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## **Spring Retreat: Curds & Whey March 12-15, 2015**

### **Retreat Fee: \$250, registration deadline- March 7th**

#### **Included:**

- Lodging
- Bedding (real beds and sheets etc)
- Towels
- Food, snacks & drinks (non-alcoholic) You can bring your own alcoholic drinks if desired.
- Music
- Long wonderful worktable with individual lighting and rolling chair for every attendee
- Large pressing and cutting stations will be provided
- 4 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, eating area, relaxing areas, separate sleeping area for men.
- Catered Meals to fit everyone's food needs
- Special sleeping room for those with sleeping (CPAP) assisted machines
- Special surprise for EVERY attendee

#### **Classes (optional):**

- You can bring any projects you want to work on. If you prefer to just work on projects of your own, that is fine.
- Three Optional classes can be worked on at the retreat:
  - #1 Place-mats done a VERY different way
  - Tuffets
  - Slab Quilting
- Melissa will get all the classes started on the following schedule:
  - Thursday afternoon - Tuffets
  - Friday morning - Slab quilting
  - Saturday morning - Placemats
- If you decide to participate in these classes, you MUST let us know BEFORE the retreat as many have special supplies and we want to have them available for all who want to learn. Registration for the classes NO LATER than March 7th please.



## Project #1: *Place-mats from "Stack, Slash & Sash"*

Learn a "new" way to make fun placemats

Class Fee: \$35 (includes the book)

Use a Jelly roll or cuts from your favorite collections!

## Supplies:

- Book (included in price of class)
- Scraps (minimum 2"x6") or jelly rolls to use in "stripping"
- 1 yard fabric for top, 1 yard fabric for bottom (this will make 4 generous sized placemats)
- 1 package "Soft & Stable" (36"x 58")
- Thread to match (50 weight cotton for piecing preferred), Any type for quilting
- Walking foot (dual feed)
- Rotary cutter, Mat & ruler (12" long minimum)
- Wonder clips (optional but recommended) or pins
- Steam-a-seam 2, 1/4" wide roll (optional but recommended)
- Left edge top-stitch foot (optional but recommended)
- Microtex 80 needle, Universal 75 needle
- Thread snips
- Sewing machine in good working order



## Project #2:

### Tuffets...you will want one!

Jelly roll, Fabric to match a room,  
Embroideries, whatever you want...Super  
Fun!

We will have ALL the supplies to make one for  
every "Miss Muffet" you know!



## Supplies:

- Kit \$140 (you can use your 15% discount) includes:
  - Pattern with instructions
  - fusible pattern material (I will have extra kits of just the pattern fusible for sale if you want to make more of these - YOU WILL!)
  - 1 yard muslin
  - Round 18" base (wood) with all holes drilled for feet (metal feet attachments have been installed) and button, rounded and sanded
  - Round 18" Foam - 6" high
  - Upholstery batting
  - cording for button attachment and bottom securing
  - 12" long upholstery needle (we will share one unless you want to buy one of your own)
  - Button to cover
  - Staple gun (we will share one)
  - 3 "BUN" feet (pictured as blue round feet in bottom right picture), sanded ready for any type of finishing you want to do. If you want 4 feet, cost is \$5 per foot.
  - Spray adhesive (we will share)
- Microtex needle (size 90)
- Universal needle (size 80)
- Thread to match (all purpose Mettler, Gutterman, Sulky....no coats & clark)
- Jelly roll or 1/2 yard of minimum 8 fabrics ( I used 16 different fabrics 1/2 yard cuts and made my own 2.5" strips - this made enough for 2 tuffets!)
- Add-a-quarter 12" ruler (NECESSARY!)
- Rotary cutter& Small cutting mat to have at your sewing station
- Small Iron & Small pressing mat to have at your sewing station
- Best Press or spray alternative (optional but recommended)
- Thread snips
- Sewline Glue stick with refills (optional but recommended) or MANY pins
- Sewing machine in good working order



### Project #3: Slab Quilting

Always wonder what to do with all those scraps? This is the most creative use! Make your slabs as you have scraps, make them when you have collected all your scraps, - or- make slabs and trade with friends!

Put it together in one of many different types of "Slab" Quilts. One of the newest "Modern" uses for scraps!



## Supplies:

We will be working on the TOP only. SUPER fun way to use up LOTS of scraps.

- Large ziploc Bags (or small bins) of scraps, color sorted. One bag(box) for each color. You can use Fat 1/8's or Fat 1/4's if you do not have scraps. Recommended about 6-8 different fabrics in each color family. Be open to sharing with others - this will open the "creative" look of each block. This is a GREAT "random"
- If you wish to "border" your blocks as in top left picture, 1 yard of fabric to "frame" (this is the white in the picture), 1/4 - 1 yard of each color you want to make the larger frame (these are the colored frames outside the white frame on each block). If you want just one border around the blocks (as in the copy in the bottom right
- Universal needle (size 80)
- Thread to match (all purpose Mettler, Guttermann, Sulky....no coats & clark)
- Add-a-quarter 6 or 12" ruler (NECESSARY!)
- Rotary cutter & Small cutting mat to have at your sewing station
- Small Iron & Small pressing mat to have at your sewing station
- Best Press or spray alternative (optional but recommended)
- Thread snips
- Sewline Glue stick with refills (optional but recommended) or MANY pins
- Sewing machine in good working order