

Quilters Corner

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Spotlight on Brynne

Cyndi and Linda are so grateful to be working with such an amazing staff. We thought it would be fun for you to get to know them. This time, our spotlight shines on Brynne Sigg.

Brynne was the baby and only daughter with three older brothers, growing up in a small town in Ohio. Her mom taught her to sew at a young age, and she continued sewing in 4-H. In 1985 she was a young married woman, prechildren, living in Florida when she took a quilting class at a local quilt shop. Everyone else made small quilts, but she showed her true colors by making a queen size quilt! She was mostly self-taught after that. In making her first appliqué quilt, she used freezer paper for templates and didn't know you are supposed to remove it. It still has the freezer paper inside.

Brynne moved to Ithaca in 1992 and joined a weekly quilting group whose members included Cyndi and Merrie. She was among the ten people attending meetings when Quilters Corner was being planned, but because of family obligations, she decided it wasn't good timing to become a partner. She was among our earliest customers, and within a couple of years, she was hired as our first employee. Brynne is one of the behind-the-scenes magic makers at Quilters Corner. She makes many of our samples, plans and cuts kits, and helps us choose fabric. She has become a master quilter and has written many patterns and Block of the Month programs for Quilters Corner. After years of



prompting from us, Brynne began a pattern company in 2014 called Royal Quilt Designs. We are honored that we can offer her patterns before anyone else, and the covers are her samples that hang in our store. We were featured as a Better Homes and Gardens Top Shop in 2010, and Brynne challenges us to be "Top Shop" in everything we do. Brynne keeps trying to retire but keeps coming back. Thanks, Brynne! When people ask whether she works here, her reply is "Well, I play here."

Quilters Trek 2021

This is the easiest shop hop ever: no need to sign up or buy a passport, just start hopping! Visit any participating shop between June 21 and August 31, and collect a free pattern, unique to that store. (The rules stipulate one pattern per person.) Kits will also be available with all the fabric needed, and the pattern is included. These can be mailed.

This year's theme is "Pop of Color," and the designs will be neutral fabrics, with a pop of color. Each pattern will consist of four 9" blocks that can be sewn into an 18" block or a 9" x 36" row.



Between July 5 and September 30, 2021, a prize of 15 fat quarters will be awarded by each participating shop to the first two people to bring a completed quilt into their store using at least eight different patterns from Quilters Trek shops. Each shop will offer a BONUS PRIZE if the winning quilt includes that shop's pattern in its design. Our BONUS PRIZE is a \$20 gift certificate to Quilters Corner!

The Quilters Corner pattern for Quilters Trek 2021 is called Spirit, designed by our own Kristin Thompson. Pileated Woodpeckers symbolize loyalty, determination, and steady work toward a goal. They show up as a Spirit Animal when embarking on a project that will take some time, signifying that loyalty, hard work, and determination will get the job done.

During the event dates, one pattern per person is free and only available in the shop. Kits contain the pattern and all the fabric to make your Spirit into a small wall hanging. They are \$21 and can be purchased in the shop, by phone, or on our website.

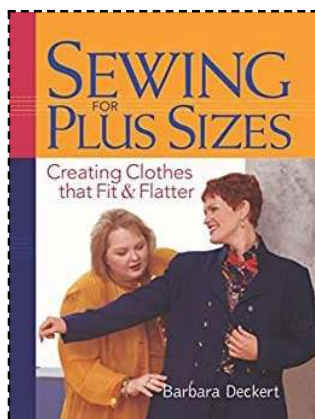
Hot off the Press!

Quilters Corner offers a wide range of carefully selected books for all your sewing needs. Whether you like to make clothing, bags, quilts, or gifts, or experiment with new techniques, or follow your favorite celebrity quilters, you will find plenty of books to keep you inspired. We will enroll you in our book club to thank you for your purchase. Here are a few of our favorite new books!

