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We're 25! What were you doing 25 years ago? Katie Barnaby, Sherry Haefele, Cyndi Slothower, Merrie Wilent, and Linda VanNederynen remember. We five decided that we couldn't live in a town with no quilt shop, and we were going to do something about it. We began meeting. Our first group decision about our new shop was that we would have a toy box; we had 15 small children among us. We also decided we would be open on Sundays as that was the day we were able to take some personal time to shop. The attorney who helped us craft our partnership agreement later told us he didn't expect a business run by five women to last more than a year. We rented a 700 square foot space at Community Corners in Ithaca and began to fill it with fabric that made us swoon. Classes were difficult to offer in that tiny space, so we added a dedicated space to teach. We remember it as hot and difficult to carry machines up a steep flight of stairs to the classroom. Next we moved to a larger space in the same small shopping center. We added Pfaff sewing machines to our offerings. Sherry retired after 8 years. Some while later, we expanded into the shop next door, then another behind, until we had 2,000 square feet. It still wasn't enough. A customer remarked that she loved our shop, but it was so small that only one person could shop for batiks at a time, and then she had to take bolts to the window or outside to see the colors clearly. We knew she was right! In 2009 we moved downtown, doubling in size and adding lots of light. We brought in Baby Lock machines. In 2010 we were featured as a **Better Homes and Gardens Top Shop**. Merrie retired after 19 years. Over this span of years, so many customers have become our friends. We have watched your children and grandchildren grow up, watched bonds among you form, enjoyed seeing your skills as quilters deepen. Cyndi, Katie, Linda and our wonderful staff had big plans for our 25th year. We challenged customers to make small quilts featuring two preselected fabrics. Our wonderful Kristin Thompson designed a mystery quilt entitled "Our Galaxy" in blues, whites and silver, with 25 stars. We made plans for a big anniversary party in July. Who would have guessed that in 2020 the world would be altered by a pandemic! Everything came to a halt in mid March and we ventured into the unknown for the next several months. And we missed you all terribly! While we are currently able to open and have you in the shop in person, state & local guidelines still prevented us from having any sort of gathering. Our birthday party is postponed, We had a visit from Kaffe Fassett scheduled for October. That event too has been canceled, along with several more plans for celebrations in 2020. We do plan to hold as many of our canceled events as possible in the future. We have been advised we will have first crack at re-scheduling our event with Kaffe Fassett for 2021, if we are allowed to assemble safely in numbers. You will know as soon as we know.

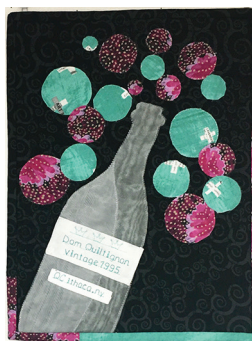
Thank you for sticking with us during these difficult times. We look forward to seeing you soon!
Cyndi, Linda and Katie



Kim K



Denise L



Therese O

These are just three of the wonderful quilts that were submitted for our 25th anniversary challenge. Come visit or go to the website to see the rest.

ALASKA RAINBOW BLOCK OF THE MONTH

STARTS IN **OCTOBER**



Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts has long been known for beautiful quilt designs and a keen eye for color. We chose **Alaska Rainbow** as our latest block of the month because of the beautiful and cheerful color combinations and lovely circular effect. The quilt is made up of two basic blocks with slight variations. Once you master the basic piecing of these two blocks you can create the whole quilt rather quickly.

The pattern includes paper templates to complete the project, or you can purchase acrylic templates that make cutting a breeze.

How does the BOM work? When you sign up, let us know if you will be picking up your kits if or you would like us to mail them. Once a month for seven months, you will receive two sets of fabrics. Each set of fabrics will make four blocks. For the seventh

month, you'll receive the final center block and fabric for the border and binding.

To help you get off on the right foot, instructional videos with helpful tips will be available on our website. This project is suitable for an intermediate sewing skill level.

Kits \$19.99 per month for 7 months

Pattern \$15

Optional acrylic templates \$24.99

Through November 30,
pay for all 7 months up
front and get a 10%
discount!

Christmas is right around the corner so now is the right time to get those holiday projects underway. **Better Not Pout** is a little book filled with over 20 projects including quilts, table runners, pillows, tea towels, adorable stockings and more. Kits are available for the **Joy Wreath Quilt**, a 14" x 14" wall hanging. We dressed up our sample with a holly quilt hanger made by Ackfeld.



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What have you been sewing since mid March, 2020?

