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National AccuQuilt Event Coming!

Register now for our AccuQuilt Event! Join AccuQuilt Educator Jeanne LeBron for a GO! Beyond the Basics Event February 21st & 22nd, 2020 for 3 classes. You can sign up for one, two or all three classes. Class fee is \$10 each but you will receive a coupon for \$10 off in-store purchases* the day of the class. You will also have the opportunity to purchase an event exclusive die. You can register in store or online at: <https://www.sewin2quilts.com/classes.htm?categoryId=788898467>

Don't have a GO! Cutter? No worries! Come to any of the classes to see what these awesome tools do. With the class coupon, it's almost like the class is free! We will also be having a free Introductory session after January Club Q on January 4th in the afternoon. We will demonstrate the cutters, dies & Qubes if you've always wondered how they work. Come find out how to cut time so you can quilt more!

There will be a limited number of seats available for class. If you sign up now to reserve your spot, you can cancel with a full refund if you cancel by 5:30 pm Wednesday February 19th.



GO! Beyond the Basics

This is a presentation full of tips and tricks on how to expand beyond the basics. By the end of class, you will be familiar with GO! Qube Companion Sets-Corners and Angles as well as specialty dies like English Paper Piecing, Rag dies, GO! Apple Core and many more. Learn how specialty dies will take your quilting to the next level. Insider techniques will be shared along the way!



Mastering GO! Qubes (new class for 2020)

This advanced class focuses on expanding the possibilities of the GO! Qube™ Mix & Match System. After this class you will be familiar with the GO! Qube grid concept and understand how to manipulate the grid to create different block sizes and designs. Using the grid method, students will learn how to take our basic 2x2 (4-patch) grid concept which the Qubes are based on, and expand to include 3x3 (9-patch), 5x5 (25-patch), 6x6 (36-patch) and 8x8 (64-patch) grids. The basic Qube will allow you to create 72 quilt blocks. Add the Angles companion set and create a total of 144. Add the Corners companion Qube and be able to create a total of 216 blocks.



There's a Die for that

This presentation is designed to teach the basics of converting existing rotary cut patterns to the GO! Fabric Cutting System method. After this class you will have learned magic math and how to read patterns for clues. During class we will discuss how to convert your current rotary patterns to the GO!. In class you will convert four rotary patterns to GO!

- Coupon good for all regular priced merchandise excluding irons, cutters & Machine Quilting Services





For the newsletter we thought we would post some suggestions from the various questions we have received. As we always say there is never one right answer. There are different ways of doing things, so the most important is to find one that works for you. If you have questions, email us at luv2quilt@sewin2quilts.com and we will answer them as best we can!



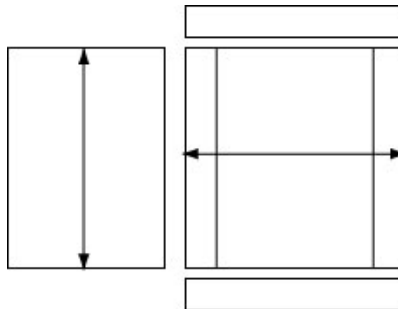
Border 101

Sometimes by the time you get to a border you are just ready to be done with the project and just want to get the top done. Its easy to sew up 400 inches of border strips and just start sewing them on and whacking them off when you've reached the other end. While there are several schools of thought for borders this is the one process that you **don't** want to use!

Even the best of piecers will have a tops that are not perfectly square. Borders are the final part to a top and you can use them to your advantage and make your quilt tops square. **It is very, very important to measure your top before you start putting borders on.** There are a couple methods, but always measure before putting on borders.

Method 1: Measure middles—Most quilts may have a tendency to grow along the outer edges. If you just measure the outer edges, you may say your quilt is square, but your outer edges may not measure the same as your quilt does through the middle. Method one measures the middles of your quilt, both horizontally and vertically.

Measure the middle, either the vertical or horizontal, and cut your borders to that length. Once that set of borders is on, measure the other direction including the newly added border and cut the other two to this length.



Method 2: Measure 3 places across—You may have a top where the middle is not the smallest measurement. In this case it is best to take 3 measurements in each direction—Top/Middle/Right and Left/Middle/Bottom.

Some will choose to take an average of the measurements, while other will take the smallest. If the difference is more extreme, the average method might work better.

For either method, Repeat the measuring for each border added. To sew them on, find the middle of the quilt and the middle of the border and pin the ends and the middle. Ease the fullness in as you pin the border on.

If you have a large quilt, you may want to divide the border and quilt side into 4 sections. Pin and ease fullness.

