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The holidays are over and we can all breathe a sigh of relief. Here at Quilters' Bee we're beginning our fourth year of helping you with your quilting needs. We hope we have become part of your quilting family and that we can continue to serve you for a long time to come. We're trying some new things this year that we think will be exciting and fun. We hope you'll come and join us for a year of learning and pleasure.

## Block of the Month

We hope you've seen our new Block of the Month quilt. It's by Jackie Robinson, using Maywood fabrics, and we've borrowed the original sample so that you can see what it'll look like when it's finished. We think it's gorgeous. The rules are similar to last year's: the sign-up fee is \$15.00. You get the first kit and then if you bring in the finished blocks each month, you get the kit for the next block free. As in previous years, the Block of the Month participants will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30, 1:00, 4:30, or 6:00. Instead of the bonus block this year, we'll have the framing kits each month for \$5.00. They'll let you make the quilt as displayed. At the end of the year we'll have finishing kits to do the borders and binding. The quilt is queen-sized—approximately 86" x 110". We hope that if you're not already signed up, you'll take advantage of the opportunity to make this beautiful quilt this year.

## Scraps 'n' More Album

We started this program in October and it's already a winner. It's a wonderful way to use up your scraps and have a very interesting quilt at the end of the process. You sign up for \$20.00 and buy the pattern up front for another \$18.50. Then there's a fee of \$10.00 each month for the class. You come at 9:00 one Saturday a month and sew for three hours to get two or three of the blocks done. There are prizes for those who get their blocks done each month. It's an 18-month program and there are still a few spaces left. If you want a way to use up scraps, here it is.

## Miniature Quilt Club

The Miniature Quilt Club is playing with little patriotic prints this year and having a good time. If you're interested in perfecting your skills with small blocks, this is for you. They meet on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 and the dues are \$25.00 a year. Come and see how much fun "little" can be.

## Birthday Club

When is your birthday? Whenever it is, we're going to celebrate it. We'll be throwing a birthday party on the second Saturday of each month for those whose birthdays come in that month. In January, it'll be on Saturday, January 13. We'll have refreshments and gifts for the birthday girls. And we'll be making monthly flower blocks, so that by the end of the year you could have a garden in your living room. Watch for more information, but if you have a January birthday, plan to be at the Bee on the 13th to celebrate.

## Curves & Corners

For those of you who're tired of Thangles, we're trying a new program starting in March. Ellen will be using curved piecing to create a series of 12" blocks that will end up as a sampler quilt. If you're a little uneasy about sewing curves, here's your chance to learn to do it well and end up with a nice quilt or wall hanging. You'll pay a sign-up fee of \$10.00 plus \$3.50 each month for the kit and you'll be able to bring it in any time during the month and get the next one. Ellen will also demonstrate curved piecing on Feb. 27 at 1:00 and 5:00 or March 8 at 12:30 so that you can take advantage of her expertise. It should be a nice change from half-square triangles.

## UFO Night

The holidays are over and you didn't quite get everything done. You need to join us at UFO Night. We meet from 6:00 to midnight on the third Friday of each month and work on whatever projects are calling us the loudest. Twenty dollars provide you with refreshments and a time to get away from the television and telephone and just sew. We also sneak in a sale or two. We'd love to have you join us.

## Quilt Appraisals

On January 19 Karen Housner will be at Quilters' Bee to appraise quilts. We already have a sign-up sheet and her appointments fill up fast, so be sure and sign up quickly. She charges \$40.00 per quilt and each appointment takes half an hour. It is important to have quilts appraised, especially for your insurance. Sign up now.

## Fat Quarter Frenzy

Our first annual Fat Quarter Frenzy is happening on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, from 10:00-3:00. We will have lots of fat quarters at 20 for \$25, as many as you want, only in batches of 20. Extras will be full price. We're limiting the fat quarters to those already cut so that everybody will have an equal chance, but we'll have lots cut for you to choose from. Leave your menfolk to watch the ball games and have a fun time at Quilters' Bee's Fat Quarter Frenzy.

