



Newsletter and Class Schedule



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Fall 2026

Welcome to our Fall Newsletter and Class Schedule. We are thrilled to be in our 22nd year and are very proud to have served our community for so long. We know how much our customers appreciate us and in return we are grateful for the patronage.

As usual you will find many opportunities in this Newsletter to help satisfy your desire to quilt, meet new friends, and learn new skills.

Please mark your calendar for the first ever Ventura Quilt Shop Hop happening Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th. Easy to do in a day with just six shops. See our ad on this page.

Happy Quilting ~ Marilyn & Jerry

Join the After-Holiday Frenzy End of The Year Sale

Dec 26, 27, 29, 30, and 31

15% off fabrics

(40% off holiday fabrics)

Get started on your 2027 stash!

Quilt Sample & Fabric Sale

Saturday-Sunday, November 21st- 22nd

This is a great opportunity to purchase a quilt for yourself or to give one as a holiday gift. Instructors and staff will have their retired shop samples and other goodies for sale. **Cash or check only payable to seller.**

Storewide 15% Off All Fabric

Includes cut bolts, cut goods, fabric packs

25% Off All Fall & Holiday Fabrics

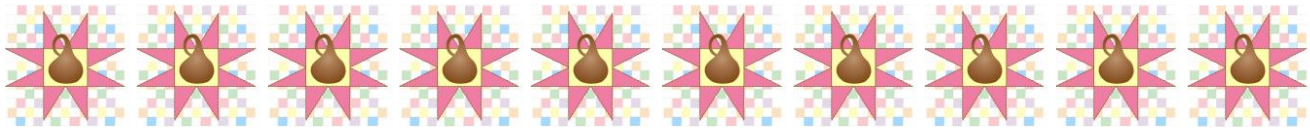
Cannot be combined with any other discounts



- Get your passport stamped at all 6 shops to be entered into the raffle!
 - 1 Grand prize = \$600 gift certificate
 - 6 Runner-up prizes = \$100 gift certificates
- Don't miss daily raffle basket drawings at all 6 shops - 12 chances to win a basket valued at \$300 or more if you enter each day at each shop!
- Get a free gift at each shop just for stopping in!

superbuzzy ● **Fabric Town USA**
The Fabric Shoppe ● **Quilty Pleasures**
Cotton & Chocolate ● **Quilt Emporium**

VenturaShopHop.com



CLASS INFORMATION

All class samples are available for viewing at the shop - please stop by. Some classes fill early and a waiting list is then taken for the filled classes. You will be contacted if there is an opening on a first come - first served basis. You can enroll by either stopping by the shop or calling and providing a credit card number for billing, or you can register online. Once registered, you will receive a supply list for the class.

Most classes require that you bring your sewing machine. Be sure that it is in good working order and require basic sewing supplies (thread, scissors, rotary mat and cutter, seam ripper, etc.) We have cutting mats and ironing boards for you to use. All classes assume that you have basic rotary cutting and piecing skills (even when the class level states "Confident Beginner") If you do not have these basic skills, please join us for one of our "Learn to Quilt" classes. (see page 3).

If you are unable to attend your class and provide 7 days advance notice, you may transfer to another class or receive a store credit or a refund. If you cancel with less than 7 days notice, please find a friend to take your place, as the class fees are not refundable.

All classes have a minimum enrollment number. If it is not met and the class is cancelled, you may transfer, receive store credit or receive a refund of your class fee.

CLASSES

Jelly Roll Rug ~ ANN TOMASELLA

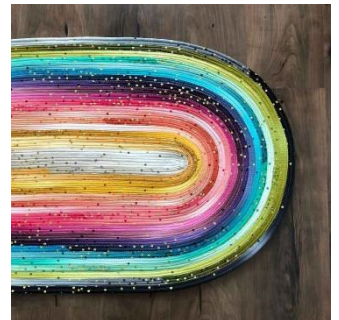
Join Ann to make this wildly popular rug that looks wonderful in any fabric. It is made up of one "jelly roll" (a roll of 42 - 2½" strips). We also carry the pre-cut Bosal batting on a roll that makes this project much easier (it takes two of these or one large one). Of course, you can cut your own batting strips if you would like...but why? Ann supplies the tips and tricks to get your rug done in class with some pre-prep prior to class.