Sewing for Plus Sizes

At last sewers have a book dedicated to the sewing and fitting techniques that are specific to plus-size garment construction. The author, Barbara Deckert, has 30 years of sewing experience and has developed methods to quickly and fearlessly adjust patterns to fit the unique bodies of women of all shapes and sizes.

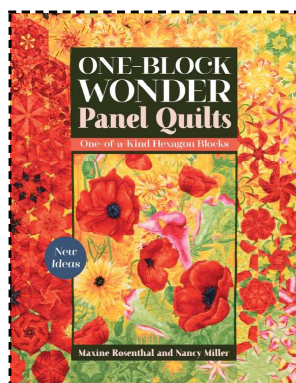
In the book you will find a wealth of information about style, fabric selection, adjusting patterns to fit your body size and figure variations, and much more! This is a great addition for anyone interested in making clothing - and making them fit properly!



One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts

Many of you are probably familiar with One-Block Wonders and may have made one or two quilts in a class with Valerie. They certainly are addicting and fun to create – it is always a delightful surprise to see the amazing variety of blocks that come out of one fabric.

This new book by the same author, has you start as usual, stacking and pinning 6 repeats

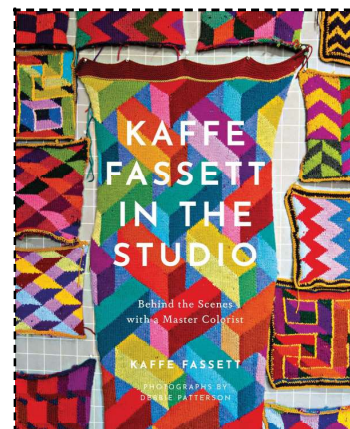


but this time you use panels and have the added pleasure and design challenge of using part or all of the original panel on the front of the quilt.

Kaffe Fassett in the Studio: Behind the Scenes with a Master Colorist

This gorgeous new book by world-renowned artist and textile designer Kaffe Fassett, is an in-depth look at the legendary designer's creative output across multiple practices, including needlework, quilting and knitting.

We are sure you will be inspired by the bold sense of color, new quilting and knitting patterns as well as never-before-seen photography of his London home. We have a limited number of autographed copies so come in soon to get your copy.



Hack that Tote!

This is a great guidebook for anyone who loves bags and wants to learn how to make them with professional looking results. It includes 10 basic patterns to get you started but the point of the book is to show you how to modify and "hack" patterns to suit your style.

Switch up the size, shape, pockets, drawstrings, zippers, and hardware with expert tips and helpful diagrams to keep you on track. Sign up for our new series of bag classes taught by our resident expert bag maker Haley. This book is the basis for all her upcoming classes.



Monsters

Who's afraid of a little monster? Nothing to be afraid of with these happy, goofy characters. Kristin chose bright, happy colors and plenty of cheerful dots for our Monsters version. The pattern includes full size pattern pieces, full size placement sheets and instructions for a 63" x 83" twin size quilt and a 43" x 46" wall hanging. A Quilters Corner kit is available to make the twin size quilt.



Wonderful Woodland

Wonderful Woodland includes complete instructions for making a 44" x 60" quilt or individual blocks for smaller projects. The individual blocks include: moose, beaver, bear, porcupine, raccoon, wolf, Canada goose, caribou, fox and maple leaves. This project is designed using conventional piecing techniques (no paper-piecing). Pattern and kit available.

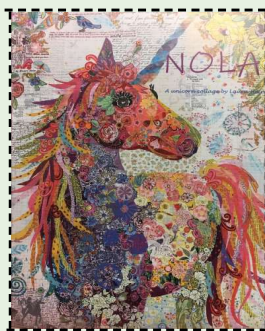


Classes for Summer

Some of our summer classes will be offered through Zoom, some in person, and some both at the same time (specify Zoom or in person when registering for "both" classes). In person classes are limited to fully vaccinated students at this time. Sign up on our website, by phone, or at Quilters Corner. Supply lists will be provided upon registration. Students receive a discount on class supplies, which may be picked up in person or mailed.

