

The BUZZ



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Remember ten years ago when we were worried about the Millennium Bug? It seems like just yesterday. And here we are with a new decade in front of us. We're in the mood for something new here at Quilter's Bee, so we have some ideas that we hope will make your quilting life more fun. We have some free classes, some almost-free classes, and some programs that will allow you to finish up some of those major UFOs. Come in and let us show you what we'll be doing in 2010 at Quilter's Bee.

Emails

We have had several people wondering why they weren't getting email from us. The list has been printed and is at the front desk. If you have signed up and are still not getting email, check to see that we have the correct address. If the address is correct and you still aren't getting messages from us, check with your server to see if they have an internal spam blocker that prevents our emails from getting through.

Happy Birthday to Quilter's Bee!

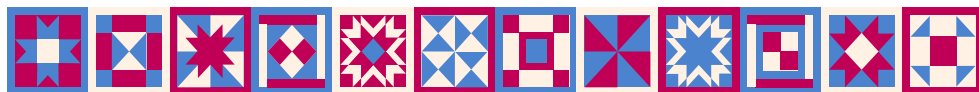
Quilter's Bee turned seven years old on December 16th. We hope that you were able to join us for our Birthday party. We wish to thank all of our customers for making the past seven years successful and fun. Please feel free to share your ideas, suggestions and successes with us. We want to offer the best service to you. Our customers are wonderful and we hope that you will continue to let us be your quilt store. Happy New Year!!

Fat Quarter Frenzy

Our annual Fat Quarter Frenzy will be held on Friday, January 1, from 10:00-3:00. All previously cut fat quarters will be 20 for \$30.00. We'll have coordinating bundles as well as individual fat quarters, plus a whole lot of fun. Now think about it—wouldn't you rather be at Quilter's Bee enjoying the company of quilters and getting a screaming deal on fabric than at home watching interminable football games? Come and help us ring in the New Year.

Kids Club

Kids Club this winter is scheduled for December 28-31 and January 2 from 1:00-4:00, although we will quit a little early on December 31 and January 2 and skip January 1 because of Fat Quarter Frenzy. We'll be doing a nap quilt that takes twelve fat quarters and if we work hard, they'll be finished by the end of Saturday. The class is \$60.00, plus the twelve fat quarters, and we hope to have a good group of young quilters.



Announcements

HOLIDAY HOURS

Quilter's Bee will close at 3:00 on December 24 and 31. We will be closed on December 25, but open from 10:00-3:00 on January 1 for Fat Quarter Frenzy. We will quit a little early on December 31 and January 2.

SEWING MACHINE REPAIR

Remember that John, the sewing machine repairman, comes every Wednesday to pick up and deliver machines.

SAMPLE SALE

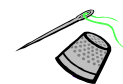
Our sample sale is still ongoing. If you are interested in buying previous sample quilts, ask to see those that are left.

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour is coming back every Friday in December. You get 20% off any one item between 3:30-5:30.

BEAR CABIN INN

If you haven't been to Bear Cabin Inn, you have a treat of a retreat in store. It runs from January 21 to 24 and it will be three nights and days of fun and fantastic scenery, besides getting lots of sewing done. The cost is \$205 and we need a \$50 deposit by Jan. 7. We hope you'll join us for a really good time.





Block of the Month

Have you seen our new Block of the Month for this year? Or maybe I should say our Blocks of the Month, since there are two colorways. Actually, the blocks and the sashings are the same in both quilts. It's just that the setting triangles and borders are different. Either way, both are beautiful. As always, the sign-up fee is \$15.00, which gives you the first block. After that, each month that you come on the third Thursday with the block finished, the next kit is free. If you don't get the block finished, or if you can't come to one of the sessions, you pay \$5.00. And remember: you have to come yourself—no husbands, children, friends, enemies, or helpful animals.

Party with Patrick

Wall hangings, pillows, tablemats, all sorts of small projects are coming from the participants in the Party with Patrick Club these days—all very cute. If you'd like to be part of the group, there are still places available. The group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 8. You'll need to talk to Ellen and get all the details. And remember that, while you're welcome to share the recipes, the patterns are only available to members.

Knotty Stitchers

The fourth Wednesday of each month is definitely the place to be if you like to do hand embroidery. For \$5.00 you can learn some new techniques, get to know some nice people, and have a great night out all at the same time. What could be better? Come at 6:00 and bring your favorite project.