## String Ensemble

If you haven't seen what you can do with 2 ½" strips, you haven't been paying attention to our String Ensemble quilts. People tell us that they're getting behind, so we're cutting back to one every other month. The one for January is really nice in browns and neutrals—very "in" colors just now. If you buy the kit, the pattern comes with it and all you provide is the background fabric and any "extras." Since the strips are already cut, you have a head start on making the quilt. Or you can buy just the pattern for \$5.00. If you have trouble, we have a demo for \$5.00 or a full class for \$20.00. Check the calendar for dates and times. It's a fun way to try something new.

## Dear Jane Club

The Dear Jane Club continues to work towards their goal of replicating as many as possible of the little blocks from the Jane Stickle quilt. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 unless they plan to sew that month, in which case they meet earlier. Some of them have made great progress in getting their blocks done and they're also learning new skills. The club dues are \$25.00 a year and they'd be delighted if you'd join them.

## Show and Tell

Remember that the last Tuesday night of each quarter is Show and Tell Night. This quarter it happens on March 27 at 7:00. This is your chance to see what others are doing and to show off what you've been up to. We even have a cookie or two. Come and show off your projects.

## Free Sew

Remember that you can come in any Friday afternoon and use our tables to work in peace and quiet on your own projects. We're available to help, if you need it, and we do like to see what you're doing. Just let us know so we can hold a table for you.

## Bear Cabin Retreat

We had so much fun at the last retreat that we're doing another one. We'll go to Bear Cabin Inn again from Thursday afternoon, February 1 until Sunday afternoon February 4. It's a quilt retreat in the White Mountains near Show Low, so we could even get some snow, a rarity for us desert dwellers. The price will again be \$180, which includes three nights and all meals. This time we're not going to have a special project because those who went last time just wanted to work on their own projects, but if you don't have enough to do, let us know and we'll come up with something. The spaces are almost filled already, so get your name on the waiting list right away.

## Mystery Quilt

Once again we're starting a new mystery quilt. The last two have been lots of fun and have produced some really pretty quilts. Again Marla will be leading the group. They meet every other Wednesday at 5:00 to show what they've done and to get the new clues. If you can't be there, just come in another time and get your clues. The new mystery will begin on Wednesday, January 17, and the mystery will be solved on Wednesday, March 14. At that time, we'll hang all the tops in the store so that everyone can see how different they look—and at the same time, how they're all the same. The sign-up fee is \$30.00 and that includes the pattern. You decide on the fabric you want to use. Then everybody waits to see how it all turned out.

## Rise 'N' Shine

If you haven't been coming to meet with the Rise and Shine group on the second Saturday of each month, you've been missing some really great discussions and seeing some very nice quilts. They've talked about irons, magazines, batting, and a number of other topics and the show and tell is wonderful. There's no charge and the door prizes are always interesting. Come and join in the fun with the Rise and Shine group.

## Third Mondays

We're trying something different on the third Monday of each month this year. In January, April, July, and October we'll offer classes for making bags—tote bags, faux leather bags, several kinds of bags. In January it'll be a tote bag made of charm squares—very cute. In February, May, August, and November we'll do pillows in different shapes and sizes—nice for home décor or for gifts. In March, June, September, and December we'll make some cute little banners—perfect for your door or window or over a mantel. The price for the session will be \$20.00 or \$10.00 if you buy the kit. Of course, you're always free to bring your own fabric to suit your own taste. We hope you'll come and join us on the Third Mondays.

# Classes

## LEGEND

Some of the classes we offer require a book and/or a pattern for participation. These are indicated by the following icons:



Book Required



Pattern Required

1. Buy your fabric before class so that you have time to wash and press it. (If you buy it at the time you register for class, we'll give you a 10% discount.)
2. It will be helpful in some classes if you can cut the pieces before coming. Check the class requirements.
3. Be sure to bring with you to class:  
Basic sewing equipment such as pins, scissors, needles, seam rippers; Sewing machine, thread, and any needed attachments; Rotary cutter, mat, and rulers, Pencil and notepad; A smile and a friendly attitude.