Fabric Collage Quilt with Valerie Leftwich

A giraffe, unicorn, owl, fox and more! Choose a fabric collage quilt pattern from Laura Heine, and Valerie will help you bring it to life. This is easy enough for a beginner and so much fun! Pattern required. Sat. June 12, 12-2:30 PM (\$25) In person only



Make Your Own Class with Cyndi Slothower

Are you stuck on a quilting or sewing project? Would you like to finish something you began in another class? Dedicate some time to sew with other like-minded folks. Gather whatever you wish to work on and Cyndi will assist. Tues. June 15, 6-8 PM (\$20) In person or Zoom



Bralette and Panties with Stephanie Allen

Make a Bralette and Panties for Girls and Ladies, while learning how to sew with knits: techniques for cutting out, sewing seams, and using fold over elastic. Required pattern is Julia by Jalie Patterns, which covers hip size 22" - 54", and bust sizes 21" - 51". You must know how to use a sewing machine and to read a pattern. Thurs. June 17 and 24, 5:30-8:30 PM (\$60) In person or Zoom



New Owner Training: Pfaff Ambition and Expression with Cyndi

Take a deep dive into the care and operation of your machine. We will learn about all the feet and other accessories, the multiple functions of buttons, how to create a sequence and store it in memory, and more! Machine, manual, and accessories required. Sat. June 19, 12-4 PM (Free with purchase at Quilters Corner, \$125 for others) In person or Zoom

Learn to Quilt with Cyndi

Join Cyndi and a group of new friends and create a small quilt from start to finish. Learn tips and tricks for fast, safe, and accurate cutting and piecing squares and triangles. Arrange your pieces and parts to design your own layout. We will stitch the layers together by machine, then make and attach the binding to finish. Sewing machine required. Mon. June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 6-8 PM (\$120) In person or Zoom



Piecing Beyond the Basics with Cyndi

For those with basic quilt making skills who want to take their piecing up a notch. Join Cyndi once a month as she leads you through cutting and piecing harder blocks: diamonds and y-seams, curves, odd shapes, and more. With skills from this ongoing series, you'll tackle any block! You can choose a colorway and plan to attend multiple sessions, but each class stands alone and is not repeated. Machine required. Tues. June 22, July 13, Aug. 17, 6-8:30 PM (\$25/session) In person or Zoom



Strata Top with Linda Van Nederynen

Just in time for summer! This beginner friendly top is designed to fit and flatter a variety of body types. Easily stitched together with just three pieces, you'll want to make more than one! Pattern and machine required. Wed. June 23, 5:30-8:30 PM (\$30) In person or Zoom



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One-Block Wonder with Valerie

Choose one great fabric and one block shape and make a one-of-a-kind quilt. No fussy cutting and no set-in seams. Book and machine required. *Sat.*

June 26 and July 10, 12-2:30 PM (\$50) In person or Zoom



Machine Embroidery Workshop with Linda

Learn to create and stitch beautifully digitized embroidery designs in a hoop. All levels of embroiderers are encouraged, and all makes and models of machines are welcome. In this hands-on series of workshops, you will learn about fabric and thread choices, hooping, stabilizers, and techniques while you make a project. Project to be determined. Embroidery machine with minimum hoop size 5x7 required, as well as pattern CD or booklet. *Tues. June 29, 5:30-8:30 PM (\$25) In person or Zoom*

Sewing School 101 with Linda

Join the fun – step into the world of sewing. Learn to select the proper fabric, tools, and supplies for clothing, home décor, quilting, and crafting. You will gain useful sewing skills and learn techniques as you make several projects: Lined Drawstring Bag, Zipper Pouch, Zip it Pillow & more. Sewing machine and book required. *Wed. June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6-8 PM (\$100) In person or Zoom*