Mystery Quilt

We're getting ready to get out the deerstalker hats and play Sherlock Holmes again. The first mystery of the season is about to begin on Wednesday, January 13, at 5:00. You know the scene of the crime. You pay \$30.00, which includes the pattern. We tell you the kinds of fabrics to buy, then give you the clues one by one until you have the mystery solved. At that point, we hang the quilt tops so that everybody can see what wonderful detectives we have here at Quilter's Bee



Rise 'n Shine

Are you up by 9:30 on Saturday mornings? If so, you ought to join the crew at Rise 'n Shine. They meet on the second Saturday and have a good time talking about their projects, their UFOs, and a whole lot of other things. They have Show and Tell and door prizes and interesting conversation and it doesn't cost a thing. Get up and come.

Thimblebees

We're told that hand quilting is getting to be a lost art—but not at Thimblebees. There you can find a group of dedicated hand quilters enjoying something that looks suspiciously like an old-fashioned quilting bee—sitting around finishing their projects by hand. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 1, and for only \$5.00 a session, you can find nice people, interesting conversation, and great stress relief—not to mention the occasional cookie or fruit. They'd love to have you too.

Miniature Quilt Club

The Miniature Quilt Club is beginning to get ready for their annual window display. It's always wonderful. If you'd be interested in being part of the fun, come on the third Saturday at 9:30 and see what they're up to. The dues are \$25.00 a year, but you're welcome to join any time.

Buck-a-Block

Have you seen the Buck-a-Block quilt hanging on the wall in the back of the store? Isn't it pretty, all green and burgundy? We still have another three months or so to go to finish the blocks, but the finishing kits are starting to roll off the assembly line. Be sure to reserve yours soon.

Scraps 'n More

The Scraps 'n More groups are really making progress on their paper pieced stars. They're all going to be beautiful, although very different. If you're interested, talk to Susan to find out if there are any openings. Check the calendar for days and times.





Seasonal Quilt Club

This group is centered around the wonderful book, *Our Best Seasonal Quilts*, and they'll probably finish them all before they're through. That's all right, though, because they're all very fun quilts. They started with Bee Bop and are going on from there. They meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 and the fee is only \$10.00 a session. You'll need to get the book, and it's worth every cent. Choose your favorite and get going.

Christmas Tree Block of the Month

This is going to be the most elaborate and one of the most beautiful tree skirts anywhere when it's done. Each block is different and they're joined in a great braid pattern that's going to be spectacular. Have Susan make you a kit or choose your own fabric. Each block will teach you a new technique. The sign-up fee is \$15.00 and then \$5.00 each month when you display your block and pick up the new one. They meet for just a half-hour or so on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 and you'll end up with a beautiful tree skirt to enjoy for many years.

The Bargain Basement

We understand that money is tight in this economy, and we're trying to help. We've scheduled a number of classes this quarter that are free or only have a minimum fee. They include basic introduction classes, some of the stashbusters, Finishing School, and others. Watch the class schedule carefully to see what we're doing here at Quilter's Bee to try to help your bottom line.

UFO Signup and Cancellations

Don't forget to sign up for UFO night. It's on the third Friday of each month from 6:00-midnight and for only \$20.00 you get good food, good companionship, and good things done on your own projects. And remember that in January UFO night is the week before Block of the Month. But we're going to ask that if you sign up and can't attend, you cancel at least 24 hours in advance so that we can give someone else a chance to attend. Otherwise, we won't be able to refund your money. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.



Finishing School

Numbers of you have told us that you keep making the Block of the Month blocks and buying the finishing kits, but never really finishing the quilts. We've decided to try to help, so we're starting a Finishing School. We'll have a session each month when you can come and bring former Block of the Month UFOs and work on them here, where we're available to help. We'll ask you to sign up in advance, and \$5.00 will hold your spot, since we'll have a limit of eight. We'll have some of the sessions in the morning, some in the afternoon, and some in the evening, so that one of those times should fit your schedule. Come in and get those BOMs finished. Whew! What a relief that'll be!