The easiest way to tell if your quilt is square is to fold the edges to the middle and repeat the other direction.



Karna's Korner

Hard to believe that 2020 is here! It been a very busy first year for us at Sew In 2 Quilts. We have several new and exciting things planned for 2020.

We are excited to be carrying Siser Vinyl. We've heard from several that Siser is their favorite brand and they are excited they can find it locally. They are also excited about the flat sheets.

Stop by and check out the after Christmas Year end Clearance items. Christmas ornaments and panels 50% off and select flannels are 50 to 60% off.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year in 2020!



New Years Special

30% off
Wide Backs

If your news years resolution is getting projects done, let us help you! Turn your finished tops into finished quilts! All in stock Wide Backs are 30% off!

Good 1/2/2020 to 1/18/2020



@accuquilt® GO! Club

We are sew excited to carry the AccuQuilt Cutters, Dies and accessories. We will be starting our GO! Club in February. It will be the in the afternoon after the Saturday Club Q session. Our plan at this time is that it will be Bi-monthly. Depending on the interest, we may look at holding it monthly, or adding an evening session.

Our first Go! Club, will be talking about some tips and tricks with your Qubes. We will also be discussing what you want to for the format of the following clubs. We've got lots of ideas but we want to do what means the most for those attending.

As with Club Q, there will not be a membership fee or charge to attend. Just come join the fun and get inspired to use your cutters so that you can "Cut time and Quilt more!"

Anyone is welcome to attend, you don't need to own an AccuQuilt. We love hearing from those who already own the cutters who feel like it is the best purchase they have made and how much they have made their quilting life easier with the quick and very accurate cutting!



2020 Block of the Month—Signup Now!!

Starting in February 2020 we will also be offering a new Block of the Month featuring Timeless Treasures Botanica Park Batiks. This is a king sized quilt.

Stroll through Botanica Park. The collection features 14 Tonga batiks in a garden of



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greens, blues, blossom pinks & berries, lavender into rich purples. The quilt highlights the colors in a traditionally pieced blooming center block surround by patchwork paths and curved sculpture garden corners.

To register for this Block of the Month, come in or call the store. We will create a subscription for the Block of the Month and it will automatically charge your credit or debit card on the 15th of the Month.

Machine Quilting

We are now taking in quilts for machine quilting. After a stint at the Gammill hospital, our machine is running in tip top shape.

It is important that you call and schedule a time to bring your quilt in. We prefer to not have too many quilts on premise waiting.

Our turnaround goal for edge to edge is that it is returned a week from when you bring it in. Custom quilts will be quoted based on a review of the desired quilting.

Edge to Edge quilting starts at \$.02 per square inch and Custom Quilting starts at \$.06 per square inch. Depending on the quilt top, fees may be higher. All fees include thread. Batting, backing as well as binding services are not included. Minimum Charge for quilting is \$35 per top.

Quilt Preparation Guidelines

- Backing (and batting if customer provided) need to be at least 4" wider and longer than the quilt on all sides.
- Don't baste or pin the layers together
- Square up backing, if customer provided. If backing is not square, additional charges will apply.
- Use a safety pin to mark the top of the quilt and backing if you have a preference.
- Be sure all seams are secure. To be sure, you may want to stay-stitch 1/8" to 1/4" in from the raw edge.
- **Customer supplied batting that is pre-packaged, must be opened and fluffed.** Open package, unfold and fluff batting, preferably a week or more before delivery of the top/backing for quilting. Batting must be free of bumps from being packaged. Loosely fold batting for delivery.



Class-ifieds

Creative Classes

Hexified Panel Quilt (2 parts)

Part 1 will be instructions on how to layer the panels and cut the hexagons. Then we will start sewing the half hexies. The class will be in the morning, but you will be able to stay in the classroom and sew all afternoon from 1-5:30 to keep working on hexies.



Part 2 will be laying the hexies out with your panels and determining how to fit the hexies to the panel. This will be a full day class to allow time for laying out the hexies and sewing them to fit the panel.



We suggest starting with a small panel or allover fabric. If you have a kit or panel you have purchased, you

are welcome to work on it in class, but if it is a normal 24" or 36" panel it will take longer to piece.