How to Adjust the Bodice with Stephanie

Are you frustrated with the way your tops fit? In this class we will go over common adjustments for fit issues including: a small or large bust, narrow or wide shoulders, full tummy, and length adjustments for a tall or petite height. Learning how to adjust patterns for your body will give you confidence to sew your own clothing. You will practice these adjustments on miniature patterns and then mount them on paper for future reference. Intermediate Level - must have experience working with clothing sewing patterns. Kit with ¼ scale patterns is included in price of class. *Thurs. July 1, 5:30-8:30 PM (\$36) In person or Zoom*

Baby & Toddler Harem Pants with Linda

Sew up several pairs of these cute and comfortable pants using a beginner-friendly pattern. They are super easy and addicting to sew and hard to stop at just one pair! Pattern and machine required. *Tues. July 6, 5:30-7:30 PM (\$20) In person or Zoom*



Sandhill Sling with Linda

This compact, hands-free bag carries daily necessities and is perfect for travel. The convenient sling design allows for quick access, but it's out of the way when you're not using it. The adjustable strap makes it easy to wear for daily use, especially for biking. Pattern and machine required.

Fri. July 9 and 23, 9-11 AM (\$40) In person only



Intro to Machine Appliqué with Kristin Thompson

We will cover machine basics, how to choose the right threads, needles, fusible webs, and stabilizers and practice satin stitch, buttonhole stitch, and more. Start with easy exercises and then begin a small quilt or wall hanging that uses your new skills. Machine with zigzag stitch required. *Thurs. July 15, 12-5 PM (\$50) In person only*



Jelly Roll Rug with Kristin

All it takes to make this fun area rug is a jelly roll (set of 42, 2 1/2" strips) and strips of cotton batting. It's lots of fun and so customizable. One jelly roll makes a rug about 30" x 44". Beginners are welcome. Pattern and machine required. *Sat. July 17, 1-6 PM (\$50) In person or Zoom*

Woven Top with Stephanie

Learn to sew a woven top using the Sagebrush Top by Friday Pattern Co. This beginner pattern, which covers bust sizes 32"-67", can be sewn with or without the bust gathers and fits lots of body types. You will learn techniques for garment construction, including cutting out, sewing gathers, inserting sleeves, hemming, and more. You must know how to use a sewing machine and have a little experience working with patterns. *Tues. and Wed. July 20 and 21, 10 AM-1:30 PM (\$70) In person only*



Quick Curve Ruler with Linda

Sew Kind of Wonderful created unique rulers which will give you great success with curved piecing. Choose the Quick Curve Ruler or Mini Quick Curve and one of the many corresponding patterns, and Linda will lead you through the steps to measure, cut, and sew the curve, then trim to square up your block. Machine, pattern, and ruler required. *Tues. July 20, 6-8:30 PM (\$25) In person or Zoom*



Getting to Know the Half-Square Triangle with Kristin

The half-square triangle (HST) is one of the most versatile and common shapes used by quilters. The design possibilities are endless! This class will explore several different and easy methods to make HST's, and Kristin will demonstrate some of the handy rulers that make squaring up a breeze. Machine required. *Thurs. July 22, 6-9 PM (\$30) In person or Zoom*



Studio with Stephanie

Stephanie will help with your specific questions relating to her class projects, and general questions about pattern adjusting or pattern grading. Class size is limited. Stephanie is also willing to meet in person, one-on-one to assist. Call the shop and we will help arrange this.

