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Greetings!

The warm weather is returning, the gardens are growing, and colour has been restored to our daily lives. Translate all those lovely tints and hues to your quilting projects and bring all that colour indoors! Aqua, cocoa, and lime still dominate this season's palette, with a healthy splash of deep turquoise, together with bursts of clear orange and pinks that tango on the fuchsia side. Even something as simple as new placemats or a tea cloth can give you a real summer lift and don't we deserve it after the brutal winter and stalled-out spring we had to endure!

Manitoulin Island Retreat

Our annual Retreat on Manitoulin Island will be Oct 5-8 and the earlier you book, the better - \$100. deposit is all that is required to hold you space. We are more than half full already. We will be making a gorgeous project using Bali Pops - the cutting is basically all done, and the batiks are gorgeous to work with. See the form on the web site, come in for a copy, or give us a call.

Women of Canada Block of the Month

We still can accommodate you if you want to join our exclusive Block of the Month sampler, *Women of Canada*. The class in the winter produced some lovely versions and if you are interested, please give us a call.

Fabrics

Moda has many collections that will arrive throughout the coming months. Continuing with their Bakeshop programme, remember they have added two new shapes: *Sweet Rolls*, which are forty 44" x 1½" strips (same as a jelly roll but narrower strips) and *Turnovers* - 6" squares pre-cut once on the diagonal. These will be very useful with the Charm Squares, as once you sew together 2 turnover pieces, they will match with a 5" square. The 5" squares continue to be major draws to a collection - there is just so much you can easily make with a package or two of this simple shape.

At the end of July we expect delivery of *Figgy Pudding* - a delightful Christmas collection that, while modern, will also fit into a traditional setting - it's quite unique and we hope you will like it as much as we do!

All the elegant Hoffman Christmas bolts will arrive in August and once again these metallic prints will make beautiful, timeless, holiday items. These fabrics always sell out before year end, so shop early for best selection.

More Flower Fairies!

The *Flower Fairies* by Cicely Mary Barker have sold incredibly well and now the Autumn and Christmas fairies are in stock and selling equally as fast. These include a large panel for each season - the Hawthorn Fairy in shades of pistachio, burgundies and fawns, and the Christmas Tree Fairy in greens, whites and reds. Each panel has the accompanying 'book plate' panel, with 12 unique fairies in complimentary colours and season. There are also all-over co-ordinating prints to

match the fabrics and if you have the spring and summer fairies, you will want to complete your collection. We will run the fairies classes again, both the panel one and the Fabric Book - the Books were a great hit and turned out just lovely once you've added hints of sparkle to all the pages.

We have lots of new oriental prints, many from Robert Kauffman, a favourite designer, as well as Kona Bay, Hoffman and others. We have a great new pattern and class to showcase these prints called *Shoji Screen*.

We also expect new feedsack 1930's prints over the next few months, and we have new Kaffe Fassett prints in stock in pretty pastels. Many new bolts are arriving in sizzling summer colours and prints to tempt you. Our black and white section of the store is crammed with new prints also - the selection is the broadest it's been in a long time!

Notions

Strip Tubing

This is a new technique sweeping the nation - because it is quick and clever, and accurate. You can use jelly roll strips, Bali Pops, or cut you own 2½" strips. Sew these to a larger background strip to make a tube, then use this nifty template to sub-cut the shapes which you re-sew into a quilt lickety-split. The layout possibilities are practically endless! There is an accompanying booklet loaded with designs, and we are excited to run a class in this and see everyone's colour choices!

Best Press Refills

The sample size bottles of *Best Press* are now discontinued - we've all been introduced to this great starch alternative that takes out creases even from the manufacturer's fold, crisps up your pieces with no residue and fills you with a heavenly feeling of well being with its light scents (it also comes scent-free). We will now refill your regular size bottles so that the original plastic bottle and nozzle need only be purchased once, and it will save you \$2.00 each time. If this helps even one polar bear, we are happy to do it!

Yo-Yo's & Flower Makers

The Yo-Yo's and Flower Makers continue to delight quilters young and old - the ease and perfection of each circle or flower is amazing, and placing them on quilts, runners, making accessories or wearing them as jewellery is fun! Come in for a demo anytime.

Batty Buddy

We love the Batting Buddy system of quilting-as-you-go. We've had so much fun over the last few sessions with the template, we are running a class yet again. As the patterns say, *Satisfy your need for Speed*. When you're done piecing the top, you've quilted it as well, and the binding lays flat and even without once coming near a hand-sewing needle. Ask for a demo next time you are in the store, and consider taking the class to get you going with this great technique.

