

Neal's News September 23, 2021

Quilt Show This Weekend

The Muscatine Melon Patchers Quilt Guild will be holding their quilt show on Friday and Saturday, September 24 & 25. Neal's will be open during the quilt show and offering **20% off** all regular priced fabrics. We are planning to have a shuttle available to go between the quilt show and Neal's & The Little Red Hen.

Mary's Beginner's Circle is the perfect class if you new to sewing or if you have sewn before but need a refresher course. Beginning quilters also welcome. Let Mary help you in a 'learn as you go class' and very informal. Beginners younger than 12 should be accompanied by an adult wanting to learn too. Next class is **Sat., Sept 25. ONE spot left!**

The fall session of **Neal's Sewing Retreat** is FULL If you would like to be put on the wait list in case of a cancellation, please call the store

Retreat dates: **October 21 beginning at noon thru October 24 ending at noon**

Leslie's Sewcial It's always a great time to come to Leslie's Sewcial for a little help. You choose what project you want to work on. Bring your project(s), your machine and any supplies needed and Leslie will help you along the way. The next Leslie's Sewcial will be on **Saturday, October . 9 or 16.** Get signed up early to reserve your spot . Great time to get that project done you have wanted to do but need a little help.

Kimberbell Club is on vacation until October 6. This club is perfect for all those who have an embroidery machine. Leslie shows a new Kimberbell project each month. Welcome to all who own an embroidery machine. Please call the store to reserve a spot so you can attend this FREE demo. **Next Club date is October 6 at 10am or 2pm.** *Don't forget to bring an embroidery stick to get the free design.*



In Stitches With Mary meets on the *2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am or 2pm.* **The next In Stitches Club will be on October 13.** Those who attend in person will receive directions for all the projects that Mary shows. Plus I always think we learn just as much from each other. Please bring your projects as well as questions to share during class. Please call and reserve a spot. We have a tab on our website called videos where you can watch past In Stitches With Mary videos. [Click here](#)

Pill Bags Still Needed! Joyce said she is still taking pill bag donations! Just drop them off at the store and we will get them to Joyce For those who haven't heard of these before, Doctors Without Borders uses these bags to give to the patients they see. They put their prescriptions in them as well as tooth brushes etc. If you have never made a pill bag, you will find them very easy to make. For instructions on the bags, just [Click Here](#)



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Muscatine Melon Patchers
2021 Quilt Show

Friday September 24th: 9AM - 7PM
Saturday September 25th: 9AM - 4PM

First Baptist Church
3003 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, Iowa

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ADMISSION: \$5.00

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Leslie's Sewcial

Leslie's Sewcial is the perfect class for you if you are wanting to finish a project, but you need a little assistance. Or maybe you don't know how to get started on a project you have been wanting to make. Spend all day with Leslie and others who love to sew like you.

Classes Meet: **Sat., October 9 or 16**

Class Time: **9am - 3pm**

Class Fee \$35.00

Free Kimberbell Club

Leslie's FREE demo showcases a new Kimberbell machine embroidery project each month. If you have an embroidery machine you will want to attend this club. Call to make a reservation for either session. ***Don't forget your embroidery stick if you want the free design.***

Next meeting, **Wed., October 6**

Classes Meet: **1st Wed of the Month 10am or 2pm**

Class Fee: FREE

Kimberbell Club will take a summer hiatus for August and September.



Beginner's Circle

This is the perfect class if you new to sewing or have sewn before but need a refresher course. Beginning quilters welcome. Let Mary help you at our Beginner's Circle Sewing Sessions. This will be a 'learn as you go class' and very informal. Bring your sewing machine (with manual) and basic sewing supplies. Whether you have a project in mind or need help deciding this class will work for you. Beginners younger than 12 should be accompanied by an adult wanting to learn too.