For many, staying home more during the pandemic provided an opportunity to finish some sewing projects, start piecing a new quilt, or try a new sewing technique. For quite a few of us, sewing was a way to find some calm, settling, peace and tranquility. While Quilters Corner was closed for walk in customers and sales, we were in full swing filling online and phone orders. Through this form of doing business and a bit of social media, we were able to stay in touch with many of you and see what you were working on. For a number of people, hand stitching was the choice to soothe the soul while creating something beautiful. We invite you stop in the shop and view a display of work from customers and staff who created some amazing pieces all by hand. Our own Kristin Thompson found herself participating in a very fun and challenging stitch along with Sue Spargo. Enjoy Kristin's account of her stitching journey and be sure to stop in the shop to see the display of beautiful hand work.



A little note on the Zen of hand stitching...

I started hand stitching when I was a young teenager – almost 50 years ago! I liked to embroider and cross-stitch and taught myself to knit. I embroidered on clothing and stitched a cute lion (Leo is my astrological sign) on a jean jacket and embroidered a pair of flower bouquets on a satin blouse for my mother for Christmas. That blouse is long gone (and out of style for sure!) but my mother cut out the embroideries and had them framed.

I have always enjoyed many forms of handwork but when I learned to quilt, my passion became hand appliqué. In March, when the world turned upside down and I was looking for some calm and ways to de-stress, I started to work on a project presented by hand stitching expert Sue Spargo on Instagram. Each day for 90 straight days, Sue posted a pattern for a one-inch wool circle filled with the most charming and sometimes challenging embroidery stitches (Sue calls it the **Toned Down Sampler**). I looked forward to the daily posting, and the distraction of simply focusing on perfecting each stitch. I thought I knew a lot about embroidery, but I quickly found out how much I had to learn! It was a fun and rewarding experience.

Sewing, hand quilting, hand embroidery, hand appliqué and English Paper piecing can be relaxing and Zen-like. You can sit in a comfy chair and either tune out all other distractions or listen to music, a book on tape or (listen to) a good television show (not so great if you like foreign films with subtitles,

however!) There is good evidence of the therapeutic and healing power in our crafting!

If you are looking for calm, creativity, and inspiration in your life to help make the best of these crazy times, check out our hand stitching supplies. We have wool in many colors and sizes, pearl cotton, needles, English paper piecing supplies, little hand stitching kits and projects, and of course, Sue Spargo's book **Creative Stitching**, a wonderful step-by-step visual guide to hand embroidery. Drop into the shop and see my 90-day wool sampler and other lovely samples made by our staff and customers. We are happy to help advise you on your choices and will be here to support and encourage you wherever your interests take you.



Happy Stitching!

Kristin



The mountains are calling, and I must go! **The Mountains are Calling** celebrates the mountains, hiking and the great outdoors. Detailed instructions in full color are included in the 24-page booklet by Janet Rae Nesbitt of One Sister Designs. We have made our sample and kits using gorgeous batiks, instead of the flannel Janet used. A flannel backing would make this quilt very cozy to curl up with.

This is an intermediate skill level quilt. The Tri-Recs ruler set is optional but highly recommended. The booklet, kit, and ruler set are sold separately. The finished size is 51" x 60".



Baby Hearts is traditional and modern at the same time. This sweetheart of a quilt was designed and made by our own Brynne Sigg. The little hearts in multiple shades of purple, pink and blue and varied patterns make an interesting



and charming baby quilt. You choose the appliqué method. The pattern is included in the kit.

Wiksten Baby & Toddler Harem Pants is the quickest and most fun children's clothing pattern ever! The comfort and ease of these elastic waist pants make them perfect for active babies and toddlers. They are cut slightly long so they can be cuffed and then uncuffed as the child grows. Linda made 10 different pairs in a few hours! She used a variety of fabrics from quilting cotton to flannel and knits. They all worked and are so adorable. Sizes are from newborn to 3 years old.



Charm packs were one of the first specialty precuts to appear in the quilting marketplace. These 5" square pieces have historical roots. Starting in the 1800's, we see "charm" quilts where no two fabrics are the same. The charm packs of today deliver a variety of fabric prints, often one of each print in a fabric collection. The booklet **Perfect 5 Quilts** contains 16 fun and easy quilts that all start with a charm pack and a background fabric. The **Perfect 5 Ruler** from Creative Grids® will help you to quickly cut up charm squares for any of the quilts in the book. It was especially designed to make working with charm packs easier. You can also use it to square up small blocks or create charm squares from your stash. The patented grips on the back hold the fabric firmly when pressure is applied so you can cut with confidence.

Come in to see our sample **Animal Crackers**. It was made by our customer Liz (thank you!) and features the sweet floral prints of fabric designer Tilda.



Santa Snowball Ornie is a cute little Christmas ornament that is three inches tall and made of wool. The pattern has simple instructions and a kit is available that contains all the wool and embellishments you need to make one snowball. You provide the stuffing!



