

Merry's Stitches

WINTER 2015

Always something new stitched up to inspire you!

New Year — New Projects!

Ring in the new year by starting a new project! We've been really proud of our customers that spent the last year finishing up some projects...so it's on to new things in 2015! We have FOUR new monthly projects to keep you stitchin! First up is our new Buck-A-Block project. Yes...just \$1.00 each month buys your block! There will be an optional finish kit to set those beautiful blocks and if you are interested, you will want to order yours when you sign up for the program. This year we are focusing on Jo Morton prints with a beautiful floral border. The blocks are complete (as you can see in the photo), but the setting will be a surprise until January :-). Stop by the shop to see the



Buck-a-Block

completed quilt and to pick up your first block.

Our next new project is our Scrap Block mania. No signing up for this one...just stop



Scrap Block Mania

in and pick up a packet or two each month, which makes four of the blocks for this quilt. This year we are using all Primitive Gatherings fabrics together to create a stunning quilt. You can add your own scraps as well to create more blocks. Make as many blocks as you wish! Our sample has 80 blocks and finishes at 80"x96". Look for our little strip packets to appear January 2nd!

Our next Monthly Mini series from Patch Abilities will begin in February. See the

details and photos on the back cover of your newsletter.

These little ones are some of the cutest ones Julie has done!



And, we are continuing with the Simple Whatnots Club from Kim Diehl. We just love her minis and not so minis! The new fabric line is in and kits will be shipping the first part of January. You can join this fabric club for \$20 (fat quarters, 1/2 yard background, and a pattern) or receive full kits for each project for \$35 per month. This collection is fabulous! Call the shop to sign up today!



You can see we have a little something for everyone! Be sure to check our classes and note our after

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Christmas Sale happening January 2 and 3rd.

And...Lots of new fabric is expected in the next few months, too! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Keep stitchin!

*Merry, Jennifer,
and the team*

Join us for Merry's Stash Society!

10:00 AM or 1:00 PM
*meets the last Thursday
of each month*

MSS is a great way to stay motivated to finish those UFO's, and to see the latest and greatest in the quilt world. Show up wearing a Merry's Stitches shirt and you will receive a free pattern! Show n' tell your finished projects and your name goes in for our big year-end drawing. We have demo's, treats, door prizes and more! Join us this month!

Schedule of Events

Jan. 8th — Wool Club
1 PM to 3 PM. Our staff is on-hand to help you with a new or existing wool project! Learn some tips and tricks to make your project perfect.

Jan. 13th — Return the Favor
Sew Day 9:30 AM to 4 PM
Merry's Retreat Center. Spend the day sewing for some folks who need a little warmth and love in their life. Potluck for lunch.

Jan. 14th—Tiny Dresden Class
1 PM to 4 PM

Jan. 15th — Fat Thursday
Choose any 12 Pre-Cut Fat Quarters for just \$25

Jan. 17th—Tiny Dresden Class
1 PM to 4 PM

Jan. 29th — Merry's Stash Society
10 AM OR 1 PM

Jan. 31st—Return the Favor Event
9 AM to 4:30 PM Traer, IA

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SHOP CLOSED	2 SALE	3
4	5	6	7	8 Wool Club	9	10
11	12	13 Return The Favor	14 Tiny Dresden	15 FAT THURSDAY	16	17 Tiny Dresden
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Merry's Stash Society	30	31 RETURN THE FAVOR

New Year SALE January 2nd and 3rd
Christmas prints 25% off! (1/2 yard min. cut)

Annual Quilt Making Event

Saturday, January 31st

9 AM to 4:30 PM

Traer Memorial Building
414 2nd Street Traer, Iowa



Potluck, Hourly Drawings, Queen Sized Raffle Quilt! Jobs for all ages and ability levels! Not a quilter? We still need your help!

Donations can be directed to:

Return the Favor

Merry Backes, Coordinator

PO Box 284 Jesup, Iowa 50648

Phone: 319-827-6703 E-mail: merrys@jtt.net



Learn how to make tiny dresdens for a cute hanging each month for your 6" stand.

Kits available.

Class fee \$15. Pattern and template required.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 or

Saturday, Jan. 17

1 PM to 4 PM





RTF 2015 Raffle Quilt!

\$1.00 per ticket

Purchase at the door

February 2015

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 Sample Spree Drawing
8	9	10 Return the Favor	11	12 Wool Club	13	14 
15	16	17	18	19 FAT THURSDAY	20	21 I-80 One Stop Shopping Spree
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Feb. 7th — Sample Spree Drawing 9:30 AM

Feb. 10th — Return the Favor Sew Day 9:30 AM to 4 PM Merry's Retreat Center. Spend the day sewing for some folks who need a little warmth and love in their life. Potluck for lunch.