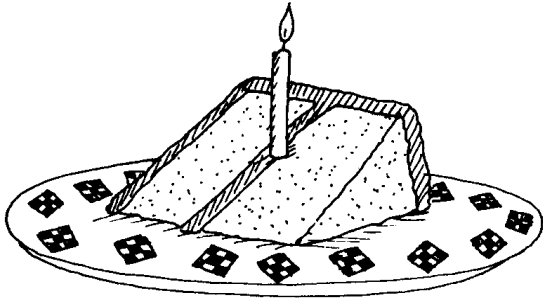
Books & Patterns

There are more and more patterns and booklets using the specialty shapes of jelly rolls, charm squares and layer cakes; we carry a good selection of all of these. The *Cozy Quilt* library contains many good patterns and are good sellers. Trying something new always keeps us enthusiastic I find, and adds to our enjoyment of our craft.

New Saturday Hours

10 am - 4 pm

Outside special events (sales, shop hops, etc), we will now be closing at 4pm on Saturdays. We have noticed most of you are done shopping by this time, so we'll save some hydro and spend that little bit extra time with our friends and family. We will continue to be open 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday.



12th Anniversary Sale & Celebration June 18-19-20

We will be starting our 13th year in June! Help us celebrate with our best sale of the year, complete with refreshments and prizes! Check the papers the week before, or give us a call. We hope to see you then!

CLASSES

Here are the Spring & Summer classes,
grouped by category:

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We try to include something for everyone and are always open to suggestions for new classes or ways to improve existing ones. Please take a moment to review the guidelines:

Class fees are not refundable if we cannot find a replacement for you. A full refund is given if the class is cancelled.

To hold your place, class fees are due at registration. If you cannot come in, please call us and we will be happy to make arrangements with you on the phone with a credit card, or you can mail payment. GST is applicable to class fees. Please check the descriptions of the classes to see whether you need to purchase or prepare anything beforehand. We do not call and reconfirm classes - we will only call if the class is cancelled.

We ask that materials for the class be purchased from Quilters' Line. We thank you for your understanding of this policy; without it, we couldn't bring you the variety of classes that we strive to do.

You may rent a sewing machine for \$5.00 plus GST for in-class work. Please reserve the machine when you register for class. You supply the thread.

We have a fridge and a microwave should you care to bring your lunch, or there are several eateries within walking distance. If you eat in at **Susan's Deli** down the street, they will provide you with a complimentary beverage with your meal (ask us for a coupon). We are happy to provide tea and coffee throughout the day.

Bears....

Beginner Bear Making

We will make a 12" bear from high quality synthetic fur, fully jointed, and with glass eyes. These bears are not intended for very young children, but are "collector" bears. We will make our first bear by hand during two classes one week apart. There will be some sewing required at home between the two sessions.

Caution: Bearmaking is addictive.

Tues. Aug. 11 & 18.....10:00 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus kit (\$25.00)

Chrissie Nash

Skill-Builders....

Basic Quiltmaking

For those wishing to delve into quilting, this series of classes will introduce you to rotary cutting, simple 9-patch piecing, and hand applique. We will also construct borders, and apply straight grain binding. We recommend you consider also taking our ½ day class in either hand or machine quilting (or both!) and these classes are scheduled to coincide with this project. 4 half-day sessions.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Thurs. mornings:

Jun. 25, July 2, 9, & 23

..... 9:30 - 12:30

\$60.00 class fee, plus materials.

Trudi Wiley

Hand Quilting

In this half-day class, Trudi will show you how to baste a quilt and execute the quilting stitch. We will work on sample blocks using different battings, so you can discover which type you prefer. Your kit also includes various sized quilting needles, and thread in your choice of colour.

Thurs. Jul. 16..... 9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus kit (\$15.00)

Trudi Wiley

Basic Machine Quilting

You will learn about the stitches and the threads in this half day class, working on samples provided in a kit. We will work with different battings, so you can get a feel for what works best in your machine. Learn to think outside the box with your feed dogs up in this innovative primer, plus master the basics of free-motion stippling.

Special feet required; please enquire.

Sat. Jul. 18.....9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus kit (\$15.00)

Chrissie Nash

Trapunto By Machine

Join Audrey for a nautically-themed 3-block trapunto sampler of sea shells, featuring lots of stippling and stuffed work, all done with your home sewing machine. You can then use this method to add dimension to your own quilts, in the alternate blocks or in big open spaces. *Please select fabrics in advance.*

Wed. Aug. 19.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Audrey Morrow

Flower Fairy Quilts...

It may seem early to think fall and Christmas, but now is when the manufacturer has released the fabric, and it will be all gone soon!