Ornament Extravaganza is chock full of fast-to-finish ornaments that are a delight to make, gift and display. The designs include snowmen, stockings, Santas, farm animals and ugly sweaters to embroider on wool. Tips for wool appliqué and embroidery basics are included for 45 easy to stitch designs.

Triple Dresden Tree Skirt is a quilt-as-you-go holiday project that quickly comes together using the Creative Grids 15° Triangle Ruler. The skirt is reversible as well! Kits are available.

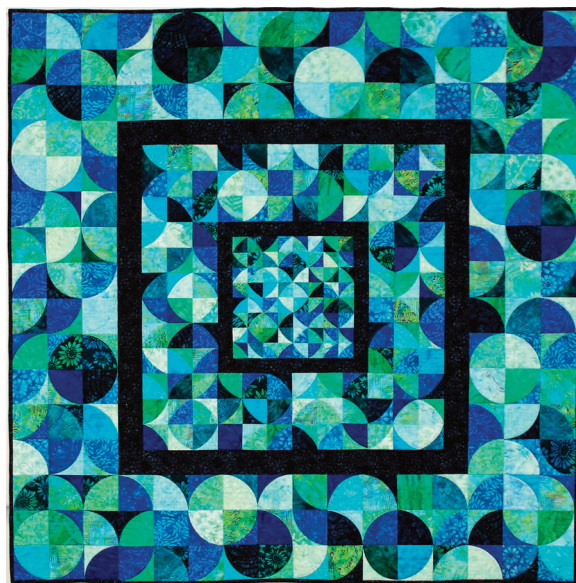


FABRIC NEWS

Wishing for novelty prints or batiks for making masks? Sewing for Christmas? Waiting for the new lines from your favorite designers? Here at Quilters Corner, fabric arrives nearly daily to keep our shelves stocked. We continue to post pictures of new fabric on our Quilters Corner, Ithaca, NY Facebook page. Be sure to follow us. Also, if you would like to share pictures of your projects (please!) we have a private Quilters Corner Friends Facebook page that you may ask to join. We will say yes when you ask!

The **Wonder Curve Ruler** is the newest curve ruler from the talented sisters who are **Sew Kind of Wonderful**. This 6" x 10" ruler has colored lines and markings so it is wonderfully simple to make a combination of curved blocks which are used repeatedly in Wonder Curve Ruler (WCR) patterns.

The three bold colored lines also make it easy to scale a block larger or smaller just by aligning fabric with the different colors and marks.



Brynne has designed the pattern **Wonder Curve Fat Quarter Quilt**, that uses three sizes of curved blocks possible with the WCR. The finished size is 56" x 56" and is fat quarter friendly. Fat quarter packs are available in the blue/greens of our sample, lovely purples, or let us help you choose your own color combination. A bonus pattern for a table runner or small wall hanging is included.

Wonder Flutters Baby Quilt is a sweet baby quilt that is a variation on the table runner pattern included with the ruler. Directions are included in our kit. The finished size is 37" x 42". Other patterns that use the WCR include **Happy Together** and **Cool Cars**. You'll love the versatility of this ruler!



Santa's Sewing School is going VIRTUAL for 2020! Saturday, October 17 9-4



Get ready for the Zoom version of one of our most popular events. You won't want to miss this wonderful one day mini retreat. You will sew and craft several projects perfect for yourself or gift giving. Supplies and more are included in the fee. It will be sew much fun! The best part is ending up with several FINISHED projects/gifts. Samples of our projects will soon be available to view both on our website and in the shop! Sign up via our website under classes or give the shop a call and we'll get you registered. You may pick up your holiday bundle of kits and surprises at the shop or have them mailed to you. You will receive further information once registered. The fee for your one day mini retreat is \$65. Register today! You won't want to miss Santa's Sewing School 2020.

Covid 19 affected the sewing industry in ways we couldn't have imagined. The millions of quilters and sewists across the country have been making masks – some just a few and others by the thousands. Many found themselves with unexpected time on their hands and headed straight for their sewing machines. Some have machines which have been in regular use and had routine maintenance. Others dug deep in their closet, garage or basement and pulled out a machine which hadn't been used in ages. Our shop, along with almost every other shop that sells sewing machines, has experienced high demand for machine service and for new machines. In fact, the demand for sewing machines has depleted the supply of sewing machines around the world. Manufacturing is just recently beginning to catch up. Our brands, Pfaff and Baby Lock, are not exempt from this situation. We continue to work hard to service your machines and to work closely with our suppliers to keep stocked with Pfaff & Baby Lock machines to meet your needs and wants.

Linda recently attended the very first **Virtual Baby Lock Tech** convention. There are some fabulous new machines from Baby Lock with amazing features coming soon!