Pillowcase Challenge

Quilter's Bee has signed up to be part of American Patchwork and Quilting's One Million Pillowcase Challenge. They are trying to get a million pillowcases made and donated to charities throughout the country in 2010 and there will be a counter on the American Patchwork and Quilting website so that we can all keep track of how many pillowcases have been donated. We have scheduled one session each month to make pillowcases to be donated to various groups in the metropolitan Phoenix area. We hope you'll come in and help us. You may bring in pillowcases you have made at home or come in and make them here at the shop. We'll provide some of the fabric, but this is also a very good way to use up your own stash. Let's all get behind this effort. The sessions at the store will be on Fri., Jan. 8 from 2:00-5:00, on Tues., Feb. 23, from 6:00-9:00, and on Wed., Mar. 31, from 10:00-1:00.

Special Classes

If we're offering a class that you'd like to take but at a time you can't come, we'll be glad to reschedule that class to a time convenient for you if you can find two more people to sign up. You must have three people and the time must also be convenient for the teacher.





Some of the classes we offer require a book and/or a pattern for participation.

Legend

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; Pencils and notepad; A smile and a friendly attitude.

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 Quilter's 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.

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.

A Place to Start

Intro to Quilting

This is a one-session class designed to allow people a basic experience with quilting. Participants will use equipment provided by Quilter's Bee, and will buy a small kit for making a single block, which could be turned into a larger project if desired. Choose one of the times listed below. Class fee includes the kit.

Teacher: Staff
 Day/Time: Mon., Jan 11, 10:00-1:00
 Tues., Feb. 9, 10:00-1:00
 Wed., Mar 3, 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$10.00

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: Sat., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6
 Time: 1:00-4:00
 Fee: \$65.00



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 your 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: Tues., Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23
Time: 6:00 - 9:00
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: Tues., Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 2
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$45.00

Paper Piecing

If you like accuracy, you'll like paper piecing. You can use the technique to do a lot of things, from the very simple to the very intricate. There are even things you can do with paper piecing that you can't do any other way. Pattern required



Teacher: Gail
Days: Tues., Feb 16
Time: 6:00-9:00
Fee: \$20.00



Introduction to Hand Embroidery

Embroidery is an old and valuable skill. If you don't have that skill, here's the time and place to acquire it. Learn basic stitches to do wall hangings, pillows, and embellishments on larger projects. Pattern required



Teacher: Barb
Days: Wed., Mar. 3, 10
Time: 10:00-1:00
Fee: \$40.00

Hand Piecing

Make 2009 the year to learn hand piecing. It's portable, the rhythm is restful and the satisfaction is priceless. Book required



Teacher: Barb
Days: Tues., Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2
Time: 2:00 - 5:00
Fee: \$60.00

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: Mon, Feb. 8
Time: 1:00-5:00
Fee: \$30.00

Introduction to Appliqué

More and more people are expressing an interest in appliqué, whether for a whole quilt, for embellishments on a small quilt or wall hanging, or for jazzing up bags or wearing apparel. Here's the chance to learn either hand or machine appliqué in a friendly setting. Pattern required



Teacher: Marla
Days: Mon., Mar. 1, 8
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Introduction to 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. Practice panel required

Teacher: Margaret
Days: Sat., Mar. 20, 27
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$40.00



Introduction to Garment Construction

Sewing your own clothes is so in right now. You get something that's unique, that's just what you want, that's right now. But if you missed seventh grade home ec, maybe you never learned how to approach the task. We'll give you that experience. Make a skirt, a top, a child's jumper. You tell us what you want, and we'll help. **Pattern required**

Teacher: Margaret
 Days: Tues., Jan 12, 19, 26
 Time: 6:00-9:00
 Fee: \$45.00



The Next Step



Straight to the Point

This is a technique we've done before, but it's been quite a while, so it's worth doing again. You sew the blocks in a straight line, then cut it strategic places and when you sew the pieces back together, the whole top ends up on point. It's very cool. There are several patterns like this, so learning the technique opens up a new world to you. **Pattern required**

Teacher: Susan
 Days: Mon., Jan. 18, 25
 Time: 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$40.00



Label Your Quilts

"A quilt isn't finished until it has a label on it." That's what the quilting gurus all say, and it's true. Too many great quilters are lost in time because they didn't tell us their names or where they lived or why they made their quilts. Don't let that happen to your quilts. There are lots of ways to do labels. Come and learn some of them. **Kit required**

Teacher: Margaret
 Days: Thur., Jan 14
 Time: 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$20.00

Safari Place Mats

It'll be a jungle in your house when you make these very cute place mats. Lions and tigers and elephants and hippos and monkeys and giraffes, oh, my! Children of any age will enjoy them. **Pattern required**

