



News & Happenings ~ Fall '25

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Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you each having a great summer with family and friends. And maybe just a little quilting included too (wink, wink).

We've had a very busy summer personally and with our bus tours but we've definitely made sure we've met up with our teachers to bring you some great classes this year. We are going to continue our quest to find classes that will use some things you might have at home but aren't really sure what to do with them, i.e., jelly rolls, layer cakes, scraps!!! Not all classes will fall into this category but we have several that will work for this. We have limited space in our classes to keep the attention on our guests so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot. Please be sure to read our class policy regarding registration and cancellation.

We had a great "season" this year and welcomed over 500 shoppers with the All Florida Shop Hop in March and April. We will be participating again this year and if you haven't had a chance, you might want to check out the fabric on the All Florida Shop Hop website for this year. Merry Christmas from Florida!!

Our bus tour company, Cotton Road Tours, LLC had 2 amazing trips so far – one to the Pigeon Forge/Pennsylvania Dutch/Biltmore/Savannah area hosted by the Castle Quilters in Orlando who were celebrating their 25th anniversary as a guild. What a great bunch of ladies and they had a great time. We recently returned from our Ultimate Retreat tour visiting Paducah and Missouri Star Quilt Company. Believe me when I say they definitely found plenty of fabric and some good deals. But I think there were some new friendships found too. That is the best part of our tours, yes, we travel some long miles, but the friendships that are developed are awesome. They really make me smile.

We will be leaving on our 3rd trip of the year in September as we celebrate 20 years of Cotton Road Tours, LLC. A simple conversation with my mom so many years ago turned into an adventure of a lifetime. I've made so many friends along the way, have more stories to share than you can imagine and have learned a lot about myself along the way. We have visited 49 states and Canada in the last 19 years – so this year we are going to Hawaii, number 50!!! We have one guest joining us for this trip that has been on EVERY one of our fall tours. Arlene Garvens !!! I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support. Arlene is also the bases for several of our most adventurous stories along the way!!!!!!

We will be hosting a bus tour to the 2026 Houston Quilt Festival – more information will be coming at a later date.

Below is a list of our upcoming classes and we'll be adding more as they become finalized. Give us a call if you have any questions. We'll also be hosting a 3 day Day Retreat in February and we'll send this info out separately as we work out more details.

We look forward to seeing you in the shop soon, but until then, be well and happy sewing.

Friends in quilting,

Cheryl & Cynthia

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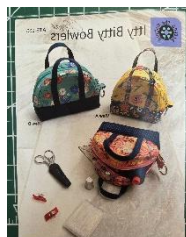
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Itty Bitty Bowler Bag

Oct 16 9:30am -3:00 pm

Fee: \$20

Instructor: Cheryl Eggert



The cutest way to keep track of your little stuff. Great for gifts or as travel cases for small items. Pattern comes in two sizes. Fat Quarter friendly.

Piece Keeper Project Bag

Session 1 Oct 22 9:30am -1:30 pm

Session 2 Feb 18 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



A By Annie project bag that will become your go to for your current and future projects. This will be the first in a series of By Annie bags for those that want to learn the techniques to make more amazing projects from this designer. Shirley is very experienced with these patterns and will take the frustration out of it.

EZ Breezy Table Runner & Place mats

Oct 28 & Nov 4 9:30am -3:00 pm

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Darla Parks



A perfect project for all those large-scale prints with NO curved seams to stitch. And what's better than a great looking table runner and place that are quick – quick to make. Talk about a super recipe for an impressive gift. And the bonus is that they're already quilted when they're done!



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Folded Tote Bag

Nov 5 9:30am -1:00 pm

Fee: \$20

Instructor: Cheryl Eggert



A simple to make folded bag to have in your purse or backpack whenever you need an extra tote. Great to give as gifts or to have a few in the vehicle for shopping.

4 Season Flamingo Wall Hangings

Nov 11 9:30am - 3:00 pm Winter

Dec 9 9:30am - 3:00 pm Spring

Jan 13 9:30am – 3:00pm Summer

Feb 10 9:30am – 3:00pm Fall

Fee: \$85

Instructor: Darla Parks



For the flamingo lovers amongst us!!!! Unleash your inner artist in this fun and creative class where you'll create these charming flamingo wall hangings to brighten any space. Whether you're a beginning or a seasoned sewer, you'll learn how to do raw edge applique, binding and quilting as you to help you complete your projects for enjoyment right away.

You will also learn when where the best place to put your embellishments and how to apply them.

Colossal Rug

Dec 3 & 10 9:30am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



In this creative class, you'll learn how to transform a jelly roll of pre-cut fabric strips and batting into a beautiful, durable and washable rug. We'll cover all the steps, from connecting the strips and enclosing the batting to enclosing and stitching the rug together with a wide zig-zig stitch. This a fun and modern twist on traditional braided rugs, perfect for adding a pop of handmade color to any room.



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Rope Bowls

Jan 21 & 28 2026 9:30am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



Learn to create a beautiful, functional rope bowl in this beginner-friendly class. Using a sewing machine and simple cotton rope, you'll master the coiling technique to form a sturdy, custom bowl. Add a splash of color with decorative thread or fabric scraps for a truly personalized piece. You'll leave with a finished bowl and the skills to create many more.

The first session, we will create a round bowl of your choice. It can be straight rope, you can add fabric in the bottom for a base or you can add fabric strips randomly or cover the entire bowl with fabric. The second class, we'll make an oval bowl with handles. Again, you can decorate the bowl in any number of ways.

