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Welcome to a New Year!

Have you ever chosen a “word of the year”?

I’ve been doing this every year for a long time, now. This year, my word is “fun.” My plan is to focus on having fun throughout the year. This sounds like a good year to me! Feel free to swipe that word, so that you have fun, too.

The shop has lots of classes coming up that are definitely fun!

So read on, and see what we have happening throughout the spring.

A quick note that I’ll leave a bit early on New Year’s Eve and close on New Year’s Day this year.

Pesky Class Policies

Payment is expected at signup. Cancellations will be given shop credit. For quilting classes, have basic sewing supplies—machine, scissors, pins, rotary cutter, etc. For knitting and crochet classes, have the needles and hooks, plus the usual notions, such as scissors, stitch markers, etc.

Next Week’s Knitting Class

Hurry! You have only a few more days! “Andi’s Beach Adventure” **begins Monday**. It’s a mystery cowl. And it is FUN.

How to participate:

- Sign up for the class.
- Buy the pattern on Ravelry [here](#).
- Then either use your stash, or come in for help choosing **new yarns** (which is ... ahem ... *our* preference here at Stitch Your Art Out).

If you’d like to join in our knitalong class, it corresponds to when the clues will be released (Mondays and Thursdays throughout January). In the class, I’ll go over anything that I think you might want to know about the pattern, and then we’ll knit for an hour and enjoy the process.

The pattern is written as a fairytale. This one is about mermaids and maybe even pirates!

So go sign up now and join in!

Be Part of the Shop

Websites:

www.stitchyourartout.com and www.reallyclear.com.

Facebook: [Stitch Your Art Out](#) and [Really Clear](#).

Instagram: [Stitchyourartout](#) and [reallyclear](#).

Appointments:

I’m open by appointment to make the day go more easily and smoothly for both of us. You may sign up here, or simply call the store at 814-238-4151. I’m available Monday through Saturday, morning, afternoon, and evening. If I’m traveling or have a day off, my helpers will usually leave at 2:30. I always have WAY more times available than show on the online calendar. Just call. I can’t wait to see you!

Cynthia

KNITTING AND CROCHET

Andi's Beach Adventure



This mystery cowl is part of an adventure story! **It starts next week, so hurry and sign up!** There will be 9 one-hour Zoom classes where we will go over that day's clue and begin knitting it. You'll have the warm, finished cowl while it's still cold. Find the pattern on Ravelry. It's called "Andi's Beach Adventure" by Really Clear Designs. **Supplies:** "Andi's Beach Adventure" pattern on Ravelry; a light, medium, and dark worsted- or Aran-weight yarn. (You might want a variegated or self-striping yarn for the medium). Come into the shop, or text us, and we'll help you figure out the perfect combination! **Time:** One session, which runs Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 3, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24, 31, and Feb. 3, from 6-7 p.m., on Zoom. **Cost:** \$35 plus supplies.

Cabling 101 Hat



Learn to cable, and make this pretty cabled hat as a bonus! It's all so easy and wearable! This class will be held on Zoom. **Supplies:** Really Clear Cabling 101 pattern, one skein of worsted-weight yarn (we love Rios), two 16" circular needles, one size 7 and one size 8, and a cable needle. **Time:** Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Crochet 101



Want to learn how to crochet? Or need a refresher after many years of neglecting your crochet? Take our beginning course. This class is by appointment, one person at a time. **Supplies:** Make an appointment to stop into the shop for help. We will target the project for you. **Time:** Crochet 101 is one person at a time by appointment

in person. **Cost:** \$25 per hour, plus supplies.

Knitting 101



Want to learn how to knit? Or need a refresher after many years of neglecting your knitting? Take our beginning course. We have found that Zoom is often a little tricky for Knitting 101, so this class is by appointment, one person at a time. **Supplies:** The class will require the Easy Looped Scarf pattern, plus the supplies to go with it. Make an appointment to stop into the shop for help. **Times:** Knitting 101 is one person at a time by appointment in person until the class on May 14 & 28, which will be outside from 1-3 p.m. **Cost:** \$25 per hour.