Flower Fairies Wall or Crib Quilt

Choose the Autumn or Christmas panel to be the centrepiece of a wall quilt, be an heirloom baby's quilt, or a child's bed quilt. The art work is stunning on these large panels and we have several ways to complete them depending on your size preference.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Tues. May 26.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Chrissie Nash

Flower Fairies Fabric Book

We'll cut the 7" x 9" plates apart and back them with co-ordinating fabrics add the little squares of the flowers and when we have 12 pages, we'll bind them with heavier covers and finish them with buttonholes and ribbon.

Nothing could be sweeter for a toddler or young child to have and to look at. It's also a chance to play with your button hole stitch, or you can use an awl instead.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Tues. Jun. 9.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Chrissie Nash

Wall and Table Quilts...

4-Patch Fusion

From the booklet *Charmed & Dangerous*, this quilt uses 5" squares or you can use Fat ¼'s if you prefer. It is 67" square, easily made bigger with an additional border. The scrappy look is very appealing and it is four-patch upon four-patch in its construction, so it sews up quickly.

Please select fabrics in advance

Mon. Jun. 1510:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials.

Nancy Edwards

Shoe Box Treasures

Wall, lap, or twin-sized, this quilt may remind you of elongated tumbling blocks, but the construction is simple and does not use inset piecing. A wide variety of novelty fabrics form the front of the shoe boxes, or the quilt can easily express a theme such as flowers, oriental motifs, etc. The optical illusion of stacked boxes is the best part!

Please select fabrics in advance

Mon. Jul. 6.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials.

Nancy Edwards

Stack 'n Whack Runner

This technique is enjoying a resurgence as many quilters wish to try it - the results are always fascinating. Audrey will lead you through the accurate cutting required and once you've made one block, you can't wait to see the results of the second block, and so on...before you know it, it's done! You can make this into a bed quilt as well, just let us know. The cutting and sewing is identical either way.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Wed. Jul. 8.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Audrey Morrow

Yo-Yo's, Flowers, and Vines

Simple and effective, we will make a small quilt suitable as a dresser scarf, table mat or wall hanging. Your mind will no doubt race to other possibilities - you could easily go on to make a band for the bottom of a skirt or jacket, make borders for a quilt, and so on. We will use a pinking blade in our cutter for the leaves (or pinking shears if you have them), and fusible bias tape, to make this project a snap. ½ day class.

Tues. Jul. 14.....10:00 - 1:00

\$15.00 class fee, plus materials

Chrissie Nash

Landscape Using Curved Piecing

This can be a wall quilt or table runner - you could even make a set of placemats. Audrey will show you how to construct an undulating, curved piece that can depict a beach scene, the rolling hills of Grey County, or it can be an abstract exercise in colour - your choice.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Wed. Jul. 29.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Audrey Morrow

Shoji Screen

This beautiful and simple design is the perfect setting for large scale oriental motifs or panel prints. A few coordinating prints off-set with a dark 'screening' makes this quilt a real stunner, and the pattern includes amounts and directions for a bed-sized version as well.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Thurs. Jul. 309:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials

Trudi

Wiley

Bed & Lap Quilts...

Black & White Summer Log Cabin

A barn-raising setting for a classic log cabin, with some bright, clear pastel bits in the centre. A perfect quilt for those summer nights when a little warmth is needed, but the winter colours of your quilts just doesn't look right. We've collected some great black and white prints over the last while, so the selection is terrific.

Please select fabrics in advance. Pre-cutting helpful, but not required.

Thurs. May 28.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

'Batting Buddy' Quilt

This is an amazing quilt-as-you-go technique that allows you to quilt at the same time as you piece. No longer restricted to a single strip or square, we can now construct more intricate designs in the same fun and effortless way. You can also use your Batting Buddy to make the beloved ragged flannel quilts - no more measuring - just slap the template down and cut.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Thurs. Jun. 11.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

3-6-9 Quilt

This is a clever sew-and-slash technique and perfect for Layer Cakes, or use a controlled number of fabrics, such as black & whites, for an interesting quilt that makes up faster than a speeding locomotive. After the squares are sewn and re-cut, you assemble them so that no seams match - how great is that! Once you get the hang of the technique, you can plow through your stash and whip these up almost overnight and they will look far more complex than they really are.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Tues. Jun. 23.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Chrissie Nash*

Biscuit Quilt

Also known as a 'Puff' quilt, this is an old classic pattern that has been around for at least 150 years. It is currently enjoying a revival of sorts, as everyone is suddenly asking about it. Our biscuits will not rise too high, but you can stuff and puff them to what suits you. This is a lot of fun to make, and adaptable to many layouts and fabric choices.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Mon. Jul. 13.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Heather MacNeil*

Cake Mix Quilt

This quilt looks great with its framed squares in two different sizes. You can control the colours if you wish, but by using a layer cake with a couple of co-ordinated accents from the same line, you are guaranteed to have an interesting quilt that blends and sparkles. We have some terrific summer-coloured layer cakes, or jump to a deeper palette and have this ready for the fall. This quilt can easily be made bigger by adding borders, as well.