We continue to partner with both Pfaff and Baby Lock to bring you the best of the best in sewing, embroidery, serging machines and software. When you are ready to buy a new machine, we are here to help you find the one that's right for you. We invite you to visit us or give us a call to find out more about the complete complement of machines for you to choose from.

Help Stock our local Food Pantry

Bring in a donation for the local food pantry Friday, November 27– Monday, November 30. As a thank you, we'll give you a **special Wild Card coupon** you can use any day in 2021. Nonperishable food items, toiletries, cleaning supplies, pet food, and cash are all welcome.



Quilts in Burano is the newest book by master colorist, Kaffe Fassett. The quilt designs were inspired by and photographed on the tiny island of Burano in Italy's Venetian archipelago. The island is famous for its lace making and also for its brilliantly painted houses in a myriad of jewel colors. It is easy to see how this magical place could inspire this collection of 19 quilt patterns featuring both new fabric designs and some of the classic Kaffe patterns and colors.

The book is currently in stock; we have a limited supply of copies signed by the author. We are offering two kits for the quilt **Fruits of the Forest**. The first option will be the exact fabric (blues and purples) as shown in the book. The second, which we have renamed **Tutti Fruitti**, is a bright and happy collection of Kaffe Collective fabrics. This pattern has three borders of pinwheels around a central pinwheel block and is a snap to piece. Drop into the shop to see **Tutti Fruitti** in person and pick up your copy of **Quilts in Burano**.



Win over \$700 of Kaffe Fassett Collective February 2021 Fabrics!

Join a fun, impromptu challenge celebrating the newest Kaffe Fassett fabrics and patchwork and quilting book, **Quilts in Burano**, and #SayYesToKaffeCollective!

How?

Step 1: Select one quilt from Kaffe Fassett's newest book, **Quilts in Burano**,

Step 2: Visit your favorite quilt shop online or in person, and hand-pick the perfect Kaffe Fassett Collective fabrics to make the selected quilt from **Quilts in Burano**.

Step 3: Starting in August, select, cut, preview, audition and audition again, until your color and design choices make you feel happy and very Kaffe-like.

Step 4: Now, with your creativity and color sensibility in just the right place, make your quilt or quilt top by January 4, 2021.

Step 5: Post your quilt on your personal Facebook or Instagram account using this very important hashtag: #SayYesToKaffeCollective and tag @quilterscornerithacany

Step 6: Kaffe will search #SayYesToKaffeCollective and select his favorite quilts to win prizes valued at over \$3,000!

A FUN CHALLENGE FROM THE KAFFE COLLECTIVE AND FREE SPIRIT FABRICS

When you #SayYesToKaffeCollective, you could win one of these fabulous prizes:

2 Top Winners – advance 1-yard cuts of the next Kaffe Fassett Collective February 2021, valued over \$700.

2 Secondary Winners -- advance ½-yard cuts of the next Kaffe Fassett Collective February 2021, valued over \$350.

6 winners to receive a complete set of the NEW Kaffe Fassett Collective Classic pre-cuts in January 2021, valued over \$120.

Details:

Your quilt top must be 100% Kaffe Fassett Collective fabrics. Of course, we would love to see some of Kaffe Fassett Collective August 2020, delivering now, in your creation. Have fun, work the colors and designs in true Kaffe fashion and cut up your fabric! Contest is open to all, no country limitations.

Winners will be announced via FreeSpirit Fabrics social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) by January 18, 2021.

Selected winners must respond via social media to secure their prizes.

Your posting on your personal social media and the use of the #SayYesToKaffeCollective is your agreement that you will abide by the rules and accept the decisions of the judge.



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Coming in December

Let us help stuff your stocking. This December during our **12 Days of Discounts**, we'll be offering special savings on twelve gifts chosen especially for quilters and sewers. Each day's special will be announced by email; be sure you're on our email list so you don't miss out! Just email us at quilters@e-quilterscorner.com and ask to be added to our email list.

We'll Be Closed

- Thanksgiving, November 25 & 26
- Christmas, December 24 & 25
- New Year's Day, January 1
- Inventory Day, January 11

Quilters Corner Classes

Oh, how we miss teaching, seeing your smiling faces sewing in the classroom, and getting to share the lovely projects you make in our classes. Every day we are asked when we will resume classes. So as not to put our shop, teachers and students at risk, we have decided to offer classes online for the fall. We are revamping classes for online presentation and practicing the technology to ensure we can give you our best. We will generally have a live component and student interaction. Please be sure you are on our email list to hear about classes as they are made available. You will be able to sign up for classes on our website as usual.

Mask Making Supplies

We are stocking what you need for making masks. Along with the best fabrics, we have elastic, nose bars, and the Creative Grids mask template that has instructions for cutting three sizes.