Fair-Isle 101 Headband



Fair Isle looks so tricky and scary, but it's actually super easy! Let Cynthia Mazzant show you how to

turn two colors into amazing patterns! **Supplies:** First Fair Isle pattern, sizes 5 and 7 16" circular needles, two colors of non-superwash wool in worsted weight. **Time:** Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28.

Five-Hour Baby Sweater



Perfect for the first-time sweater knitter, this little baby sweater knits up quickly and makes a sweet gift! **Supplies:** 5-hour Baby Sweater

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-boy-5-hour-sweater>

(we can help you get it on Ravelry if needed), and yarn and needles to match. **Time:** May 15 & 29, from 1-4 p.m. outdoors. The teacher will contact you with the location. **Cost:** \$38 plus supplies.

Mittens or Mitts



Become an expert "hand knitter." (Hahaha!) Mittens are fun to make, and they're great little take-along projects for your summer travel.



Supplies: Really Clear Basic Mittens or Mitts pattern, yarn and needles to match. We suggest starting with worsted-weight yarn and size 7 double-pointed needles. **Time:** Saturdays, May 21 and June 4, outdoors, from 1-3 p.m. The teacher will let you know where you're meeting. **Cost:** \$35 plus supplies.

Montegue Street



This cowl is so much fun! It features stripes and mitered squares. It's a fantastic opportunity to use scraps, play with color—or start fresh with new yarn! **Supplies:** Pattern (we can help you get it on Ravelry), at least 450 yards of worsted-weight yarn, coordinating buttons. **Time:** Saturday, Feb. 5, 2-4 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Quite the Opposite



Stripes are the best! They allow you to play with yummy colors that can bring out the best in each other. Quite the Opposite is a case in point. This shawl features long stripes, engaging texture changes, and a versatile shape. And we have the best yarns for making it! **Supplies:** You can find the pattern on Ravelry. We suggest using our Malabrigo Arroyo sport-weight yarn or Malabrigo Silky Wool. YUM! **Time:** Saturday, Feb. 19, 2-4 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Really Clear Year



As you may know, Cynthia designs knitting patterns (along with quilting patterns!). This class provides you with an interesting adventure into learning new things while you find any part of the pattern that isn't "really clear." We've had such fun in these

classes for the past few years, working through her new ideas. This is a chance to play with surprise patterns, and to make requests for patterns you've always wanted (no guarantees on that one!). What we do each year is a bit of a mystery (even to her!). You might want to go to reallyclear.com to see patterns she's designed in the past. Join us in the fun! **Supplies:** Cynthia will let you know the supplies before each class. (For the first class, she is still debating between a couple of ideas! Stay tuned!) **Time:** Thursdays, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Apr. 21, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Oct. 27, Dec. 1. Your choice of 9-11 a.m. or 6-8 p.m. On Zoom. **Cost:** \$60 plus supplies.

Sock Club



Everyone always loves being in Eleanor's sock club! Each week, you'll start a different pair of socks. By the end of June, you'll have 4 Christmas presents finished—or 4 pairs of yummy, warm socks for yourself!

Supplies: Eleanor will email you with each session's pattern and supplies. **Time:** Sundays, April 24, May 22, June 5, and June 26, 1-4 p.m. outside. The teacher will be in touch to give you the location. **Price:** \$55 plus supplies.

Top-Down Socks



Never made socks? No worries! We are running two sock classes to give you step-by-step information on exactly how to make them. Take both, and see which way you prefer! This first class will show you how to make classic top-down socks.

At each step of the way, we show you what that part is supposed to look like, and how the pieces fit together. Mary Ellen will give you the opportunity to learn without stress!

Supplies: Really Clear top-down sock pattern, fingering-weight sock yarn (a little nylon content keeps the wear and tear down a bit!), size 1 or 2 double-pointed needles. **Time:** Wednesdays, Feb. 9, 23, and Mar. 2, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Price:** \$42 plus supplies.