Teacher: Kathy
 Days: Mon., Feb. 1
 Time: 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$20.00



Hawaiian Quilting

The Hawaiians had a form of layered bed coverings before they encountered fabric quilts. Then what they did to that fabric was truly art. Come and learn the technique. In the process, you'll learn ways to enhance other quilts as well. **Pattern required**

Teacher: Margaret
 Days: Wed., Jan. 6, 27 (Note the gap. It's deliberate.)
 Time: 10:00-1:00
 Fee: \$40.00



Bali Star

This striking quilt is made with strips—Bali Pops are perfect, so are jelly rolls, depending on the colorway you want. And you can get just the right cut with the All in One ruler. Come and put the two together for a wonderful quilt. **Book required**

Teacher: Gail
 Days: Fri., Jan 15, 22
 Time: 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$40.00



Machine Quilting in Sections

Do you get frustrated when you like to make lots of tops but can't get them quilted? Here's help—do the quilting in small sections and then join the sections to make the big quilt. Let Marti Michell show you some ways to do it. **Book required**

Teacher: Margaret
 Days: Mon., Feb. 15
 Time: 1:00-5:00
 Fee: \$20.00





Orion Star

This is a beautiful hunter's star variation. It's made with Thangles, so if you haven't worked with them before, you'll learn a new technique. Use jewel tones, like the pattern shows, or be brave and go with blacks and whites and reds or whatever suits your fancy. It'll be wonderful. **Pattern required** (pattern includes the Thangles.)



Teacher: Gail
Days: Wed., Feb. 3, 10
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Red Sky at Morning

That doesn't mean, as the old rhyme says, "Sailor take warning." It means a new technique for a storm at sea quilt that's very pretty. It takes a new set of templates that made it a sea breeze to make—just rectangles and squares, no triangles. **Book and templates required**



Teacher: Ellen
Days: Fr., Jan. 29, Feb. 5
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$40.00

Turtles and Tidepools

Here's another technique that you may not have played with before—the X-Block. It makes really interesting designs and in this case, cute turtles and fish. And you don't end up with lots of scraps at the end, either, because you use them in the border. (At least we did.) **Pattern and templates required**



Teacher: Margaret
Days: Mon., Mar. 15, 22, 29
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$45.00

Lithia Park

This is a wall hanging that uses English paper piecing to create flowers out of diamond shapes. It's a very portable project that also includes some appliqué. The pattern also includes the foundation papers. **Pattern kit required**



Teacher: Barb
Days: Thur., Mar. 4, 11, 25 (Note the gap. It's deliberate)
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$45.00

Got Your Back

Are the backs of your quilts boring? Are you sometimes tempted just to use a sheet? Stop! Don't do it. Come to this class and find out how to make the backs almost as interesting as the fronts.

Teacher: Ellen
Days: Wed., Feb. 17
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$20.00

Mandy's Maze

This queen-size quilt is stunning, all in yellows and purples with flecks of other colors for sparkles. Of course, you can make it in whatever color scheme suits your décor. It's a sort of double wedding ring without the curved pieces.

Pattern required



Teacher: Barb
Days: Thur., Feb. 4, 11, 25 (Note the gap. It's deliberate)
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$45.00

Big Block Bargello

This pattern has it all. It combines the beautiful bargello technique with some bigger blocks so that you can use a focus fabric as well. Just decide the look you want.

Pattern required



Teacher: Ellen
Days: Tue., Mar. 9, 16, 23
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$45.00

Irish Garden

What could be prettier than a modified Irish chain made with beautiful floral center squares? This is a really pretty quilt and could be made any size you want. Just add or subtract blocks. **Pattern required**



Teacher: Susan
Days: Fri., Mar. 5
Time: 2:00-5:00
Fee: \$20.00



Cathedral Windows

This pattern first appeared (or so “they” say) at the 1933 World’s Fair. The technique we teach combines machine and hand piecing. You can choose to make a pillow, a wall hanging, a table runner, or a cute little armchair caddy. Of course you can always go for the gusto and make a full-sized quilt.

Teacher: Kathy
 Days: Fri., Mar. 12, 19
 Time: 2:00-5:00
 Fee: \$40.00

Finishing School

We understand that numbers of you haven’t finished the Block of the Month quilts from years past, so we’re trying to help. Here are three Finishing School sessions. Come to one or all of them and somebody will be available if you get stuck. We want you to finish.