## A Place to Start

### Quilting 101

You've wanted to learn to quilt but haven't had a chance. Well, here's your chance. This class will take you from the very beginning to sandwiching the finished top with the batting and the back. You'll learn to cut, piece, and border the top and get a lesson on quilting and binding—and you'll come out with a pretty little quilt to hang on the wall or throw over your knees on a cool evening. **Book required.**



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Tues., Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6  
Times: 6:00-9:00  
Fee: \$60.00

### Beginning Machine Quilting

This class teaches the basics of using your own sewing machine to quilt. You will learn to use the walking foot to do straight line quilting and the darning foot for freehand techniques, so you will need a machine with both of those feet. You will also need a way to lower or cover the feed dogs. **Book required.**



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Sat., March 17, 24  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00

### Binding Your Quilt

Do you know the difference between straight-grain and bias binding? Do you care? Well, you should. Sometimes it really makes a difference in the way the finished quilt looks. This class will teach you that difference, as well as how to miter the binding and other techniques to show off your tops the best possible way. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Ellen  
Days: Tues., Feb. 5, 12  
Times: 3:00-5:00  
Fee: \$30.00

### Quilting 102

You've finished the beginning class, but you're still not confident enough of your skills to branch out on your own. This class is a continuation of the beginning class. You'll review what you learned in the beginning class, make several new blocks, including some with triangles and some with small pieces, and put them together into a sampler quilt. **Requires the same book as the beginning class.**



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Sat., Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$60.00

### Introduction to Appliqué

Several people have requested that we have an appliqué class in the evenings, so here it is. Marla will introduce various techniques in both hand and machine appliqué and help you see how they can be interchanged. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Marla  
Days: Tues., Feb. 13, 20  
Times: 6:00-9:00  
Fee: \$40.00

### Hand Piecing

You want to quilt, but you don't have a sewing machine. Or you want a portable project to take to the ball games. You need to learn to hand piece. Barb will teach you to do straight and curved seams and to assemble blocks into a wall hanging. Do it the old-fashioned way. **3-way sandboard required.**



Teacher: Barb  
Days: Wed., Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$60.00

## Hand Quilting

If you've been afraid to try hand quilting, now's the time to learn. It's relaxing, portable, and a link to the past. Let Kathy show you how it's done. **Book suggested.**



Teacher: Kathy  
Days: Wed., March 7, 14, 21  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$45.00

## Introduction to Hand Embroidery

Stitchery patterns are becoming more and more popular. Embroidery is relaxing, portable, and makes a nice embellishment to clothing, bags, pillows, wall hangings, and more. If you never have learned—or if you learned back in the dim mists of junior high, come and let Barb show you the basic stitches. **Pattern required**



Teacher: Barb  
Days: Thurs., Feb. 22, March 1  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

# The Next Step

## Panel Magic

Panels are very popular with the fabric companies just now. They come in juvenile patterns, holiday patterns, novelty patterns and more. But once you've bought the panel, what comes next? Even fabric designed to be a book can be turned into a really cute quilt if you apply a little imagination. **Book suggested.**



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Thurs., Jan 11, 25  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Color Me Confident

We often hear folks say that the worst part of quilting is choosing the colors. If you're one of those people, this class is for you. Susan will show you how to make colors go together in ways you never thought of before and your next quilt will sing. **Book and tools required.**



Teacher: Susan  
Days: Tues., Feb. 27, Mar 6, 13, 20  
Times: 6:00-9:00  
Fee: \$60.00

## Satin Stitch Appliqué

If your machine will do a zig-zag stitch, it will do a satin stitch, which will make beautiful appliqué. Come and learn the technique and apply it to all sorts of projects, from bags to clothes to quilts. Be sure to bring the instruction manual for your machine.