Fri. July 23 or Thurs. Aug. 5, 12-3 PM (\$30/session) In person or Zoom



Getting Started with Westalee Rulers with Linda

Westalee rulers are designed for quilters to use on their home sewing machine as guides for free motion quilting. Learn to properly attach the free motion ruler foot to your machine, then to move the fabric while the foot hugs the edge of the ruler. You'll practice using several different rulers. With Linda's tips and encouragement, you'll soon be creating beautiful designs! Machine, foot, and rulers required. *Tues. July 27, 5:30-7:30 PM (\$20) In person or Zoom*



Knits 101: Leggings with Stephanie

Make your own pair of girls or ladies leggings while you learn techniques for working with knits: cutting out, sewing seams, and topstitching for a professional look. We will use the Jalie Stella Pattern (hip sizes 22" - 54"), which is simple and has an elastic waistband. Alternatively, Stephanie can provide a pattern that goes to hip size 61". You must know how to use your sewing machine. *Sat. July 31, 10 AM-2:30 PM (\$45) In person or Zoom*



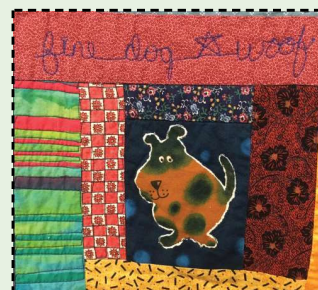
Knits 101: T-Shirt with Stephanie

Make a knit t-shirt and learn tips for sewing with knits, including cutting out, stitching, neckbands, and topstitching using a sewing machine. Choose one of several t-shirt patterns in girls, ladies, and ladies plus sizes. You must be comfortable using a sewing machine and have a little experience working with patterns. *Tues. Aug. 3 and 10, 10 AM-1 PM (\$60) In person or Zoom*



Improvitational Piecing with Cyndi

Use up some of those scraps, bust your stress, and remember what it is like to play! Bring a theme fabric and lots of scraps or fat quarters, and Cyndi will help you loosen up. At the end of class, you will have many blocks finished and a concept for the completion of your one-of-a-kind improv quilt. Machine required. *Tues. Aug. 3 and 10, 6-8 PM. (\$40) In person or Zoom*

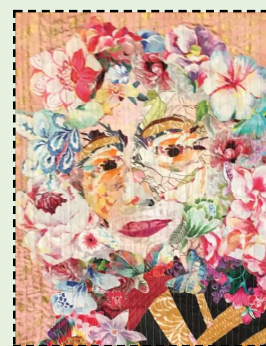


Advancing Your Sewing Skills 201 with Linda

Building on the basics from Sewing School 101, you will learn more in-depth sewing techniques and revisit those learned previously to hone and reinforce your skills. You will gain sewing experience and confidence as you complete small functional projects while utilizing your machine's accessories and features. Machine required. *Wed. Aug. 4, 11, 18 and Sept. 1, 5:30-8:30 PM (\$120) In person or Zoom*

Portrait in Collage with Valerie

Start with an enlarged photo -- of yourself, a special friend, or favorite animal. Using an easy collage technique, Valerie will guide you to create a one-of-a-kind portrait. This is a fun way to use special fabrics. What a unique gift idea! *Sat. Aug. 7, 12-2:30 PM (\$25) In person only*



Intro to Machine Quilting with Cyndi

So many quilt tops, so little time! Learn the basics of machine quilting, first with a walking foot and then free motion. You will learn some simple designs that are beginner-friendly so you can finish your quilts with confidence. Machine required. *Mon. Aug. 9 and 16, 6-8 PM (\$40) In person only*



Know Your Knit Fabrics with Stephanie

Have you wanted to delve into sewing knits but feel overwhelmed with all of the choices? In this lecture Stephanie will talk about the similarities and differences between knits and techniques to sew them that are not like sewing with woven fabrics. You will learn which knits work for which types of clothing and how to select them for your projects. The class kit (included in price of class) will contain 12+ knit samples that you can label for future reference. All sewing levels welcome. *Thurs. Aug. 12, 5-7 PM (\$26)* In person or Zoom

Fabric Greeting Cards with Sally Sumner

Greeting cards are fun, creative, and a great way to use scraps and explore new stitches and techniques.

Machine required.