Ann will also demo the new tool ~ "Jerry's Jelly Roll Jig", or you can watch our YouTube video.

Confident Beginner ~ Pattern Required

Mon Nov 30, Dec 7 10:00 - 1:00 \$48.00

Click [here](#) to register online.



Mod Owls Revival Quilt by Sew Kind of Wonderful~ MARILYN PETERSEN

This is another great quilt by the gals from "Sew Kind of Wonderful" using their unique quick curve rulers. With these rulers there are no clipping or pinning of curves, just easy sewing and cutting down to perfect sizes!

The quilt features owl motifs in two sizes (large and small), giving it a playful but modern look with added traditional flying geese. Marilyn used the Studio 180 Wing Clipper to make her flying geese (a breeze) or you can use a traditional square ruler to cut these down to size. This pattern also uses both the Quick Curve Ruler and the Quick Curve Ruler Mini, and both are required in order to make this quilt.

Marilyn's quilt was made with a black background featuring bright and colorful batik prints. Come check out the sample at the shop. Marilyn is a certified "Sew Kind of Wonderful" instructor.

Confident Beginner ~ Pattern and Rulers Required

Mon Oct 12, 26, Nov 2 5:15 - 8:15 \$54.00

Click [here](#) to register online.





LEARN TO QUILT ~ BEGINNING CLASSES

Have you always wanted to learn to make quilts? We are here to help you learn to quilt using fast cutting and machine piecing techniques. Learn about fabric, thread, basic cutting and piecing skills. Make this easy; four-patch quilt top or choose any entry level pattern. *Sewing machine and associated quilting tools required (see supply list).*

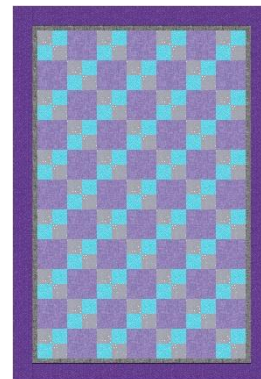
The best way to learn is to join one of our options listed below. We want you to learn how to quilt. It's fun! Make the quilt top shown here (in your own fabric colors) or choose any other beginning pattern.

Beginning Quilting (Wednesdays) ~ Jerry Petersen

This club is for new beginners or beginners who have learned the basics and are looking to build on those skills, Jerry will provide you with expert guidance to make you a more confident quilter. You choose the projects to work on and we will be there to guide you with the help you need. Join anytime and take as many classes as you want.

Wed	Sep 9, 23	9:00-1:00	\$20.00 per class
Wed	Oct 7, 14, 21, 28	9:00-1:00	\$20.00 per class
Wed	Nov 4, 11, 18	9:00-1:00	\$20.00 per class
Wed	Dec 2, 9, 16, 23	9:00-1:00	\$20.00 per class

Click [here](#) to register online.



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Thur	Sep 17, 24, Oct 15, 22, Nov 5, 19, Dec 10, 17	5:15 - 8:15	\$20.00 per class
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Click [here](#) to register online.

Machine Quilting With Your Walking Foot ~ Carole Frye

Create beautiful designs with your walking foot! We will cover crosshatching, radiating designs, ribbons, continuous curves and mixed patterns. Lots of tips in this class and new ideas to explore.

Confident Beginner ~ Book, Walking Foot, Required

Mon	Dec 14	10:00-1:00	\$45.00
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Click [here](#) to register online.



