quilt that will finish at 44" x 65", a nice size to just have on the couch. We will teach them to pick out their colors, tear the fabric into strips, learn how to sew the strips together with a quarter inch seam, cut the strip sets into blocks which will be joined to make the quilt top, add borders, attach the backing and tie the quilt. If you have children or grandchildren 8 or older that are interested let us know.

Cost; \$145.00 This includes the fabric



Friday March 15 9:00 - 4:00

The 3rd Saturday of March is always designated as the World Wide quilting Day. It is a day that celebrates the ways that our love of quilting binds us together. We already have a class scheduled for the Saturday so we are going to celebrate a day early. Come and join us for a day of fun. Bring a bag of scraps and we will work on making a scrap quilt. There will be demo's, refreshments and door prizes.



My Magical Garden Quilt-Along

the third Saturday of each month
starting February 16

This queen size, (84" x 104") 12-block quilt with a pieced and applique border will teach you how to rotary cut your own raw edged applique. I am hoping this will take the fear out of applique as there is no tracing and cutting all those little shapes, instead we will cut them with a rotary cutter using Sue Pellands techniques. We will also learn how to use her Leaves Galore and Hearts and More templates.

Cost; 18.98 per month for 9 months, this includes the pattern but not the fabric. This might be a good place to use up some of those fabrics in your stash. The background can just be one fabric or pieced.

Pattern; \$8.98 per month for 9 months

It's 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.

Machine Quilting

Saturday March 30 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



Simply A Pleasure

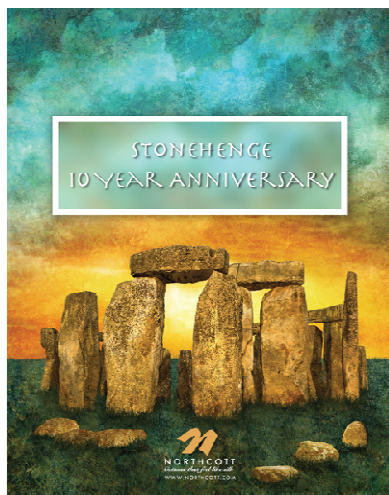
Tablerunner or Place Mats

Saturday May 4 9:00-4:00

Just in time for our summer decorating, we can pick a bold floral print and showcase it with 2 other colors to make it POP! The finished size of the runner is 42" x 13 1/2" and the Place Mats are 23" x 13 1/2".

Class; \$30.00 Pattern; \$12.98

Coming March 2019



Northcott fabrics have designed a beautiful line of fabric called Stonehenge for 10 years now. I am sure many of you are familiar with it. To celebrate the 10th anniversary they have designed a new line called Stonehenge Solstice. Solstice is the first day of spring and one of the famous places to view the sunrise on this day is Stonehenge in England. This is the inspiration for the new line of fabric. There is a panel that shows the sun rising over the Stonehenge rocks. There are also many coordinating fabrics.

In conjunction with the release of the fabrics they are having an International Block Party. All participating shops will make up kits to make a block using the Solstice line of fabrics. You need to collect 12 of these blocks and make a quilt. You can enter that quilt to win great prizes, one of them being a trip to England to see the Stonehenge formation.

There is also a challenge to see what you can do with that stunning panel.

I will have more information early in the New Year. If you want to check out the colors and panel you can see them on the Northcott website.

Second Saturday of each Month

This is by far the busiest day in the store and so much fun! If you aren't signed up you may want to come and find out what you are missing!

We start at 10:00 with the Saturday Sampler, this year we are making star blocks in some pretty interesting fabrics. Right after we finish that demo we do Show and Tell. It is so inspiring to see what everyone has been up to.

We do break so you can go out for lunch or bring a bag lunch.

From now to May we are doing Bordercreek Mystery right after lunch. We then have coffee and a snack while I set up for the next thing.

I have a brand new project to start in February.



Shortcut Sheet Mosaic
Technique of the Month

Welcome to our Technique of the Month Club. Like a Block of the Month you receive a part of the pattern one month at a time for 9 months. Instead of making blocks each month, you will make all the units needed in the entire quilt, one type per month. Using Shortcut Sheet techniques, you will learn how to make these units very quickly, using only a 24 inch quilting ruler. These techniques are quite different than the methods we have been using.

Some of the units will be, Half Square Triangles, Four Patch Units, Quarter Square Triangles, Hourglass Units, Flying Geese, Triangles in a Square, Hunters Star and Six Point Stars.

The quilt finishes at 88" x 108".



The following is an article written by Laura Wasilowski. I think it is something we should all consider. Please enjoy Laura's advice:

It's that time of year when we are expected to make ridiculous resolutions that we will never keep.

Lose weight?

Ha! On the first day of January I always realize it's a bad mistake.

Here are 4 more resolutions that I give you permission to ignore:

1. Finishing all your projects. Don't bother. The whole reason we begin new projects is to enjoy that satisfying blast of creativity that comes with starting something new. When that project feels like an anchor around your foot it's time to start something new. We don't want to miss out on any creative time tending to an anchor.

2. Making the perfect quilt or embroidery. You put a lot of work into your projects. And if something is too perfect looking it looks like it was made by a machine, not by your all-too-human hands. Don't let the machines win!

3. Keeping up with finances or bookkeeping. As an owner of a cottage industry, I can assure you that you can reconcile all your checkbooks and bookkeeping in one grueling week early next year while only eating carrots and water.

4. Keeping an immaculate house. As Phyllis Diller once said, "I know housekeeping can't kill you, but why take a chance?" Let's all practice safety in the New Year!