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Winter 2020

I want to welcome you to a new year and a new decade! Quite often as we enter a new year we reminisce about events from the past year so I think as we start a new decade we should look back at the last 10 years and see what we have done. For those of you who have travelled along with me you may recognize some of these events.

We have completed (or almost) some pretty spectacular quilts - Rose of Sharon, Delbert and Leona and Stitchers Garden are some I recall. Sometimes we have committed to continuing classes to really learn some techniques such as, Marti and Me Club, Get Knotted, Let's Get Organized and Tucker University.

We have had the opportunity to learn from some teachers out of our area - Joan Statz, Monika Whalen and Melissa Marginet. What a treat!

In 2012 we did our first mystery from Border Creek and in 2014 we made our first visit to Circle Square Ranch.

Also in that 10 years we packed up and moved 2 times! I think we have been busy. Take a moment and look back at all your accomplishments, I think you will be surprised with all you have made.

Beginning a new year we have a whole clean slate we can fill with new projects and events. I hope we can provide some of them for you!

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.



Quilting Retreats

January Retreat

January 24, 25, 26

This retreat is held in the store and you can work on any project you want. We will start at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning and finish up at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon. We will provide you with lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, supper on Friday and Saturday. You will need to make your own arrangements for sleeping if you are coming from out of town.

Please give us a ring to secure a spot.

Cost; \$125.00

Circle Square Retreats

March 20, 21, 22 or April 3, 4, 5

These retreats are held at Circle Square Ranch, just south of Wolseley Sk., where they spoil us very well.

You can arrive any time after 9:00 a.m. on the Friday but make sure you bring your lunch for that day only. All other meals will be provided. You will stay right at the Ranch so make sure you bring your bedding and towels. We need to be out of the Ranch by 3:00 on Sunday and you can work on any project you have that needs doing.

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.



Sew for Fun!

Saturday February 29 9:00-4:00

This is leap year so guess what, we have an extra day given to us. I can't imagine a better way to spend that day than by quilting, and even better. quilting with a bunch of friends so I am inviting you to come to Shirley's Sewing Room, bring a project to work on and just sew for fun.

We will have some door prizes, some demos and I will provide lunch for you. There is no cost for this day but please let us know if you can attend so we can make sure there is enough food.

Is my Tuesday and I will quilt if I

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.

Although this is the official day for finishing, you are more than welcome to come any day that there isn't a class and work in our lovely classroom. Just phone ahead to make sure it is available.



We are now on facebook. Please check it out and follow us!

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



Quilting With Rulers

Continuum Quilt In a Bag

The 1st Tuesday of each month starting Feb.4 for 7 months 9:00-4:00

Quilting with rulers is very popular right now as a means to quilt your own quilts. This class uses a whole new set of rulers that come in a very nice Yazzi bag along with instructions and a CD with videos of each block. We will construct this quilt block by block and then join them together with sashing. The finished quilt measures 78"x 87".

Cost; \$70.00 Rulers; \$156.98



Ruler Roll

Tuesday February 11 9:00-4:00

Continuing with the idea of quilting with Rulers, this class is just a one day class.

This fun small project will give you creative practice with your templates and reward you with a beautiful yet functional storage solution for your Westalee Starter Set.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$21.98



Scrappy Applique

Saturday February 15 9:00-4:00

Using fusibles, you collage scrap fabric to create a unique, mosaic appearance in the applique piece. It is very quick and easy to pick up, and allows for a lot of creative possibilities! I have been taking an on-line class from Shannon Brinkley so I am anxious to share her technique with you.

Cost; \$30.00

Beginner's Quilting

Saturday Feb. 22 and March 7

9:00-4:00



The Log Cabin has always been my favourite quilt pattern and I believe it would be an excellent pattern for a beginner to start with. On the first Saturday we will learn how to use the rotary cutter to cut the strips and we will start assembling the blocks. On the 2nd Saturday we will join the blocks together and add a border if desired.
Cost; \$50.00



Coral Reef

Saturday March 28 9:00-4:00

Create the look of curves with just straight line piecing. Careful fabric placement will enhance the illusion of interlocking rings and curves. Construct the units oversized and use the Wedge Ruler from Studio 180 to trim. Another chance to use that ruler if you bought it to make the Alaska quilt. Finished size of the quilt is 77"x77".

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern; \$16.98

Alaska

Demo only Wed. at 1:00 for 6 weeks starting Feb. 19

This gorgeous quilt is made blocks forming a starburst effect using just 6 colors. The shapes for each block are like a kaleidoscope and although there are paper templates included in the pattern, I found the new Wedge Ruler from Studio 180 worked really well.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern;



Coming Events

Melville and District Quilt Show

April 17 & 18 10:00 - 4:00
Melville Community Works Building



Poppins Bag

Saturday April 25 9:00-4:00

This large zippered top bag is great to carry all your stuff! Two pockets on the outside and inside keep everything organized. Structural stays keep it in shape. Use a focus fabric and channel stitch the body of the bag OR stitch and flip 2 1/2" strips. 18" wide, 12" deep, 14" tall

Cost; \$30.00

Pattern with stays; \$34.98

Extra Stays; \$19.98



Grab Some Grub

Saturday May 2 9:00-4:00

Carry all the makings for a hearty lunch in this roomy bag. A mesh pocket on the inside holds an ice pack or utensils. An optional chalkboard border on front and a see through pocket on the back provide space for ID or fun notes.