Free motion Machine Quilting With Your Darning Foot ~ Carole Frye

Create beautiful designs and patterns over the surface of your quilts. We will cover swirling designs, meandering, pebbling, all over floral designs, leaves and vines and how to mark stencil designs and much more!

Confident Beginner ~ Book, Darning Foot Required

Mon	Dec 15	10:00-1:00	\$45.00
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Photos on Fabric?

Have you ever wanted to make a photo memory quilt, personalize a label, or just want to include a picture in your quilt?? Well, now you can and quality is better than ever. Cotton & Chocolate carries pre-treated 8½"x11" fabric sheets that can be run through your ink-jet printer for amazing results.

Don't want to print it yourself? Have Cotton & Chocolate do it for you. Our photo transfer service is reasonably priced, and you can have your photos touched up, resized, and/or cropped to create the perfect size for you. We can scan your printed photos or receive them digitally. Available in 8½"x11", 11"x17" or 13"x19" sizes.



CLUBS!

Clubs are a great way to meet new friends who share common passions for quilting. You can join these clubs at any time and we will pro-rate the fee.

ELIZABETH HARTMAN CLUB ~ VICKI TYMCZYSZYN

Come join this club centered around Elizabeth Hartman patterns.

All levels

Thur Sep 3, 10, 17, 24	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	\$40.00
Thur Oct 1, 8, 15	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	\$30.00
Thur Nov 5, 19	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	\$20.00
Thur Dec 3, 10, 17	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	\$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

Evenings

Tue Sep 15, Mon Oct 12, Tue Nov 10, Tue Dec 8 5:15 pm - 8:15 pm \$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

TULA CLUB ~ VICKI TYMCZYSZYN

Do you have a Tula Pink kit (or two, or ten?) that is languishing on your shelf? Bring it and sew along with like-minded friends and we'll put a dent in that stash.

All Levels

Fri Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 4:00 - 8:00 pm \$40.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

JELLY ROLL CLUB ~ VICKI TYMCZYSZYN

Do you have a few Jelly Rolls that have been sitting on your shelves because you're not sure what to do with them? Well, pick up one of these books, or bring one of your own, patterns work, too; and let's get them off of the shelf and into a quilt. Work on any Jelly Roll pattern with like-minded quilters for a fun session.

Confident Beginner ~ Book or Pattern Required

Mon Sep 14, Oct 5, Nov 9, Dec 7 5:15- 8:15 pm \$40.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

JEN KINGWELL CLUB ~ VICKI TYMCZYSZYN

Come join us to work on your Jen Kingwell patterns. We will be moving on to other designs and not everyone will be working on the same project.

Confident Beginner

Tue Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 5:15 - 8:15 \$40.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

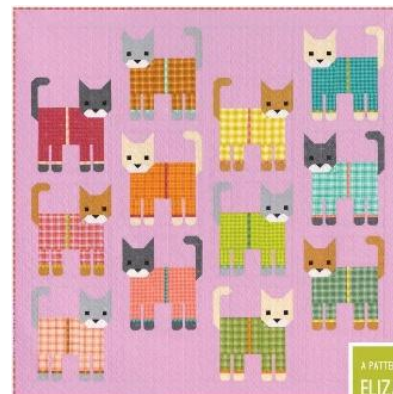
TILDA & MORE CLUB ~ ANN TOMASELLA

Do you love Tilda? Then this is the club for you. Whether you have a kit that you need to work on, or just want to come sew with friends as we work together to complete projects, you can put a dent in your list of projects. This club is open to all (including non-Tilda fans)!

All Levels

Tue Sep 22, Oct 20, Nov 24, Dec 22 5:15 - 8:15 \$40.00

Click [here](#) to register online.





CLUBS!

HOLIDAY CLUB I~ ANN TOMASELLA

Are you one of those who has lots of different "Holiday" projects you want to work on but can't seem to find the time? Or perhaps you want to get an early start on a project or just make a gift. If so, this is where you need to be! We meet once a month so you can work on any Holiday or non-Holiday project you want. Join us for fun and fellowship!