Open Wide Bag

Feb 5 9:30am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



Create these classy zippered bags for use in your suitcase or just for every day. Quick and fun to make, the bags can be made in 3 sizes. The open WIDE for easy access to all your supplies. Inner mesh pockets keep things organized and easy to view.

Zip it Up Bag

Feb 11 9:30am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$30

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



This purse is ideal for vacation or just traveling around town. It is more stylish than a fanny pack, without the size and weight of a large purse. The zippered pockets replace your wallet by offering space designed for credit cards, cash and change. It can be worn over your shoulder or cross-body and still be flat and comfortable.



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Legit Kit Paper Piecing – Sail Away

Feb 11 9:30am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Sue Fox



A “Paper Piecing Legit Kit” class teaches a simplified, efficient method of foundation paper piecing (FPP) using a innovative system, focusing on organization and frustration-free sewing without curves or Y-seams. During the class, you will learn how to organize the kit materials, block approach construction and finishing suggestions for a great wall hanging for your home.

Spinning Stars Quilt

Oct 20 & Nov 10 9:30am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Sue Fox



Spinning Stars is a geometric paper pieced pattern with a secondary star pattern that emerges as the quilt top is assembled. This quilt is an advanced beginner to intermediate level pattern and assumes basic paper piecing skills.

Towel Topper Class

Oct 14 9:30am -1:00 pm

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Darla Parks



Samples only

Add a charming and practical touch to your towels with our Towel Topper Class! Perfect for your kitchen, bathroom, or any space that could use a little extra flair, this class will teach you how to create a beautiful topper that hangs perfectly over your oven or towel rack. It's a fun, quick project that adds a dash of personality to your home



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Napa Valley Table Runner

Oct 23 9:30am -1:00 pm

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Sue Fox



Include same great color to your home decorating with this stunning table runner that can be the full length of 17 x 62 or adjust it to the size that fits your space best. This pattern will be using the Creative Grids Starburst 30 degree triangle ruler to complete this dazzling twisting design.

Mandala Quilt

Oct 13 & 27 9:30am -2:00 pm

Fee: \$45

Instructor: Sue Fox



Embark on a quilting journey rich with tradition and mindfulness with our selection of Mandala Quilt Patterns. A Mandala Quilt is a textile art piece that captures the essence of mandalas—complex, circular designs that represent harmony and unity. These quilts are not just visually striking with their interplay of shapes and colors; they are a form of creative meditation, each segment sewn with intention and focus. Sue will work closely with you to show you how to organize this project to make it less imposing.

Side Huggle Cross Body Bag Class

March 4 9:30am -4:00 pm

Fee: \$40

Instructor: Shirley Ruchti



You will love this great, streamlined, cross-body bag. It has a large compartment and two zippered pockets. It fits close to your body and will keep your valuables safe and secure. Pattern is available at the shop.



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Free Motion Quilting – **Seats fill quickly!!**

Session A: Nov 12 & 19

Session B: Jan 27 & Feb 3

Session C: Mar 24 & 31

9:30a - 1:30p

Fee: \$125

Instructor: Eric Drexler

Learn free motion quilting on your domestic machine! Eric Drexler is a well-known instructor with a national thread company, hosting online tutorials and many regional/local in-person classes in the art of free motion quilting. This class will be limited to 6 students so there will be extensive one-on-one instruction and plenty of opportunity to ask questions and practice. I've seen the sampler that will be made and it is a great piece when completed – I know you'll enjoy it.

Further information and supply list will be available after registration

Beginning Quilting

Session A: Oct 11, 18, 25 Nov 1, 8 15 SATURDAY SESSION!!

Session B: Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19

9:30am – 1:30am

Fee: \$125

Hosted by: Cheryl Eggert

*** Seats are limited to 4 per session for more individual attention*

Learn from beginning to end the techniques and skills needed to create your own quilt. We will work on all aspects of making a small lap quilt from picking fabrics, learning the tools “toys” of the trade, understanding your machine, block assembly and quilt finishing (top may not be finished in class).

A supply list will be provided after registration, a book with patterns is required (\$27) for the class and will be available for purchase at the shop



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Class Policies:

- Payment is required to reserve your seat in the class.
- A supply list and special instructions will be given out after registration.
- Most classes require a solid working sewing machine.
- Please be prepared to have your own equipment (rulers, rotary cutter, etc.)
- Our quilt workshops are for piecing the top only unless otherwise specified.
- Cancellation after registration will be given as a shop credit up to 10 days prior to the class. **No refunds after 10 days before the class unless the spot can be filled.**
- **No refunds** on kits or supplies for the class will be issued.
- As appreciation to our customers, we offer a **10% discount** for fabric and supplies purchased for our classes, clubs and workshops. (excludes kits/patterns if included in the fee).

CLUBS:

Breakfast Club

Third Thursday of the month
8:00 - 9:30 am

This group selects a project to do each time and we share ideas and techniques to help each other grow and learn.. There are no skill level expectations – we're all here to just learn and share. Call the shop for details and our next meeting time/location.

Quilting Club

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
5 pm – 9 pm

This group is an open sew to work on any project you want – maybe you need a little help with something or want to share an idea – there isn't any agenda for these nights. We get together to have a little fun, talk a little and pretend to get a LOT done. Yeah, Right!!! Come join the fun.

NOTE: If you have an idea for a group, let me know, we'll figure out what works for everyone.