Teacher: Staff
 Day/Time: Sat., Jan. 30— 9:00-12:00
 Sat., Feb 13—1:00-4:00
 Tue., Mar. 30—6:00-9:00
 Fee: \$5.00 per session



Get Hooked

Talk about your stashbuster. This ought to be in that category, but it’s also a little different project, so we’ll put it here. This is a crocheted rug that you make with strips of fabric. It really uses up the scraps and is fun and portable. Try something new for the New Year. **Pattern required**

Teacher: Barb
 Days: Wed., Feb. 24
 Time: 1:00-4:00
 Fee: \$15.00

Nine-patch Tablerunner

This red and white tablerunner can be a simple gift or great home décor! We’re offering the class FREE when you purchase a kit. This original design is great for a beginner or more experienced quilter. **Kit required**

Teacher: Ellen
 Days: Tue., Feb. 2
 Time: 6:00-9:00
 Fee: Free with kit

Drunkard’s Wave

This Judy Niemeyer pattern is absolutely beautiful. It is not for the beginner, however, nor for the faint of heart. On the other hand it’s foundation paper pieced, so that makes it a whole lot easier. **Pattern required**



Teacher: Gail
 Days: Thur., Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1
 Time: 6:00-9:00
 Fee: \$45.00



Just for Fun



Learn to Tat

Tatting is almost a lost art these days, but it’s beautiful. Make lace for table doilies, for embellishments on quilts and clothes, for fancy collars and whatever else you want lace for. Be unique. You’ll be the only one around who knows how to tat. **Pattern and shuttle required**



Teacher: Ellen
 Days: Wed., Mar. 17, 24
 Time: 2:00-4:00
 Fee: \$20.00

Stashbuster Tablerunner

This is a quick and easy tablerunner that you can make out of your stash if you’d like. Or get coordinating fabric and make the placemats that go with it. We’ve invented them just for you. **Book required**



Teacher: Ellen
 Days: Wed., Jan. 13, 20
 Time: 1:30-4:30
 Fee: \$30.00



It's a Wrap

Back by popular demand, this ever-popular technique can also serve as a stashbuster. If you make a big bag or bowl, you'll use up lots of scraps and have a very nice outcome at the same time. **Book required.**



Teacher: Gail
Days: Sat., Feb. 20
Time: 12:30-4:30
Fee: \$20.00

Pleated Log Cabin

This is not your traditional log cabin, but some dynamic dimension is added by folding strips and piecing on a foundation. You need to see it to appreciate it. This is a great stashbuster, or a good pattern for using jelly rolls and charm packs. **Pattern required**



Teacher: Kathy
Days: Sat., Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13
Time: 1:00-4:00
Fee: \$30.00



The Bag Ladies



Scrap Bag Cuties

There are three of these bags in this pattern and we're going to do them all. They use scraps as well as other pieces and all are very cute. Consider them stashbusters or consider them just the cutest bags around. But consider them fun. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Susan
Days: Cutie #1—Thur., Jan. 28—1:00-5:00
Cutie #2—Fri., Feb. 26—1:00-5:00
Cutie #3—Fri., Mar. 26—1:00-5:00
Fee: \$5.00 per class

Vicki's Bag

This was the latest purse pattern from Penny Sturgis of Quilts Illustrated, who also brought us the Bow Tucks bag and others. It's a medium-size bag that, according to her, is "roomy enough for your wallet, glasses, cell phone, etc., but compact enough to be used as your everyday purse." **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Gail
Days: Mon., Feb. 22
Time: 1:00-5:00
Fee: \$10.00

Manhattan Handbag

This is a very nice bag—and has several options for the outside, from wedges to a single fabric. Ours is made out of batiks, but of course, you could make it from any fabric that goes with your wardrobe. **Pattern required.**



Teacher: Gail
Days: Fri., Feb. 19
Time: 1:00-5:00
Fee: \$10.00

FWK Bags

FWK means Free With Kit. These are nice, but simple bags that you ought to be able to make in one session. The classes are free if you buy the kit, which we will have in several colorways. We hope you'll join us to make these nice bags. **Kits required**

Day/Time Tues., Jan. 5—1:00-5:00
Tues., Feb. 9—5:00-9:00
Tues., Mar. 30—1:00-5:00
Fee: FREE with kit



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