Supply fee of \$10 is included in the cost of the class.

Sat. Aug. 14, 10 AM-12 PM (\$30) In person only



Woven Skirt with Stephanie

Learn how to sew a skirt using the Fiore Skirt by Closet Core Patterns, which covers waist sizes 24"-39". Stephanie will lead you through making view C in class together, which has buttons up the front and curved patch pockets. Choose above or below the knee. Students must know how to use their sewing machine.

Tues. and Wed. Aug. 17 and 18, 10 AM-1:30 PM (\$70) In person only



Tuffet Workshop with Kristin

Everyone needs a tuffet, a one-of-a-kind piece of upholstered furniture for your own home or for a great gift.

In this two-session workshop, you will sew a tuffet cover and build the upholstered foundation. *Sat. July 24, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM and Sun. Aug. 8, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (\$100)* In person only



Diamonds with Cyndi

Learn to cut 60° diamonds without a specialty ruler.

Make your colors flow or create sparkles! Lots of the fun is in choosing your layout. We will sew the diamonds in diagonal rows or in stars or boxes, and add side and corner triangles to bring your quilt to a rectangle or square. You will make a lap or baby quilt. Machine required. *Mon. Aug. 23 and 30, 6-8 PM (\$40)* In person or Zoom

Color Confidence for Quilters with Cyndi

Do you agonize over fabric choices when planning to make a quilt? Learn the language of color, explore the color wheel, and play with fabric combinations. You will gain insight into why some quilts sing and others fall flat, and become more confident in your own unique color voice.

Tues. Aug. 24, 6-8 pm (\$20) In person or Zoom

Bags for Beginners: Basic Tote with Haley Logsdon

Making your first bag can be a bit intimidating. Join Haley as she leads you through the construction of a basic tote bag. Begin with this class, the first in a series of three, to build your skills and gain confidence in sewing many types of bags. Book and machine required. *Wed. Aug. 25, 5-8 PM (\$30)* Zoom only



New Patterns

Summer is a great time to make a quick quilt. Here are a couple we recommend:

Our Flag Stands for Freedom

The pattern by Primitive Gatherings has instructions to make a 54" x 72" quilt, as well as a bonus mini quilt 27" x 36". Brynne made our sample and had it done lickety-split, since there's no fancy piecing to worry about. We have precuts from the American Gathering fabric line



in 10" squares, and 5" squares. We also have 2 1/2" jelly rolls if you want to make a matching rug.

Fast Track

Fast Track is a simple but striking quilt that you'll want to try in different colorways. One neutral, repeated color ties all the fabrics together. The pattern covers four sizes (crib to twin) and includes instructions for using various precuts - 2 1/2" strips, 10" squares, fat quarters, or 1/4 yards. It would be a great stash buster project, and it's also easy enough for beginning quilters.



Pfaff and Baby Lock

The pandemic has affected all of us in various ways, and the quilting and sewing community has not been exempt. The disrupted supply chains and demand for sewing supplies and especially sewing machines has left many shop owners and machine dealers scrambling to provide customers with new machines and parts to repair existing machines. Here at Quilters Corner we have a fluctuating stream of machines from both Pfaff & Babylock and are currently meeting the demand, with the exception of a few models.



you purchase a machine with an initial sew-and-go lesson, and follow up new owner training classes for the more complex machines. We have machines priced to work with a wide range

of budgets: a few favorites are Pfaff Quilt Expression 720 and the Baby Lock Aria and Brilliant. We are excited that Pfaff is releasing the new top of the line Creative Icon 2 mid year with some fantastic incentives when placing an order.

Linda's Tech Corner

A bit about bobbin cases, bobbins and tension: to prevent loose or looping stitches, thread jams, shredded thread, or a clunky sounding bobbin case, here are a few precautionary steps to take and a couple to take after a problem has occurred.



