



## October - December 2011

The worst of the heat is now behind us and the holidays are almost here. Does it seem to anyone else that they come around faster every year? If you haven't started your projects for Christmas yet, it's time to do it now. If you're doing things for Halloween, it's really time to get cracking. And we do hope that somebody's thinking about Thanksgiving, which often gets lost in the shuffle. If you're already done, bring them in for us to see, but be charitable towards those of us who've just begun. At any rate, we love to see you here at Quilter's Bee.

### \* \* \* NOTICE \* \* \*

Because January 1 falls on Sunday this year, Fat Quarter Frenzy will be on Saturday, December 31, from 10:00-3:00. Because of that, all shopping sprees will expire on Friday, December 30.

### 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.

### Emails

We're trying to keep you informed via email of what's going on here at Quilter's Bee. If you're not getting our messages, come in and make sure that we have the correct address. If we do and you're still not getting them, you'll need to check with your service provider to see if they have an internal SPAM blocker.

### Stinger Strips

If you'd like a strip bundle and we don't have one you like, we'd be glad to cut one for you. You come in and choose your twenty fabrics and we'll cut them into forty strips and bundle them for just a small fee over the regular cost of the strips. Just let us know.

### Block of the Month

We're coming to the end of this year's Block of the Month quilt and we're sure yours are getting to be as beautiful as we think ours is. But don't let down just because we're going into the holidays. If you haven't picked up your finishing kit yet, there's still time, but you'll need to tell Gail when you want it. We're not ready to unveil next year's pattern yet, but you'll see it by the end of the year, for sure. We think you'll like it.

## Announcements

We will close at 1:00 on Wednesday, November 23, and Saturday, December 24, so that we can spend time with our families.

### HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour comes and goes. Watch the door for the announcement of when it will reappear. You get 20% off any one item on Fridays between 3:30-5:30. However, this only happens in selected months, so be on the lookout.

### SAMPLE SALE

We have a number of quilts that were made as class samples for sale in the store. They're various sizes and styles. If you need a quick quilt for a gift or even for yourself, come and check them out.

### SEWING MACHINE REPAIR

Remember that John, the sewing machine man, comes every Wednesday to pick up and deliver machines. He comes about noon, so it would be good to have your machine here early in the morning or the night before. He also sharpens scissors, but not knives.





### Bee Challenged—Fifth Saturday

We've had such interesting entries in our Bee Challenged-- Fifth Saturday program. It's wonderful how creative people are. The October challenge is underway and we'll see the results on Saturday, October 29. Come at 10:00 to see what everybody's done and to ooh and aah with us. The first fifth Saturday in the new year is on December 31. Since that will only give participants two months to get something done, and since the holidays come in there as well, the next Fifth Saturday Challenge will be due on March 31. That gives some extra time to get your project done. Be sure to sign up for the October bag so that you can have the extra months in the new year.

### Thimblebees

Did you ever hear about an old-fashioned quilting bee? Well, we have something like that here at Quilter's Bee. The Thimblebees meet every third Wednesday at 10:00 in the morning and bring their hand quilting. You say that you don't know how to hand quilt well? Come and enjoy the company and they'll help you. It's \$5.00 a session and lots of fun.

### Buck-a-Block

This year, as many of you know, the Buck-a-Block is really Buck-two-Blocks. We hope you're keeping up and getting both of them done. This is going to be another very pretty quilt when it's done. Be sure to bring your finished blocks in to show us that you did them when you pick up your new kit. This is one of the few things that hasn't gone up in price this year, so take advantage of it.

### Party with Patrick

These little projects have all been very cute and those coming up will be just as nice. If you've come to Party with Patrick before, but have sort of forgotten about it for a while, now's the time to pick it back up. Those little projects would make good Christmas presents. The fee is \$10.00 and kits are available. The groups meet on the fourth Monday or Thursday of each month at 5:30 and they have a good time both evenings.



### Knotty Stitches

If hand embroidery is your thing, or if you'd just like to learn how to do it, you need to come to Knotty Stitches. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00. It's only \$5.00 a session and it's a good way to learn a skill and enjoy the company at the same time.

### Seasonal Quilt Club

If you think that the Seasonal Quilt Club is probably making Christmas quilts at the moment, you might be surprised. They use the book *Our Best Seasonal Quilts*, and they might be doing Easter or the Fourth of July right now. Whatever they're doing, it's sure to be great. If you'd like to join them, they meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 and the fee is only \$10.00 a session.

### Miniature Quilt Club

Think small. That's what they do in the Miniature Quilt Club. They make the most beautiful little quilts you can imagine. They'd love to have you come and join them in thinking small. They meet on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 and the dues are only \$25.00 a year. Come and think small.