All Levels ~ Bring your own project

Sat Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 10:00- 4:00 \$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

HOLIDAY CLUB II~ ANN TOMASELLA

All the same fun and fellowship as the Holiday Club, but on Mondays!

All Levels ~ Bring your own project

Mon Oct 12, Nov 16, Dec 14 10:00- 4:00 \$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

SIT & STITCH OPEN SEW ~ ANN TOMASELLA

Come join Ann with your unfinished project or Projects. She can help you figure out colors, block placement or understand a pattern. Whether you're new to quilting or not, come meet up with new and maybe some old friends, Get inspired to work on something new!!

All levels

Thur Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 5:15-8:15 \$45.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

NEW!!

SCRAPPY & HAPPY CLUB ~ NIKKI MALMSBURY

This club is for quilters looking to make a meaningful dent in their scrap pile! While there is no formal instruction in this club, Nikki will share favorite resources, go-to patterns and inspiration to manage your scrap pile(s). Come use up those leftovers to make art quilts, donation quilts, practice building skills or challenge yourself to improv (the possibilities are endless!) and enjoy the community that Quilting Bee's are cherished for! *All Levels*

Mon Sep 7, 21, Oct 5, 19, Nov 9, 23, Dec 7, 21 5:15 – 8:15 \$20.00 per month Click [here](#) to register online.

MCKENNA RYAN PROJECT CLUB ~ MARILYN PETERSEN

Enjoy the beauty of McKenna Ryan patterns while learning how to create a stunning quilt. Work on your own McKenna project or purchase a kit. All steps are covered so you can do this from start to finish! Join the club and receive a 15% discount on all kits.

All Levels

Tues Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22 5:15 - 8:15 \$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

SASSY SEWERS CLUB ~ MARILYN PETERSEN

Join Marilyn once a month to work on any project you would like! If English Paper Piecing is your thing, then bring it along. Does your applique project need some love? This is your chance to spend some extra time on it. How about that McKenna Ryan project you are trying to finish? Just want to come and get sassy? This is the place! There are 16 spots and they fill up quickly, so I hope you can join - we sure get a lot done!

Any Level ~ Bring Your Own Project

Thu Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17 5:15 - 8:15 \$30.00

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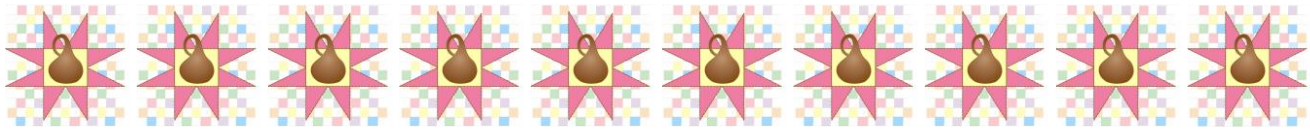
APPLIQUE CLUB ~ MARILYN PETERSEN

Join Marilyn to learn applique and/or brush up on your skills. She will be teaching the starch-turned applique method and also raw-edged machine applique. She will also be demonstrating how to machine applique on any of your wool projects using raw-edge applique. Come by to learn something new! Please bring your own favorite project to work on in this fun club setting.

Any Level ~ Bring Your Own Project

Thu Sep 24, Oct 22, Dec 10 5:15 - 8:15 \$30.00

Click [here](#) to register online.



CLUBS!

FEATHERWEIGHT CLUB ~ RIKA BOCHEN

Do you love and enjoy sewing with your Vintage Featherweight machine as much as I do - join this new club. Bring your Featherweight and any project you would like to work on ! It doesn't matter how old or what color your Featherweight is - this is your chance to spend more time with all the Featherweight friends among us. Join us once a month for fun and fellowship!