Teacher: Susan  
Days: Thurs., March 8  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00



## Lacy Heart

Make a beautiful wall hanging or lap quilt in a romantic heart setting. This is easy enough for a beginning quilter, but fun for anybody! It measures 53" x 56", but could be made bigger. **Book required.**



Teacher: Ellen  
Days: Mon., Jan. 22, 29  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Rocky Mountain Puzzle

This is a traditional pattern with a new and interesting setting. Make it in darks or batiks or really go for a different look and use brights. **Book required.**



Teacher: Gail  
Days: Mon., March 5, 12  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Stars by the Dozen

This is a simple, but very pretty quilt with stars and nine-patches making some nice patterns. Use a striped border to make an even more elegant quilt. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Barb  
Days: Wed., Jan. 17, 24  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Dresden Ring

This is a new variation of the stained glass window design that looks like a cathedral window. Put a scene behind it or use an interesting floral or batik. It's wonderful. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Gail  
Days: Wed., March 28 & Apr 4  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

# Just For Fun

## Peppermint Hearts

This is the first quilt in a series of Log Cabin quilts that we'll be making this year. It's a little late for Valentine's Day this year, but would be a wonderful gift for a little girl or even a big girl who loves pink. Or make it in a different color if you want to. Watch for the next Log Cabin—we'll have one each quarter. **Book required, tool suggested.**



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Thurs., March 22, 29  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## One-Block Wonder

This has been a very popular project since the book came out earlier this year. We'll have a visiting teacher who's quite an expert in this quilt pattern: Mary McElvain from Cotton Fields Quilt and Knit will be here to show us how it's done. **Book required.**



Teacher: Mary McElvain  
Days: Thurs., Feb. 1, 8  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Fabric Calculator

Got a Quilter's FabriCalc and don't know how to use it? Take this class and learn how to figure binding, sashing, and backing amounts easily. Yardage math becomes a snap with this great tool. **FabriCalc and book required.**



Teacher: Ellen  
Days: Tues., Feb. 13  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$20.00

## Class Policies

### Payment:

Payment, either in person or by phone with an approved credit card, is due at the time of class enrollment. We will hold places in classes only for those who have paid.

### Class Discount:

If you register for a class at Quilters' Bee, we will give you a 10% discount on the fabrics required for the class. The discount must be taken at the time of purchase. Please remind the person at the register that you are buying fabric for a class.

### Class Refund Policy:

If you find that you can't attend a class in which you're enrolled, we can give you credit toward another class if you change or cancel at least three days before the class is scheduled. Because of the commitment we must make to our teachers, we cannot give credits after that time. If you find at the last minute that you cannot attend a class, you might invite a friend to come in your place.

## Chocolate Cherries Tablerunner

This is just in time for Valentine's Day—and chocolate cherries are always appropriate. It's a wonderful tablerunner with a really cute pattern. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Gail  
Days: Tues., Jan. 9  
Times: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00

## Simply Squares

This has been a popular technique, so we're offering it at a special time. Come and learn how to sew blocks in rows and end up with them on point. It's a wonderful way to use those charm packs that are so wonderful. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Marla  
Days: Thurs., Feb. 22, March 1  
Times: 6:00-9:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Contra Dance

We've had fun with Simply Squares and now we're going to have even more fun with Contra Dance. Come and see how you can sew blocks in straight lines and, with just a couple of quick changes, they end up on point. It's a new twist on an interesting technique. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Marla  
Days: Tues., March 13, 20  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Introduction to EQ5

Several of you have been asking for a class on using EQ5, so here it is. We're staying with EQ5 even though EQ6 is out because the company recommends learning the earlier program first and then deciding about the new one. **Laptop with EQ5 installed required.**



Teacher: Eileen  
Days: Tues., Jan 23, 30, Feb. 6  
Times: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$50.00

## Class Cancellations:

We will make every attempt to hold the classes as scheduled. However, there may be times when we must cancel a class. We will also cancel the class if only one person registers. (You might ask a friend to take the class with you to avoid this type of cancellation.) If we must cancel a class for any reason, we will give you credit toward another class. Please ask for your credit voucher as soon after the cancelled class as possible.