### Log Cabin Club

This is our newest group and it's just starting to find its purpose. Everybody's making their own versions of log cabin quilts. It's pretty full, but if you're interested, we'll see if we can find a place for you. It meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 and it's \$10.00 a session. How many log cabin quilts can you make? Lots.

### Scraps 'n More

There are three sessions of Scraps 'n More and they're not all doing the same thing right now. If you're interested in joining one of the groups, you'll need to ask Susan if there are openings. It's \$10.00 a month and they have a good time.



### Bargain Basement

We had several people who took advantage of our special bargain classes last quarter, and we're trying again to help with your bottom line. Look for classes that are labeled "Stashbuster" or FWK, meaning Free With Kit. The stashbusters allow you to pay for the class and pattern or book and use your own stash, often your own scraps, to make the quilt. For the FWK classes you only pay for the kit and the class is free. Come and sign up for these cost-cutting classes.

### Rise 'n Shine

If you're not here on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30, you're missing Rise 'n Shine. That means that you're missing a really good time. They have a preview of all the new things in the store, and show and tell, and good conversation, and door prizes, and lots of fun. It's free and they'd love to have you.

### Twofer

Again this quarter we're offering our "twofer" class enrollment. If you and a friend sign up for a class together, you can get two classes for the price of one. This is a great way to make sure you can attend those classes you want to take without busting the budget. It's also a way to make sure that the class won't be cancelled for lack of students.

### Mystery Quilt

Our new mystery group starts on Wednesday, August 31, at 5:30. If you've missed that deadline, come in and we'll catch you up. The mysteries are a good way to learn about color and technique. They also let you do quilts that you might not dare to do if you saw what they were going to look like before you started. The mystery is \$30.00 and that includes the pattern. It meets every other Wednesday until November, at which time we'll display all of the finished tops in the store. Come and be mystified.

### WIP

We're starting a new program this quarter. It's called WIP Day. That means Work In Progress and it's going to be held on the first Friday of the month, starting in October, from 10:00-4:00. The charge will be \$20.00 and it'll include lunch. We hope it's going to give you a time that you can come and sew, away from the dishes and laundry, and where there's somebody to help if you get stuck. It's going to be a companion to UFO Night, but for those people who like to do things during the day rather than at night. Be sure to sign up early, because the space will be limited.

### Mother Bear Project

Attention, knitters and crocheters! Here's a way to use up your yarn scraps and make a child happy at the same time. The Mother Bear Project sells you a pattern for a small knitted or crocheted bear. The pattern is \$5.00 and you make the bear, using up batting scraps at the same time, then you send the bear in with \$3.00 for shipping, and the bear is sent to children's facilities in Africa. It's a way to help a child at the same time you're cleaning out old stash. We've scheduled Mother Bear Project mornings on the second Friday of each month from 10:00-1:00 and it's only \$5.00 a session. But if you can't make it at that time, you're welcome to get the pattern and make the bears on your own. (We'd love to see them, though.)

Be sure to stop by and see all of our kits in the store.

Kits offer patterns and materials needed to complete a project!

They make great gifts for friends, relatives, or you!!

We also offer gift certificates—the perfect gift for your quilting friends!

### 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 can enjoy the company of nice people as well as treats and a whole evening of uninterrupted sewing. We do 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. And if we don't have more than two people sign up, we'll cancel and give you credit towards the next month. Come and join us.



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

## Legend

These are indicated by the following icons:



Magazine Required



Book Required



Pattern Required



Kit Required



Panel 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

### 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; *Start Quilting with Alex Anderson*



Teacher: Margaret  
 Days: Tues., Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8  
 Time: 6:00 - 9:00  
 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. Book required: *Start Quilting with Alex Anderson*



Teacher: Margaret  
 Days: Sat., Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10  
 Time: 1:00 - 4:00  
 Fee: \$55.00



### 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: Margaret  
Days: Sat., Oct. 1  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$20.00

### 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.

Teacher: Ellen  
Days: Fri., Nov. 11  
Time: 1:30-4:30  
Fee: \$30.00

### 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. Panel, walking and free-motion feet required



Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Sat., Nov. 5, 12  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00



## The Next Step



### Hope's Promise Free with a Kit

This lovely queen-size quilt is easier than it looks. That's because you use a panel and a border stripe that does a lot of the work for you. You piece only twelve blocks, four of which become the cornerstones for the border. How easy is that? Pattern available or included in kit



Teacher: Barb  
Days: Tues., Oct. 11, 18, 25  
Time: 1:00 - 4:00  
Fee: \$45.00 or Free with a Kit