Please select fabrics in advance

Mon. Jul. 20.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Nancy Edwards*

Strip Tubing

This is fun and accurate way to make a quilt, and your colour combination can be controlled, or use a jelly roll or sweet roll for a scrappy quilt that is guaranteed to blend beautifully. Quilts are so much more enjoyable to make when the units go together smoothly - achieved by accurate cutting - and this template allows you just that. Finish up with a 1/4" seam and you will be very pleased with the results!

Please select fabrics in advance. Some pre-cutting required

Tues. Jul. 28.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus template & materials *Chrissie Nash*

Scrappy Bargello

The famous 'flame' look of the bargello pattern is surfacing in the decorator magazines, so it is being re-discovered by non-quilters! What is different about this version is its scrappy look - achieved by a clever use of lights and darks and it's a good chance to work with several colours and designs of fabrics - always a treat. *Please select fabrics in advance.*

Wed. Aug. 5.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Audrey Morrow*

Chevron Braid Lap Quilt

A kissing cousin of the log cabin block, strips sewn in a chevron pattern form a braided look and Trudi has added an element from the *Batting Buddy* technique to include simple and dramatic leading between the chevron strips, so this is another quick quilt-as-you-go lap quilt: when the top is done, it's all done!
Please select fabrics in advance.

Thurs. Aug. 6..... 9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Trudi Wiley*

Sunshine & Shadow Quilt

As known as Roman Stripes, this classic pattern is easy to construct and has a timeless appeal. Its strong graphic statement looks good in any decor. Use today's bright marbled solids, or soft pastels for baby, and you will have a beautiful heirloom quilt to treasure.
Please select fabrics in advance.

Sat. Aug. 8.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials *Heather MacNeil*

Specialty Classes...

'Birdie Sling' Purse

A great new purse pattern by Amy Butler, this carry-all fits over the shoulder and can hold as little or as much as you like. Fully lined, and very stylish, you can easily make this bag in a day and you'll want one for every

outfit! Use the designer fabrics by Amy herself or Kaffe Fassett, or perhaps use the elegant orientals for a different look.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Wed. Jun. 24.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials

Audrey Morrow

Table Graces

A clever quilt-as-you go placemat, made with two colours in any look, complete with beautifully tailored napkins, which alone is worth the purchase of the pattern. You can make these in very little time and they are sure to please in any decor, from casual to formal.

½ day class.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Wed. Jul. 22.....9:30 - 12:30

\$15.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials

Audrey Morrow

Beginner Silk Ribbon

For those wishing to learn the gentle art of silk ribbon embroidery. Beautiful unto itself, it is also a wonderful embellishment on crazy quilting and a fine companion to cross stitch work. It is also durable enough to embellish clothing. We will work from a kit that incorporates all the basic stitches, but you choose your own colour scheme.

Thurs. Aug. 13.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus kit (\$20.00)

Trudi Wiley

Bali Bag

This is a beautiful shopping bag that looks fresh and dazzling with the variety of batiks available in every shade imaginable. Make it in neutral, bright, summer or autumn colours. Sturdy enough to hold books; elegant enough to take to the theatre! These could easily make good Christmas presents for everyone on your list this year, and you'll have a head-start.

Please select fabrics in advance.

Thurs. Aug. 20.....9:30 - 3:30

\$25.00 class fee, plus pattern & materials

Trudie Wiley

Christmas Tea Set Ensemble

Everyone seems to admire our tea cozy when I bring out the tea for the class - it has a pieced front, is nicely insulated with the metallic batting, and is complete with it's own mat on which to rest the pot. We'll throw in the pattern for miniature cozies for your cups, too, for those who like their tea to stay really hot! It's nice to have special things at Christmas, but of course you can use any fabrics and make this for every day!

Please select fabrics in advance

Mon. Aug. 31.....10:00 - 4:00

\$25.00 class fee, plus materials

Nancy Edwards

Finish-It-Class

We are happy to help you with anything you have started in any of our classes during this session but may not have finished - the class is free but please register so we have a space reserved for you.

Tues. Sept.1.....10:00 - 3:00

FREE, but please pre-register