All levels - bring your own project

Fri Sep 4, 18,	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$20.00
Fri Oct 2, 16,	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$20.00
Fri Nov 6, 20,	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$20.00
Fri Dec 4, 18	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	\$20.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

Wed Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm \$40.00

Click [here](#) to register online.



DEB TUCKER CLUB ~ LAUREN BAUMAN

Have you been working on a Deb Tucker Pattern and need a little additional time or support? Here is the time and place for that. Lauren is here to provide assistance or guidance for you. Bring in your Deb Tucker projects, no matter what their current status is, and let's work on getting them finished. If you have a new Deb Tucker pattern you want to work on, bring it in.

All Levels

Wed Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 3:30 - 6:30 \$45.00

Click [here](#) to register online.

TUCKER UNIVERSITY TAG-ALONG BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB ~ LAUREN BAUMAN

This program has already started. Dates for this session are Saturdays Sep 26, Oct 24, with sessions at 10:00 and 1:30.

Long Arm Quilting Services

In case you haven't noticed, we are now offering long arm quilting services for edge-to-edge quilting. Our base price is 2.75 cents per square inch for the quilting. You can either provide your own batting or purchase from us. We offer Bamboo, Wool, Warm & Natural, Warm & White, and Quilter's Dream Select. Remember, your backing and batting needs to 4 inches larger than your quilt top on all sides. For more information, download our [Long Arm Receiving and Estimation form](#). A link to this form can also be found at the top of our homepage. Simply complete the form and bring your quilt top and back to the shop. We'll help you select a thread color and pattern, then give you a complete estimate before you leave.



BAGS AND TOTES AND ZIPPER POUCHES, OH MY! ~ NIKKI MALMSBURY

Join us once per month to make an adorable bag and become confident in fabric selection, reading patterns and conquering any zipper anxiety! In each class Nikki will take you through each project from cutting fabric through finishing details during a full day session in the Cotton & Chocolate classroom. Each project includes a difficulty rating – if you're not sure about a challenge but are excited, please reach out to Nikki directly for more information and guidance. Note for our regular attendees – this class is now a full day session for 7 hours of dedicated instruction & sewing!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH – 9am- 4pm \$55.00

Mega Dream Bag by Ticklegrass Designs – by popular demand, this tote bag includes a fold down top and interior pockets to keep all your favorite sewing notions organized and ready for your next adventure. Pair it with the mini-iron case and you'll be ready to rock your next retreat. This tote finishes at 15.5" tall, 10.25" in wide and 6" deep. Click [here](#) to register online. *Confident Beginner*



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH – 9am-4pm \$55.00

Travel Case for Mini Iron by Minki Kim- the adorable storage for your favorite mini-iron. Designed around Oliso's mini-iron, a favorite of quilter's everywhere, but can easily house the small iron you love to bring on retreats. Click [here](#) to register online. *Intermediate*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th – 9am-4pm \$55.00

Sweetheart Trio by Minki Kim – a trio of adorable zipper pouches with patchwork heart! Choose one, two or all three. Perfect for gifts or all those little things a pouch organizes best. This pattern includes three pouches: Small 9½" w x 5" h x 3 ½" d; Medium 10" w x 7½" h x 3½" d; Large 10" w x 11" h x 3½" d

Confident Beginner. Click [here](#) to register online.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th – 9am-4pm \$55.00

Kaland Weekender Tote by Sotak Handmade – this tote bag is great for an overnight getaway or as your "all the things" bag (think Mary Poppins, ha!). With an two zipper pouches and elastic slip pockets all your favorite must haves will stay organized. This bag finishes at 14" tall, 16" wide and 6" deep.