Beginning with an evenly wound, compact bobbin, check that your bobbin is well seated in the bobbin case, clicked into the bobbin tension slot, and turning in the correct direction. Be sure your top thread is threaded correctly. Your tension should be set between 3 and 5 on most machines for a straight stitch. These steps set you up for successful stitching.

If the top thread is showing on the back side of your fabric, you will need to adjust and increase the top tension. If the bobbin thread is showing on the top of your fabric, you will need to adjust and decrease the top tension. If your thread is shredding, be sure you are using new, good quality thread, clear the threading path, re-thread, and try again.

New Bag Patterns

There is something very satisfying about sewing and creating a bag that is unique and tailored to your personality and specific needs. We have been adding all sorts of awesome notions to our inventory from our favorite bag designers – By Annie, Sallie Tomato and Noodlehead. Zippers, mesh, and foldover elastic in multiple colors, rings, snaps, lobster claws, magnets, strapping and fusible interfacings are just a few examples of the many items we stock to create one-of-a-kind bags that look like you bought them in a fancy boutique.

Tools of the Trade Portfolio/Carrying Case and A Place for Everything 2.0

Two new fantastic patterns from By Annie to keep you organized. By Annie patterns always have lots of pockets and special features such as adjustable, detachable carrying straps. In addition to well-written detailed step-by-step instructions, each pattern contains a coupon for an



add-on video (value \$5), that will enhance your sewing experience. Sometimes seeing a demo is worth a thousand words! Haley has created our samples using Tula Pink's Homemade fabric line. Come and see them in the shop – bet you'll love them and want to make your own!

Range Backpack and other patterns by Anna Graham of Noodlehead Designs.

The Range Backpack is great for any outing where you need to be hands free. The foldover top and closure keep things secure, while the front zippered pocket keeps essentials within easy reach. Adjustable straps make it wearable for any season. Other in-stock patterns by Anna include Poolside Tote, Pepin Tote, Crescent Tote, Super Tote, and Campfire Messenger Bag.



Look for a class from Linda for the Sandhill Sling. Sew this sling-style bag to carry your daily necessities or to take for travel. Its convenient sling design allows for easy access as well as being out of the way when you're not using it. It is compact yet roomy enough for the essentials.

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Thread Club

Finding the right color thread can sometimes be a challenge. The selection can be the difference between a very successful project and one that's just ho hum. Wouldn't it be great to have a well rounded collection of Aurifil thread at home to make it easier? It's not too late to join Aurifil Color Builders 2021, a monthly thread club featuring the first thread weight that Aurifil produced.

It's tremendous for sewing bags or garments, top stitching, quilting and embroidery. Each month you'll receive a curated mini-collection inspired by an endangered species. Each collection contains three large spools of 40wt thread – a light, a medium, and a dark – within a color palette. The colors were selected not only for their aesthetic appeal, but for their practicality in everyday use. Regularly \$39.99/month, the annual subscription price is \$34.99/month.



Summer Weekly Program

Flowers by the Brook is this summer's weekly program. This 55" x 65" beauty is sure to please flower lovers. Starting Monday June 21, you'll receive three 10" squares with sweet little flowers, every week for 10 weeks. The 30 squares, along with the background fabric and 1/8th yard of a contrasting color for the little center squares you provide, will make this lovely quilt.

How does it work? Each week just visit the shop to pick up your squares. Each weekly set will be \$3.50, and if you pick up your squares in the shop the week they are released, you can purchase them for \$2. (Sorry, sending a friend or family member to pick up your squares doesn't count. You may sign up for more than one set of squares, but the discount will not apply to the additional sets.) What a deal! Call or stop in today to sign up. Supplies are limited.



Mail Order and Pickup

Yes! We do mail order and parking lot pick up!
Email quilters@e-quilterscorner.com or
call 607-266-0850 with your request!

Store Hours

Quilters Corner is open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm,
Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm.
We'll be closed Sunday July 4 for Independence Day.