This is another pattern ByAnnie so you know it will be well made.

Cost; \$30.00 Pattern: 14.98



Border Creek Mystery

2nd Saturday 1:00 p.m.

We will be starting another mystery from Border Creek. We all love the mystery and the finished quilts.

Quilt Challenge

It has been awhile since we have done a challenge so here we go! I have a challenge for you.

The theme of the challenge is TEN. Your challenge creation does not have to have the number TEN on it (unless that's what you want), but must represent TEN. It can have ten blocks, ten fabrics, ten items, ten of anything. Just let your imagination go wild and have fun.

Basic Rules:

-We must be able to see the idea of TEN at least once on your item. Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.

-You can make your choice of item, such as a wall hanging, tote bag, clothing, or whatever comes to mind.

-You are free to use whatever quilting method works best for your creation.

-It must be made from fabric, there is no limit to the number of fabrics or kinds of fabric unless your representation TEN is ten fabrics and embellishments are optional.

-Finished size is your choice, but no smaller than 12 inches and no bigger than 160 inches outside perimeter.

Deadline:

Your creation must be submitted by April 21. They will hang in the store and be voted on until May 9 when we will announce the winner.

Prizes:

There will be 2 prizes awarded, to the first and second winners, determined by the number of votes they receive.

1st Prize; A pair of Gingher scissors

2nd Prize; 3 spools of Aurifil thread

Have Fun!



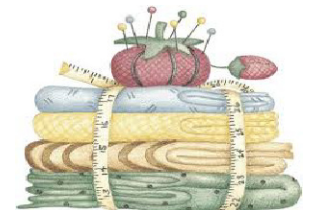
Machine Embroidery

1st Thursday of each month

9:00-4:00

These are small projects done on the embroidery machine. Each class is geared to teaching us something new. Each class begins with a video to explain the new technique.

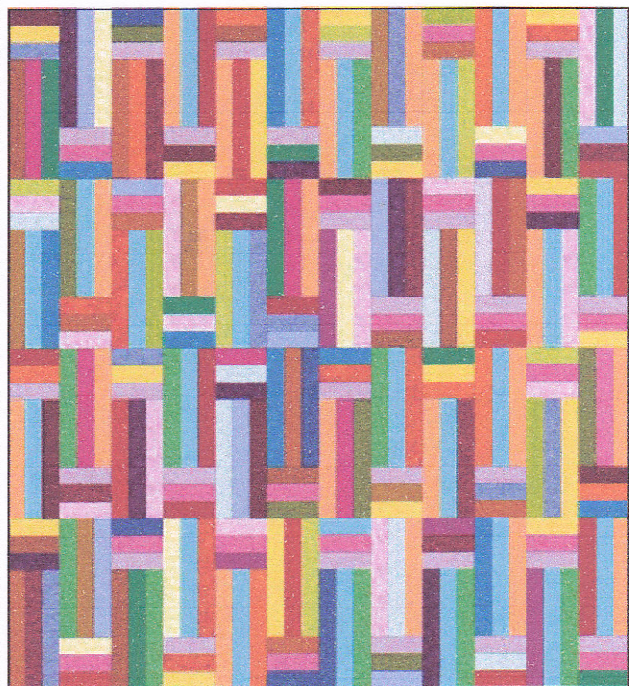
Cost; \$15.00 each month



Ten Good Reasons to Buy Fabric

1. It insulates the cupboard where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy moving. It is my duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills, and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. Fabric keeps without refrigeration and I don't have to cook it to enjoy it.
5. I will never have to feed it, change it, or walk it.
6. Because it is on sale.
7. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house (like the dining room table)
8. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good without being immoral, fattening or illegal.
9. I must buy it now, before my husband retires and goes with me on all my shopping expeditions.
10. Because I'm worth it!

Dash It All (2 Sizes)



Throw/Twin
72"x80"



Baby
50"x62"

This quilt is constructed using a strip-piecing method. Please read all instructions before cutting. Seams are 1/4". Pressing directions are indicated.

Instructions:

1. Stitch strips into (throw 24, baby 12) three-strip sets.
2. Cut each strip set into (2) 6-1/2"x14-1/2" blocks and (2) 6-1/2"x6-1/2" blocks.
3. Stitch a 6-1/2" square to one end of each 6-1/2"x14-1/2" rectangle as shown. Press toward the 6-1/2" square. Make (48, 24) units.
4. Stitch (4, 3) units from Step 3 together in vertical rows. Press seams toward the 6-1/2" blocks. Make (12, 8) vertical rows.
5. Stitch vertical rows together, flipping every other row, as shown above. Press seams in either direction.
6. Layer quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt as desired.
7. Stitch binding strips together. Bind the quilt.

Supplies	Throw/Twin	Baby
Strips	2 Jelly Rolls (72) 2-1/2" strips	1 Jelly Roll (36) 2-1/2" strips
Border	None	1/3 yard Cut (6) 1-1/2" strips
Binding	5/8 yard Cut (8) 2-1/2" strips	1/2 yard Cut (6) 2-1/2" strips
Backing	4-1/4 yds	3-1/4 yds



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