Toe-up Socks



Most socks are made from the top

down, but toe-up socks are terrific. You can fit them as you go, and can knit until you run out of yarn. You've learned top down—now let's mix it up! **Supplies:** Really Clear Toe-Up pattern, plus fingering-weight yarn and size 1 or 2 needles (you can use double points, 2 circs, magic loop, or FlexiFlips!). **Time:** Saturdays, Feb. 12, 26, and March 12, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$42.

Sweater with the Best Fit Ever!



Have you ever had trouble getting your sweaters to fit? Do they squeeze here and sag there? Are they too wide or narrow in the shoulders, too short or long in the arms, all messed up at the neck, or just plain frustrating? Well, then, this is the class for you. We'll use Cynthia's sweater book to get a sweater that fits you well. You should have knit at least one sweater before taking this class, or should be a fairly comfortable knitter who has made quite a few projects. You'll have your choice of a set-in sleeve, yoke sweater, or raglan. **Supplies:** Really Clear *Sweater with the Best Fit Ever!* book. Let us help you choose your yarn and needles. **Time:** Thursdays, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 28, June 2, and July 7, 6-8 p.m. **Price:** \$60 plus supplies.

QUILTING CLASSES

English Paper Piecing 101



Our wonderful teacher Mary Beth loves nothing more than hand stitching. In this class, she'll show you how to make and attach hexagons. Make a mug mat--or a whole quilt! Hexies are a wonderful way to use scraps, or to feature those fun little motifs from a novelty fabric. No quilting experience needed! **Supplies:** Hexie papers (whatever size you wish), thread, needle, and coordinated scraps of fabric. We have all the supplies at the shop! **Time:** Tuesday, Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Free-Motion Quilting 101



Learning free-motion quilting gives you so many options for finishing your quilts. If you take it step-by-step, it is fun to learn as well. You'll have plenty of ideas to take you beyond the class!

Supplies: *First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting* book (we have it at the shop), sewing machine, darning foot (very important!), sewing machine instruction manual, three 18" quilt sandwiches made of muslin and cotton batting, contrasting 100% cotton thread such as Mettler or King Tut, unlined paper and pencil, Sew Slip, and Machingers. Feel free also to have ready a simple placemat made from your ugliest fabrics ready to practice quilting. **Time:** Tuesday, April 26, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Harmonic Convergence



Convergence quilts have strips of fabric that are pieced, cut, and then pieced again. You will be

fascinated with how they work - it's like making a mystery quilt and watching it develop before your eyes! (And add applique for even more fun!) **Supplies:** Basic sewing supplies/machine. Four fat quarters, all quite different, and Harmonic Convergence book. Set up a time to stop by the store for everything! **Time:** Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28.

Log Cabin Block



The log cabin is one of the oldest and most beautiful blocks. It used to be done with foundation piecing, but today, we have rulers that make quick, accurate work of it! **Supplies:** Bring in scraps of light and dark fabrics. You'll also need to buy the Creative Grids log-cabin ruler (6- or 12-inch size), which you can get at the shop. You'll need basic sewing supplies and your machine. **Time:** Thursday, Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Pineapple Quilt



This classic quilt has traditionally been rather difficult to make.

Although it looks like not much more than strip piecing, it's always been easy for the pieces to get a little wonky. But no more! The Creative Grids pineapple ruler takes care of everything. You'll have smooth blocks that fit together beautifully. **Supplies:** Basic sewing supplies/machine, Creative Grids pineapple ruler, lots of light and dark fabric scraps, or coordinated light and dark fat quarters. The amount you need will depend on the size of quilt you want to make. **Time:** Tuesday, May 24, 6-8 p.m., on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28.

Quilting 101



Let's get started quilting. You'll make one placemat in class, and you'll learn all kinds of cool things, such as matching at the corners, cutting safely, picking fabrics, quilting, binding, and of course, the famous scant quarter-inch seam (whatever that is!). **Cost:** \$42 plus supplies. **Supplies:** You'll need a machine in good working order. You'll also need the pattern and all the fixin's! Make an appointment to stop by at least a few days before the class begins so we can help you pick out your fabric and notions. We suggest our Creative Grids rulers, which are easy to use with a non-slip grip and visible markings; our Creative Grids mats, which are the best cutting mats in the whole wide world; and our Olfa rotary cutters,

which are sturdy, safe, and easy to use. Good tools and fabrics really do matter--they increase happiness and keep frustration low! **Times:** Thursdays, May 5, 12, and 19, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$42 plus supplies.

