



Stitchin' News

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**You're not stuck
at home, you're
safe at home.
One word can
change your
attitude.**



Look for the Helpers

As of today we have distributed about 170 kits and collected 1250 finished masks.

There are still many sewists stitching as the need continues to grow. IF you are already sewing, just keep doing your best. If you want to join us in this essential project please see the information below.

Face Mask Information

We have communicated with state government officials and medical personnel in an effort to bring you the most accurate information regarding the sewing of masks.

In the interest of being effective in our efforts please read the following:

- Use ONLY good quality cotton fabric such as quilting cottons or dense woven cotton - we suggest a layer of cotton and a layer of flannel in each mask. Interfacing is not needed when using this combination.
- Wash all fabric BEFORE making the mask - these need to withstand repeated washings and must be pre-washed prior to making the mask.
- This pattern includes the use of a wire across the nose which we do not recommend - as this may limit the potential use of a mask, as wire does not hold up to the repeated washing/sterilization.

- They prefer masks without elastic - if you use elastic it does not hold up to repeated washing/sterilization. Fabric binding used to make ties works very well.
- If you are sick or someone in your home is sick please do not spread those germs by making/delivering to any location

We have a secure vestibule area open to one person walking in at a time at our shop location at 1808 East Conner Street. You may leave finished masks in this safe area. We collect these hourly so as to keep the area secure.

Please watch our Facebook page for the latest information about this ongoing situation. Together we will manage to get through this health crisis and come out better for it in the end. Stay safe and keep washing your hands.

We have kits available for purchase. Each kit makes 20 masks. They are available on our website and can be picked up in the secure vestibule at the shop.





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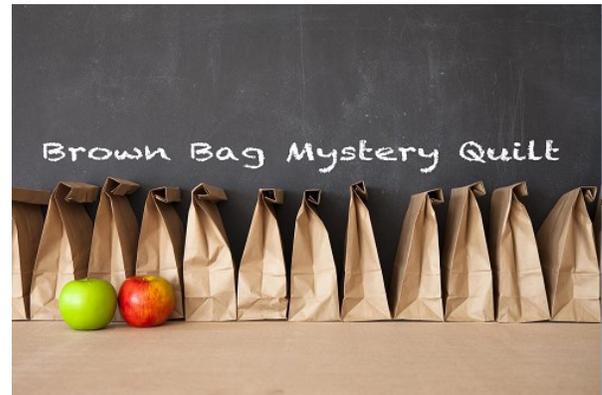
Shannon Cuddle Event Rescheduled

Mark your calendar and be watching for more information for our rescheduled Shannon Cuddle Event. A Shannon educator will be leading the classes and kits will be cut and ready for you to purchase and Always in Stitches will supply other notions necessary including the use of a sewing machine. September 17th the preview night trunk show, Classes are September 18th and 19th. Check the webpage for more information and registration. If you had already registered for this event when it was scheduled in April, you will be contacted concerning the new dates.

Always In Stitches Blog

Did you know that we have a blog? Well, we do. I have started writing pieces for the blog so if there is something you would like me to write about, research or just have an idea, please let me know. Email me at **sandy@alwaysinstitches1.com**. The link to the blog—Our Blog That Quilt Shop is located on the Our Links page under Social Media.

Brown Bag Mystery Quilt is BACK!

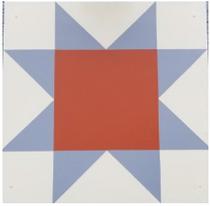


The Brown Bag mystery quilt program designed by Karen Montgomery is back again this year. Kits may be purchased online. Each \$79.99 Brown Bag Kit includes the cutting instructions and enough fabric for additional borders and binding if desired. The finished quilt measures 44" X 60" without any borders, but you can add as many or as few as you want.

There is a recommended Creative Grids specialty ruler #CGRTMT3 for cutting and creating the quilt. Receive 10% off our retail price of this ruler when you buy it with your kit. There will also be a closed Facebook group. The first clue was released on Worldwide Quilting Day, March 21st but there is still time to join in on the fun.

We still have LOTS kits created for you to choose from and offer some great tips to help you complete this quilt.

Let the beauty of the Lord, our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands for us. Psalm 90:17



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Celebrating 45 years of Moda Fabrics and United Notions

2020 Grunge Contest



3 winning quilts will be displayed in the Moda Booth at Fall Quilt Market 2020. We would love to have one of the quilts be from our store! All quilters who would like to create a quilt using any of the Moda Grunge Fabric are eligible to enter.

First place \$2000

Second Place \$1000

Third Place \$750

Completed quilts are due to Always In Stitches August 29th. Quilts must be fully completed, quilted and bound. No quilt tops. For complete rules and fabrics stop by the shop or go to the website below.

<https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/2020-grunge-contest#>

Good Luck!

Tula Pink Homemade Challenge



What encourages a quilter/sewist/maker to create with their hands? What encourages you? Pay tribute to what drives you by creating a 60"X 60" quilt featuring 80% of the new Tula Pink Homemade fabrics and Aurifil threads. The quilt should speak to the glory, attitude and beauty that comes from saying "Hey, I made that." You can submit up to two quilts to Always In Stitches and one quilt from all those received will be entered to be judged by the jury that includes Tula Pink. The final 12 selected quilts will have a chance to be part of the HomeMade Challenge exhibit at the Fall International Quilt Market and Festival in Houston, Texas in October 2020. Prizes of over \$10,000 will be awarded. Watch for the Tula Pink HomeMade fabric to arrive at Always In Stitches and get creative.

Tula Pink Challenge rules:

<https://www.freespiritfabrics.com/be-inspired/homemade-challenge/>



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Upcoming Classes

As we move through this unprecedented time in our country we appreciate everyone bearing with us. We are working day by day to keep everyone updated. At this point classes through April 7th have been postponed and will be rescheduled when we know that we are able to reopen. It will take a little while to get everything rescheduled. If you were registered for a class that is recurring, the missed dates will be added to the end of the currently scheduled classes. If you have missed a one time class or event, we will work as rapidly as we can, working with the teachers and available class space to get everything rescheduled. We will get through this together and come back together as soon as we can. In the meantime, the webpage is open for shopping 24 hours a day. If you have any questions please contact me at sandy@alwasyinstitches1.com and I will get you an answer as quickly as I can. Thank you for your patience as we work through all of this.



Recent events have emphasized how important it is that we have accurate contact information for everyone. Please be sure we have an accurate email, cell phone and/or phone number for you in our system. It is important for us to be able to contact you if there is change in a class you are registered for and so you get emails with the most current information about upcoming classes and new products. Please email any updated contact information to sandy@alwaysinstitches1.com so that we can update our database. Thanks!

Good News—Banter's Meat Market is open!

Banter's Meat Market, just down from the shop is now OPEN! Please support them. Monday - Friday 10 - 6 and Saturday 10 -3. They carry various cuts of meat and deli meats. We are happy to welcome them!

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