### Beary Patches

Remember the demonstration project at Shop Hop? You know, Debbie Caffrey's series on becoming a confident quilter? We don't want you to forget, so we're offering this fun and easy class again. It comes from the book *It's Hip to be Square*, and it's a quilt that looks complicated but is very easy. Book required: *It's Hip to Be Square*



Teacher: Susan  
Days: Thur., Oct. 27  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$20.00

### Let It Snow Free with a Kit

Make a warm, snuggly lap quilt for yourself or as a gift. The snowmen are sure to appeal to everyone and we spiced up the raggy with 4-patch blocks. Buy a kit and get the class for free. Pattern available or included in kit



Teacher: Ellen  
Days: Fri., Oct 14  
Time: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00 or Free with a Kit

### Continental Divide

A quilt, a wall hanging, or a table runner, this pattern and technique by Debbie Caffrey will become a favorite. Choose a border fabric, a contrasting background, and fat quarters to make these mountain stars into your choice of project. This pattern is also in one of the Shop Hop books, this time *Delectably Simple Mountains*. Book Required: *Delectably Simple Mountains*



Teacher: Sue  
Days: Fri., Oct. 21, 28  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00



### SAS Design

The Storm at Sea class with easy template method has been such a success this year that a "Help Me Design" class has been requested. If you want to try your hand at designing, find your colored pencils and start dreaming. Book required: *Storm at Sea Quilts*



Teacher: Ellen  
 Days: Mon., Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 28  
 (Note the gap. It's intentional.)  
 Time: 2:00-5:00  
 Fee: \$45.00

### A Sunburned Penguin

The name of this quilt is actually the punch line to the joke, "What's black and white and red all over?" You guessed it—a sunburned penguin. Get out all those blacks, whites, and reds you've been saving for that special project. This is that special project. Book required: *Quilts from the Heart II*



Teacher: Susan  
 Days: Mon., Nov. 14, 21  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$40.00

### In Full Bloom

Do you like appliqué? Or do you want to learn more about the process? Take your pick of two patterns and try making some birds and flowers from a McKenna Ryan design. Pattern required: "In Full Bloom" ("Sleeps Six" or "Fuchsias")



Teacher: Ellen  
 Days: Sat., Oct 8, 15, 29  
 (Note the gap. It's intentional.)  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$45.00

### Das Blumen

This pattern has you make stratas—lots of them. Then you cut them into blocks and sew the blocks together and embellish it with appliquéd flowers. It's beautiful. Pattern required: "Das Blumen"



Teacher: Gail  
 Days: Thur., Nov. 3, 10  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$40.00

### Chocolate-Covered Churn Dashes

This charming small quilt is made with browns and pinks, though it would look great in any two-color combination where you have a strong contrast in value. It calls for an assortment of fabric in each color way, but it works best if you limit the number of fabrics used.. Book required: *Country Comforts*



Teacher: Barb  
 Days: Tues., Nov. 15, 22, 29  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$45.00

### Bali Wedding Star

This quilt is not a beginner's project, nor is it quilt in a day. It is, however, a challenge worth taking. It's all paper-pieced, so if you don't know that technique, you'll need to learn it before attempting this pattern. Notice that the sessions are a month apart to give time to get the homework done. Pattern required: Bali Wedding Star



Teacher: Margaret  
 Days: Wed., Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21  
 Time: 3:00-6:00  
 Fee: \$45.00

### Peak of the Season

Here's another quilt from the books we showed at Shop Hop. This one is from *Delectably Simple Mountains*. It's a charming nap-size quilt with a wonderful delectable mountains border. Come and refresh what you learned at our Shop Hop demo. Book required: *Delectably Simple Mountains*



Teacher: Cindy  
 Days: Tues., Nov. 1, 8  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$40.00

### Spin City

Here's a totally different take on pinwheels. The pattern has several sizes to choose from as well as various ways to set the blocks together for different looks. Pattern required: "Spin City"



Teacher: Gail  
 Days: Wed., Nov. 30  
 Time: 1:00-4:00  
 Fee: \$20.00



# Christmas is Coming



## Slice 'n Dice Placemats

Use up those fat quarters you've been "saving" to make these almost matching placemats. Then use a holiday print for backing and they'll be twice as nice. Use them yourself or give them as gifts. Pattern required: "Slice 'n Dice"



Teacher: Sue  
Days: Mon., Oct. 3  
Time: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00

## Berry Basket Welcome

What could be more welcoming than baskets? Half-square triangles and a bit of appliqué make this tablerunner project fun and easy. It's also fat quarter friendly. Book required: *Bloom Creek*



