

First Saturday Sampler (FSS) 2026

January 2026-December 2026



Welcome! We're glad you're here.

What have I gotten myself into?

Hopefully an enjoyable time and, perhaps, you'll make lots of new friends.

What's going to happen?

The first Saturday of each month we'll open the doors at 9:00am and close them back up at 9:30am. You have this window of time to get here and be ready for the morning's program. (We're usually finished around 10:30am.)

As you enter the shop, you will show your completed block(s) and receive a raffle ticket. No block—no ticket. This ticket serves two purposes. First, it enters you in a raffle for wonderful prizes. Second, it's how you "buy" your next block kit. (No, you can't get a ticket for someone else's block.)

You will also receive a current shop newsletter, maybe some other literature if there's something we'd like you to know about, and a coupon to thank you for watching our program (aka infomercial). The coupon is good for the entire First Saturday weekend. That way if you're not one that likes to shop with the crowd, you can come back later Saturday or on Sunday for a more leisurely shopping experience (or do both). Often there is an on-line coupon code if you prefer to shop our webstore.

Then you'll make your way to the classroom. Feel free to browse while you're waiting for the program to start. You can place items on hold at the cutting station. Just put your name on it and we'll cut it after the program.

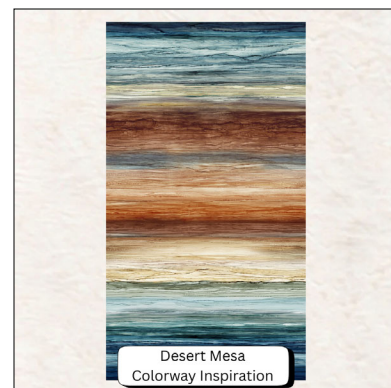
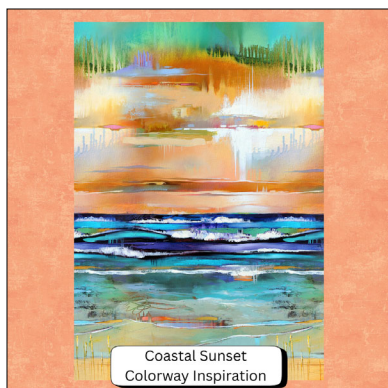
What do I need to bring?

January 3, 2026 (1st meeting): Just your smiling face. ☺ You're here to pick up your first block kit (everyone gets a raffle ticket). If you haven't signed up, you can still do so after the program if space is available.

All remaining months: Bring your completed block or \$10 to purchase the next block kit (exact change is appreciated...we only accept cash or checks at the block kit tables).

If you've registered for multiple colorways, you can get multiple free blocks each month. If you sew & show the block, you can get a ticket. For example, if you selected two colorways and you show both sewn blocks when you enter, you'll get two tickets. If you only show one block, you only get one ticket and you'll have to pay \$10 for the other one.

Show & Tell: We love to see your projects, so please bring them to share. Please include a note with your project with your name and any description you'd like us to read, and place your project at the front of the room before the program begins. You can pick up your item after the program. Please limit your shared projects to no more than two per month.



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What's on the program?

Occasionally we will have guest speakers. If you are part of an organization that would like to present to the group, please let me know. If your guild has an opportunity quilt they'd like to display and sell raffle tickets for, just let us know and we'll reserve a spot on our calendar. Please email info@clothcarousel.com with your info and desired date.

Then you get to experience the Adina & Paul (super hubby) show, where we'll present projects for upcoming classes, show you new fabric, books, and notions, and share YOUR Show & Tell items.

Then we'll have the raffle for some lovely items from the shop. You already know how to enter the shop raffle (with the ticket you get when you show your completed block before the program each month).

Then you pick up your block kits. There are 2 tables (4 lines—just follow the signs), stand in the line indicated by the first letter of your last name. Patiently stand in these lines to get your kit. Pay for your block kit with your raffle ticket or money (exact change is appreciated...I think I already mentioned that ☺).

So many questions!

I signed up for coordinating fat quarters (FQ)...where do I get them?

There is a table where you can purchase your fat quarters. They are \$4.25 each (exact change is appreciated...we only accept cash or checks at this table). You must sign up in advance for fat quarters so we know how many to cut. If you would like to be added to the list, on First Saturday just let Carol or Meda know and they'll add you to the list for future months. Any other time of the month, let the staff know and they'll add you to the list. Any remaining fat quarters from previous months will be available for purchase by anyone the following month. You can prepay for your fat quarters and we'll pack the FQ with your block kit.

I forgot to bring cash or check to pay for my block kit and/or fat quarters. What do I do?

After the program, once all the block kits and fat quarters have been handed out, they are all brought to the checkout counter. You can purchase them there (along with any other items) with a credit or debit card. If you only brought one check and you know you'll be purchasing additional items, wait for your block kit and/or fat quarters to get to the checkout counter and you can make a single purchase.

I can't remember what the finished block looks like with the actual fabrics. Can I take a picture?

Yes, of course, but they'll also be printed on your pattern.

How can I be a Vibrant Volunteer and work one of the block kit tables?

The tables where the block kits are picked up after program are staffed by four volunteers. If you are interested in helping out after the program, please let us know. It is easier if you do it every month, but it's not required. We're happy to have you help out whenever you can. At the end of each program, I will ask who is staffing each table. If there are unstaffed tables at this point, I will ask for volunteers to help out that month. This is a great way to learn who all these people are.

I found the perfect fabric as I came into the shop on First Saturday, can I have it cut before the program starts?

We like the staff to be available to help out with First Saturday stuff before the program so they are not available to cut before or during the program. If you would like items to be held for you, put them on the cutting table where there is paper and pencil available for you to put your name on your items. You can even put the amount you would like to have cut if you already know. They will start on these after the program.

I found the perfect item during the month, can I have it held for me until First Saturday in case there's a coupon?

Nope. Many fabrics are one time prints...so if you see something you really like, you should probably get it then, because once it's gone, it's gone.

You showed some great stuff during the program, where can I find it after the program?

We place all items shown during the program on the large black table in the fabric area.

Hope you enjoy the year. We look forward to sharing the shop with all of you.

Adina & Paul Schwerdtfeger