Supplies: 7 Matching panels; 60 wt piecing thread; 60 Degree Ruler; Rotary Cutter; Sewing Machine in good working order; Best Press; straight pins to pin half hexies together; Basic Sewing Supplies

Instructors: Karna Lackey & Kathy Voth

Class Fee: \$45

Class Limit: 4

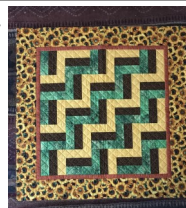
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02/03 Mon 9:00a-5:30p

Beginning Quilting Rail Fence (4 parts)

This class is the first beginning quilting class. We will be making a wall quilt with a basic block called rail fence. It will be a four part class. Each week we will work on part of the rail fence wall quilt with some homework between classes. You will learn the use

of a rotary cutter and ruler to cut your fabric, the proper seam allowance for quilting, proper pressing, how to put on accurate borders, quilt and bind your project. Finished quilt size is 41.5" x 41.5".



You can choose your own fabrics. We have a limited number of kits available if you want a kit. If you need assistance on choosing fabrics, please stop by the store prior to class and our creative consultants can help you.

Supplies: Sewing machine with 1/4" foot, Rotary Cutter, Rotary ruler, 60 wt piecing thread, scissors, straight pins, seam ripper, Alex Anderson's Start Quilting Book, 3/4 yd for main Focus Fabric for border, 3/8 yd each of 3 fabrics for rail fence blocks, 1/2 yd for inner border & binding, 1 1/4 yds for backing, 1 1/4 yds (or 45" x 45") batting.

Instructors: Karna Lackey & Kathy Voth

Class Fee: \$60

Class Limit: 6

01/14 Tues 6:00p-9:00p and

01/21 Tues 6:00p-9:00p and

01/28 Tues 6:00p-9:00p and

02/10 Tues 6:00p-9:00p

Beginning Quilting Friendship Star (3 parts)

This class is the second beginning quilting class. We will be making a wall quilt with a basic block called a friendship star. It will be a three part class. Each week we will work on part of the friendship star wall quilt with some homework required between classes. You will learn how to make half square triangles accurately. This block is a basic block used in almost all other types of quilt blocks.



Pre-requisite: Beginning Quilting Rail Fence or prior approval by the instructors.

You can choose your own fabrics. We have a limited number of kits available if you want a kit. If you need assistance on choosing fabrics, please stop by the store prior to class and our creative consultants

can help you.

Supplies: Sewing machine with 1/4" foot, Rotary Cutter, Rotary ruler, 60 wt piecing thread, scissors, straight pins, seam ripper, Alex Anderson's Start Quilting Book, Focal Fabric 1 yd; Stars, sashing and inner border 1 1/8 yd; Background 5/8 yd; Binding 3/8 yd; backing 1/1/4 yd.

Instructors: Karna Lackey & Kathy Voth

Class Fee: \$45

Class Limit: 6

02/18 Tue 6:00p-9:00p and

02/25 Tue 6:00p-9:00p and

03/10 Tues 6:00p-0:00p

Table Runner With a Twist

Create a table runner that is a showcase for wonderful focal fabrics. The piecing technique is very clever. Directions for piecing optional Kaleidoscope focal blocks will also be covered in class, but the sample uses a focal fabric. Finished Size of the Runner is 16" x 48". Pattern includes yardage for 5 additional sizes and placemats.



Supplies: Sewing machine and basic sewing supplies; 60 wt piecing thread; Focal Fabric 1/4 yd (or 3/4 yd if fussy cutting); Border 5/8 yd if seamed (or 1 1/3 yds if you don't want seams in the border); Color 1 Twist 1/4 yd; Color 2 Twist 1/4 yd; Binding 1/3 yd.

Instructor: Karna Lackey

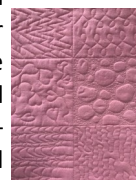
Class Fee: \$30

Class Limit: 6

01/18 Sat 9:00a-4:00p

Machine Quilting Basics

This class will be a technique class where you will practice the different types of machine quilting on pre-cut samples from the kit. You will learn about the proper stitch length and use of the walking foot for quilting and stitching in the ditch. Several free motion patterns will





Class-ifieds

be shown and practiced in class. We will also discuss the different type of options to mark the patterns on your quilts and how to prepare your quilt sandwich for machine quilting. Also covered in the class is how to handle and manipulate a large quilt on a domestic machine.

This class is designed as an introduction for quilting your projects on a sewing machine. There will also be a future class that will focus specifically on free motion quilting and how to improve your free motion skills beyond the techniques taught in the basics class.

Kit includes handouts, all fabric, batting and thread for the technique samples sewn in class.

Supplies: Supplies needed for class in addition to the kit: Sewing Machine in good working order; walking foot; free motion or darning foot, Size 80 denim/sharp or microtex needle; scissors. If you have gloves that are designed to aid in free motion quilting, you can also bring those.