Rag Quilt



There's nothing homier than a rag quilt. With its ragged edges, it looks good without your having to sew precisely. And it can be made out of any type of fabric--from prints to batiks. **Supplies:** The amount of fabric you'll need will depend on how big you want your quilt. You'll also need batting, and you might want 505 spray to hold the squares together for quilting. **Time:** Tuesdays, Feb. 15 and March. 1, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$35 plus supplies.

Walking-Foot Quilting



Let's go beyond the X-across squares! Learn to use your walking foot to its best advantage to quilt your pieces. Squiggles, circles, and lines are all fun ways to quilt; Cynthia will show you just what to do. **Supplies:** Sewing machine, recently cleaned and oiled, with a new needle (I recommend a Microtex #80/12); walking foot for your machine; three 12x18" quilt sandwiches with cotton fabric on the top and bottom (muslin is a terrific choice), cotton batting in the middle, and basted together in the way you prefer (e.g., pins or spray-basted); a small project on which to practice quilting with your walking foot (e.g., a placemat, table runner, or wall hanging), basted and ready to quilt; 50 weight cotton thread in a color that contrasts with your fabric sandwiches; 1" blue painter's tape; small ruler such as a hem gauge; basic sewing supplies; and Jacquie Gering's book *Walk: Master Machine Quilting with Your Walking Foot*, which you can get at the shop. **Time:** Thursday, Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m. on Zoom. **Cost:** \$28 plus supplies.

Announcing the 2022 Block of the Month!

Do you love the fabric in the shop that's designed by Aboriginal artists?

I do, too! In fact, I love it so much that I've decided to feature mostly Australian fabrics in the 2022 block of the month: Resplendent Australia. (We all need a few resplendent things in our lives.) I am particularly pleased to use these fabrics this year to do a bit to help the fabric company, which is suffering from lack of business in lockdowns. We want them to stay in business!

Many of you have participated in my block of the months for years, but in case you haven't, this is how it'll work this year. (It does change a bit each time!)

This year's quilt will give you a choice of making either a lap size (60" x 60") or a bed size (84" x 84"). If you choose either size, you can add borders or other blocks later, to increase it to whatever size you choose. (I'll be happy to help you out with that process.)

The basic design of the quilt is this. (As always, this is an artistic endeavor, and I may make a few modifications here and there—but you get the idea.) This is the design for the 84 X 84 quilt:



The 60 x 60 one simply omits the outside blocks:



Note that these pictures showed only the basic colors and design, not the full depth of the fabrics. Things will ratchet up in real life! I've pulled together a beginning palette of fabrics here:



Wanna see a sneak peak of the first block?



I love the movement in these fabrics. The purple batik in the block picture above will serve as the background for much of the quilt. It's so yummy!

Each month, I'll have the packets of fabric and pattern for that month's block(s) ready to go on a designated day as shown below (mark your calendar). I'll put them outside for curbside pickup—or as always, you can set up an appointment time to come into the store and browse when you pick up your packet. (That might be more fun.) Live out of town? I'll be more than happy to mail them!

The dates for pickup will be:

January 22, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 14 (this is the last day for the 60" version), June 11, July 16, August 13, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5. Curbside pickups will be ready by 10:00 a.m. on each of these days. If you can't make it on a particular day, just let me know, and I'll hold the packet for you.

Make the blocks as we go, and a big quilt will feel like a breeze!

This quilt will be completely pieced. You should have had Quilting 101 or have pieced a few projects before beginning this one. The instructions will be clear, but they do assume that you know the basics of quilting. Along the way, if you have questions, I'm here for you.

The cost for each quilt is below. Costs include all the fabrics for the quilt top, plus all the instructions. Backing, borders, batting, and binding are separate.

60 X 60 pickup \$100

60 x 60 mailed \$140

84 X 84 pickup \$190

84 x 84 mailed \$250