Teacher: Susan  
Days: Mon., Oct. 17, 24  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00



## Mini-Stars Table Runner

Paper-piece three large stars and four little stars. The pattern has enough foundation papers to make two table runners. Make one for your own table and one to give to someone you love. Pattern required: "Mini-stars Table Runner"



Teacher: Gail  
Days: Thur. Oct. 6, 13  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00

## Winterburg Tree Skirt

You've always wanted a larger tree skirt and here's one that's quite nice (and easy). This one is made with two panels, batting, and backing. Add some embellishments and everyone in the family will want one. We'll use several quilting techniques and learn Ellen's special way to make bias binding. The pattern is included with the panels.



Teacher: Sue  
Days: Wed., Nov. 2  
Time: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00

# Christmas Make and Takes



These classes are designed to give you a chance to finish something in the class so that you don't have any homework and can have a gift (even for yourself) finished before you go home. They all meet from 2:00-5:00 and the charge for each class is only \$5.00.

Class: 5-seam Tablerunner and Christmas Tree Napkins  
Teacher: Barb  
Day: Mon., Dec. 5

Class: Christmas Apron  
Teacher: Barb  
Day: Thur., Dec. 8

Class: Wonder Wallet  
Teacher: Susan  
Day: Tues., Dec. 6

Class: Pillowcases  
Teacher: Sue  
Day: Fri., Dec. 9

Class: Block Clock  
Teacher: Margaret  
Day: Wed., Dec. 7





## Just for Fun



### Pumpkin Party

Celebrate good times with a touch of whimsy! Make these creative place mats, table runners, or table toppers for the fall season or Thanksgiving or try the Jack-o-Lanterns for a fall birthday or Halloween party. Pattern required: "Pumpkin Party"

Teacher: Susan  
Days: Tues., Oct 4  
Time: 2:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00



### Bags from Rags

You can make two different bags from this pattern: a smooth bag made with two fabrics or a shaggy bag made from all those leftover fabric strips you just can't part with. In either case, you'll knit a bag that is easy enough for beginners, but fun for those who already know how to knit. This is a great follow-up to the beginning knitting class. Pattern required: "Bags from Rags"

Teacher: Barb  
Days: Wed., Oct. 26, Nov. 9  
(Note the gap. It's intentional.)  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00



### Let's Twist

Do you remember doing the twist? This is another kind of twist, but it's a lot of fun. You'll need both sizes of template for this particular quilt, but it's a versatile technique that you'll use over and over. Templates and book required: *Let's Twist*

Teacher: Gail  
Days: Tues., Nov. 15, 22  
Time: 6:00-9:00  
Fee: \$40.00



### 10-Strip Wonder Bag

This pattern has two sizes—a purse and a tote. You only need ten 2 1/2" strips, fusible fleece, and fabric for the lining. If you want fabric handles, you need two more strips. It's a very easy purse to make. Pattern required: "10-Strip Wonder Bag"

Teacher: Gail  
Days: Fri., Nov. 18  
Time: 12:00-5:00  
Fee: \$30.00



### Beginning Knitting

Knitting is an old skill that's having resurgence. We're knitting bags and other things here at Quilter's Bee and we'd like to include you. If you don't know how to knit or if your skills are very rusty, come and join us as we explore yet another kind of needlework.

Size 8 needles and worsted weight yarn required

Teacher: Margaret  
Days: Wed., Oct 5, 12  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$40.00



### Breezy Weave Bag

This pattern is from the same designer as the Diamond Island Tote and uses the same technique. It's a great bag and a fun project. Pattern required: "Breezy Weave Bag"

Teacher: Gail  
Days: Mon., Oct. 10  
Time: 12:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00



### Woven Jelly Roll Rug

Here's a quick and cute project for some of those 2 1/2" strips you've been collecting or maybe have left over from another project. You only need 28 coordinating strips, a scrap of backing fabric and a non-slip liner and you've got a nice mat. You may find yourself making several as they are so easy and fun to make. Pattern required: "Woven Jelly Roll Rug"

Teacher: Barb  
Days: Sat., Oct 22  
Time: 1:00-4:00  
Fee: \$20.00



### 2-Hour Tulip Bag

This has been a very popular pattern, so we're running another class by request. The bag comes in four sizes and is a nice shape. It's quick and easy (The designer says it takes two hours to make.) and might even make a good Christmas present. Pattern required: "2-Hour Tulip Bag"

Teacher: Gail  
Days: Thur., Dec 1  
Time: 1:00-5:00  
Fee: \$20.00