Confident Beginner

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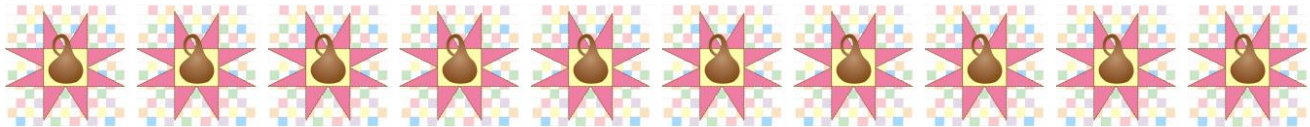


SEWING CENTER WEEKENDS~ MARILYN & JERRY PETERSEN

Join us for a full weekend of fun sewing. Think of it as a quilt retreat where you either stay in your own bed, or find local lodging. Each quilter gets a full six-foot table for sewing. We have a cutting table and irons for your use. Leave your sewing equipment and project at the shop. This session we are offering four weekends of sewing. Friday and Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday 10-4. Space is limited.

Fri - Sun Sep 11 - 13 \$60
 Fri - Sun Sep 18 - 20 \$60
 Fri - Sun Oct 16 - 18 \$60
 Fri - Sun Nov 20 - 22 \$60
 Fri - Sun Dec 18 - 20 \$60
 Click [here](#) to register online.

Mon Sep 14 10:00 - 4:00 \$20
 Mon Sep 21 10:00 - 4:00 \$20
 Mon Oct 19 10:00 - 4:00 \$20
 Mon Nov 23 10:00 - 4:00 \$20
 Mon Dec 21 10:00 - 4:00 \$20
 Click [here](#) to register online.



SEW TIME IS FUN TIME!

Join your Cotton & Chocolate buddies for sewing time at the shop!! Spend time with old and new friends while working on your own projects. Your leader is there to provide limited guidance as these are not specific classes.

PAPER FOUNDATION PIECING ~ Judy Niemeyer Paper Piecing Technique

TEACHER ~ CATHERINE WILSON

This class is taught by a Judy Niemeyer Certified Instructor and meets monthly at the shop. You can start at any time, work on an existing project, or start a new one. Catherine is ready to help you whether you are a beginner or a regular. She has pattern and project suggestions and can also help you select fabrics. Paper piecing projects other than Judy Niemeyer patterns are welcome.



Sat Sep 5 10:00 - 4:00
 Sun Sep 6 10:00 - 4:00
 Mon Sep 7 10:00 - 4:00
 Sat Oct 3 12:00 - 6:00
 Sun Oct 4 10:00 - 4:00
 Sat Nov 7 12:00 - 6:00
 Sun Nov 8 10:00 - 4:00
 Sat Dec 5 12:00 - 6:00
 Sun Dec 6 10:00 - 4:00

All classes are \$44.00.

Click [here](#) to register online.

SEW TIME WITH LAUREN ~ LAUREN BAUMAN

Come join us to work on an unfinished project that you've been meaning to complete. Spend time with new & old friends and see what everyone is finishing. This is just a time to work, if you need instruction, please join one of our classes.

Note: if there is space you can stay until the shop closes at 4:00 - check with the staff for the schedule.

Sun Oct 11 9:00 - 12:00 \$20
 Sun Nov 15 9:00 - 12:00 \$20
 Sun Dec 13 9:00 - 12:00 \$20

Click [here](#) to register online.

FINISH IT FRIDAY ~ VICKI TYMCZYSZYN

Spend your Friday night with Vicki and work on those UFOs! If needed, Susan is there to provide you with technical guidance to ensure your projects get completed. See you there!

All Levels

Fri Oct 9 5:30-10 pm \$20
 Fri Nov 13 5:30-10 pm \$20
 Fri Dec 11 5:30-10 pm \$20

Click [here](#) to register online.

QMO A.K.A. QUILTER's MORNING OUT ~ CAROLE FRYE

Enjoy sewing with Carole to work on one of those "UFO's" with others and enjoy getting some things accomplished in a supportive environment!

All Levels

Fri Oct 9 10:15 - 1:15 pm \$20
 Fri Nov 13 10:15 - 1:15 pm \$20
 Fri Dec 11 10:15 - 1:15 pm \$20

Click [here](#) to register online.