Instructor: Karna Lackey

Class Fee: \$30

Kit Fee: \$15 (required)

Class Limit: 8

02/08 Sat 9:00a-4:00p

Frost Free Flowers

In this class you will create a sample of each type of flower. Some are fused and some are folded. The kit consists of all the batik fabrics, precut and fused as well as the stems and covered buttons for the centers, and the pattern with detailed instructions. All flower parts are pre-cut, fused and ready to assemble.

Flowers made from batiks look very real, but these are also amazing when created as memory flowers. If you have shirts from someone who was very special to you, you can create a few flowers from the shirts and enjoy them all the time. We will talk about



stabilizing fabrics when working with non cotton fabrics. Also we will show you how to add color to fabrics to make them have more depth and realism.

Supplies: Hot or cool melt glue gun; Sewing machine in good working order, scissors. basic sewing supplies; thread (any color).

Instructor: Karna Lackey

Class Fee: \$30

Kit Fee: \$25 (required)

Class Limit: 8

02/15 Sat 9:00a-5:30p

Clubs

Club Q

If you haven't been to Club Q, you are missing out on lots of fun! We will demonstrate a tool or technique and have Show and Share, so bring your projects to show, or bring any questions you might have.

Normally we have 2 different sessions for Club Q—the **first** Tuesday night at 6:00pm or the **first** Saturday morning at 10:30am. Depending on how dates fall, will depend on which session is first. There is no charge or registration required to attend Club Q.

Class Fee: \$ FREE

01/04 Sat 10:30a-12:00p

01/07 Tue 6:00p-7:30p

02/01 Sat 10:30a-12:00p

02/04 Tue 6:00p-7:30p

Civil War Club

Join Pam Calhoun as she works through projects that are civil war themed. There is no charge or registration required to attend. This will be a lecture demo event, no sewing machine required.

Class Fee: \$ FREE

01/09 Tue 01:00p-2:00p

01/09 Tue 6:00p-7:00p

02/13 Tue 01:00p-2:00p

02/13 Tue 6:00p-7:00p

Civil War Club Sewing Day



Join Pam Calhoun and bring your machine to work on your civil war projects. No charge to attend. There will not be any sewing days in January or February. Next Sew Day is in March.

Class Fee: \$ FREE

03/21 Sat 10:30a-4:00p

Events

Sew Much Fun Day

This will be a day that we will open the classroom to anyone who would like to sew. There

won't be a charge, but it will be on a first come –first serve basis.

If you have some friends who would like to work on a project together, and don't have room for all of you to sew, come on down! There won't be an instructor, but the staff will be available to answer any questions you have.

If you want to bring snacks or drinks, you are welcome to do so. We have a fridge and a microwave if you also want to bring lunch.

Class Fee: \$ FREE

01/30 Thur 10:30a-9:00p

02/27 Thur 10:30a-9:00p

Intro to AccuQuilt

If you've every wondered what the fuss is all about with this awesome cutting system, come in for a free demo. We will be showing the cutters and the dies and how they can help you Cut Time to be able to Quilt More.

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Those who have a cutter are also welcome to attend. We've heard great things from those who have experience the accuracy and speed of these cutters.

Class Fee: \$ FREE

01/04 Sat 1:30p-2:30p





Want to save 15% Everyday?

Become a Quilting Queen and you will receive 15% off all regularly priced merchandise and fabrics**.

Quilting Queens will also receive additional specials throughout the year. Memberships will be good through December 31, 2020.

**Discounts will not apply to Eurosteam Irons, AccuQuilt Cutters or Machine Quilting Services



New Stuff!

New AccuQuilt Dies!
Crazy Quilt
Scottie Dog
Morning Star



Additional colors and types of Siser Vinyl will be arriving the first part of January.



Year end Sale and Clearance Items!

40%-70% off holiday items and books.
50%-60% off select flannels.



Schedule At a Glance

Club Q

Sat	01/04	10:30a
Tue	01/07	6:00p
Sat	02/01	10:30a
Tue	02/04	6:00p

Civil War Club

Thur	01/09	1:00p
Thur	01/09	6:00p
Thur	02/13	1:00p
Thur	02/13	6:00p

Civil War Sew Day

Next one will be in March

Sew Much Fun Day

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Thurs	02/27	10:30a

AccuQuilt In-Store Events

Fri	02/21	10:00a
Fri	02/21	2:30p
Sat	02/22	10:00a

Evening Star Quilt Guild

Community Sewing Day

Wed	01/29	10:30a
Wed	02/26	10:30a

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For details on classes, please visit our website at www.sewin2quilts.com.



Stop by January 25th for Support Your Local Quilt Shop Day. If you spend \$100 on January 25th, you will receive a \$25 Gift Card.