Feb. 12th — Wool Club 1 PM to 3 PM. Our staff is on-hand to help you with a new or existing wool project! Learn some tips and tricks to make your project perfect

Feb. 19th — Fat Thursday Choose any 12 Pre-Cut Fat Quarters for just \$25

Feb. 21-22 — I-80 Quilters One Stop Shopping Spree. 10-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. Clarion Highland Hotel, Iowa City.

Feb. 26th — Merry's Stash Society 10 AM OR 1 PM

Feb. 27th — Thick n'Thin Log Cabin Class 9 AM to 3 PM

Feb. 28th — Thick n'Thin Log Cabin Class 9 AM to 3 PM



I-80 Quilt Shopper's One-Stop Shopping Spree

Saturday, Feb. 21 10-5
Sunday, Feb. 22 10-4

Clarion Highlander Hotel
I-80 Exit 246
2525 North Dodge Street
Iowa City, IA

15 vendors all in one spot offering books, fabric, notions and kits

Merry's Sample Spree Drawing!

February 7th

Shop opens early at 9 AM.

Drawing will be at 9:30 AM sharp!

Win one of our retired shop samples...your name goes in the drawing for every \$75 you spend in the shop during the months of December and January! Must be present to win.



Thick n'Thin Log Cabin Class

Friday, February 27th

OR

Saturday, February 28
9:00 AM to 3 PM

Merry will guide you through the steps to a log cabin with a curve (don't worry, no curved seams!) You'll also learn some power cutting methods! Marti Michell ruler required.
Class fee \$25

Do you have a group of friends that want to take a class that we don't currently have on the schedule? Give us a call and we will set one up! What a great way to spend the day with your fellow quilters!

Schedule of Events

Mar. 5th—Machine Quilting
10 AM to 12 PM

Mar. 7th—Strip Burst Class
9 AM to 3 PM

Mar. 10th—Return the Favor
Sew Day 9:30 AM to 4 PM
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Mar. 26th—Merry's Stash
Society 10 AM OR 1 PM

Mar. 26-28—Spring Along 20
Shop Hop

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Machine Quilting	6	7 Strip Burst
8	9	10 Return the Favor	11	12 Wool Club	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 FAT THURSDAY	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Merry's Stash Society <i>Spring Along 20 Shop Hop</i>	27	28
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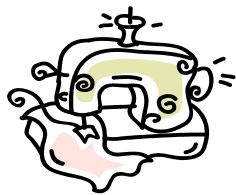
Spread
your
wings
for
Spring!



March 26, 27 and 28
Spring Along 20 Shop Hop

Visit all three shops and win
some fun prizes!

Merry's Stitchins, Jesup
The Quiltmaker's Shoppe, Manchester
Vintage Threads, Dyersville



Machine Quilting 101 Class

Thursday, March 5 10 AM—12 PM

Have you always wanted to learn how to machine quilt? Here is your chance! In a couple hours Merry will have you quilting like a pro. Learn the rhythm of free-motion quilting, machine settings and stitch patterns. Bring your own machine. *Class fee \$15 includes muslin & batting)*

You'll need some 2 1/2" strips and a 60° ruler to make this gem. Strip Burst has unique blocks for a modern twist. Jennifer will guide you through the steps for a pattern that looks difficult, **but really isn't!**

Pattern required, kits available.
Class fee \$25, includes lunch.
Saturday March 7th 9 AM to 3 PM



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RETREAT CENTER INFO

Gather your friends and get away from it all at ...

Merry's Stitchins Retreat Center

Set on 12 acres in the Iowa country-side with full access to a 5-Star quilt shop just steps away from your sewing machine!

- Accommodates 10 to 12 people.
- Minimum of 4 people per booking.
- Provided: Ironing boards and irons, tables and chairs, cutting tables, linens and pillows, television and dvd player.
- Breakfast provided each morning, other meals are on your own with kitchen access
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Cost is \$40 per person per night.
- Deposit of \$80 per booking required.
- Just want to come sew for the day? \$15



Things you need to bring:
Towels, toiletries, sewing machines, rotary cutters and mats, other cutting and sewing supplies, snacks and other meals.



Some of our groups have a little too much fun :-)



Tuesday—Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Closed Sunday/Monday

Business hours:



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Monthly Mini's Series #8—starts February 1st!



Our new Monthly Mini's Series will start **February 1st!** Sign up today to receive a pattern, fabric kit, buttons and stand header OR wall hanger all bundled up in a cute little package. **Price will be \$32 per month plus shipping.**

This series will run for 12 months (yes..we are missing a couple photos here). The specialty buttons and hangers are all custom designed for this series. These will fit on a 6"x12" stand **or** you can opt for wall hangers. The stand is \$20 and will be shipped with your first kit.



January 6"x12"

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