Classes Meet: **Sat., September 25 9:30am - Noon.**

Classes Fee: \$20.00



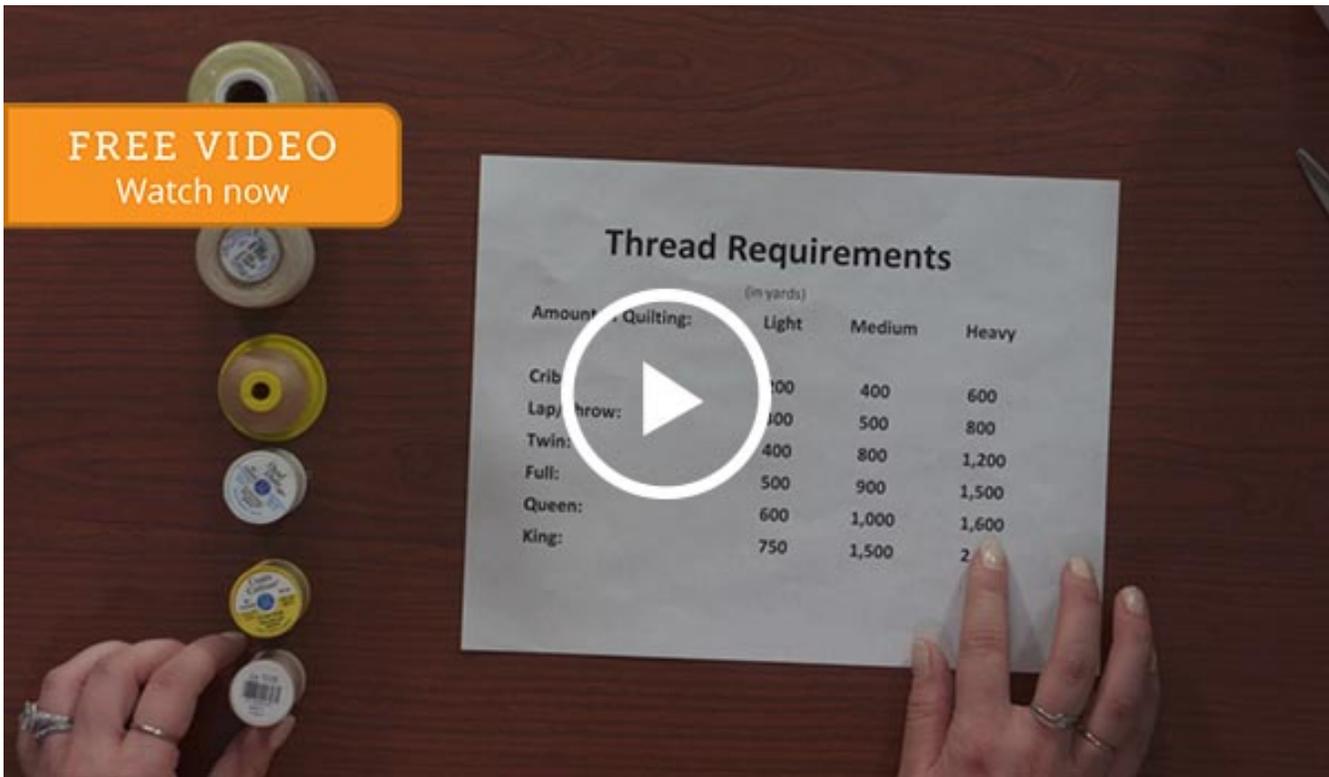
In Stitches With Mary Club

Each month Mary will show a project or two geared toward all sewists. There is no need for a special sewing machine to complete her projects. Come in person and for your \$5.00 fee, you will get directions for all the projects! Her May projects are shown to the left. If you would like the written directions Mary will be happy to provide them just send \$5.00 per project to Mary Maurer at 309 E 2nd St., Muscatine, IA 52761 and specify which project you want directions for.

Next meeting: **Wed., October 13 10am or 2pm**



Figuring Thread Amounts for Quilting



Whether you are ordering online or simply buying all of your quilting supplies ahead of time at the store, knowing how many yards of thread will be needed for your quilting project is important. Ashley Hough shares some general guidelines for determining how much thread will be needed to complete your next project.

Quilt Size and Thread Yardage

Before determining how much thread will be needed, you must first decide how large your quilt is going to be. If you are following a pattern, it will tell you from the beginning whether you are making a twin, queen, or king size quilt. If you are making up your own design, determine what the finished length and width of the quilt is going to be.

Once you have your dimensions, find where your quilt fits in terms of standard quilt sizes. While there are common quilt sizes that fit standard mattress sizes, there can still be slight variations in finished quilt sizes anywhere from three to eight inches. After classifying your quilt into one of the standard quilt sizes, determine how much quilting you plan to do. This can be anything from light to medium to heavy quilting and is in terms of how close together you plan to quilt.

From there, take your quilt size with the desired quilting amount and use the chart to see how much thread, in yards, will be needed. Note that this is an approximation and you may need slightly more or less thread if your quilting does not quite fall within one of the light, medium, or heavy quilting parameters.

To watch a video on how to cut these, just click on the picture above