



The Fat Quarterly

CRAFTY FABRICS' NEWSLETTER

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The cozy quilting store at the Jersey shore.

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Sew, What's New at the Shop?



Spring Has Sprung!

It's time to enjoy the fresh air and beautiful colors of this wonderful season. Mother Nature is providing lots of inspiration for our next set of Saturday classes. These three months will help us to celebrate the lovely spring weather, as well as upcoming summer events.



Don't the warm spring breezes just beg you to enjoy a cup of tea outdoors? If a gentle shower is in the forecast, enjoy piecing *High Time For Tea*, a lovely wall hanging of teapots and matching teacups. Pair it with some cinnamon roll and donut pin cushions, or a cupcake oven mitt for a calorie-free treat! Patterns are available at the shop, as well as samples of each.

You won't need a green thumb to plant a quilt garden! We have new patterns and books to get that garden growing! Our lovely floral fabrics and wide selection of jersey suede rainbow colors will provide instant and beautiful




flowers to be enjoyed year-round. Table top-
per *Aspen in Bloom* will look stunning in
spring or summer hues. April
showers may bring *May Flowers*,
but when the flowers are as
beautiful as in this four-block wall
hanging pattern from new book
SIMPLY CHARMING: SEASONS, it's impossi-
ble not to feel the sun shine.



Are you in the mood to try something new ?
How about a tessellating pat-
tern, a stained glass flower, or
making your own bias tape,? Try
your hand at *Pinwheel Puzzle*, a
table runner pattern that cre-
ates curved pinwheels
from straight line sewing. The mosaic
design that emerges when the shapes
interlock is magical! Easy to follow
directions make this runner a snap to
sew. Watch a *Stained Glass Iris* wall
hanging blossom before your eyes
with hand-made bias tape for the leading.
So easy to do!



If you're looking for something to help pass
the time on those inevitable rainy days, se-
lect 12 coordinating fat quarters to create an



easy quilt, such as *9-Patch Weave* from LOTS OF SCRAPS—IT'S TIME TO QUILT. See our store sample in gorgeous teals and browns.



Good things always come in threes, and quilting is no exception. Create an interesting quilt using only three blocks with *Three Bean Salad* from WILD ABOUT FLOWERS. Make a *Christmas Basket* (not just for Christmas!) with your favorite three colors or your three favorite fabrics from 3 COLOR CRAZY for a great quilt or table topper.

To get ready to celebrate the upcoming patriotic holidays, join us as we use red and white to create a *July Table Topper*. The checkerboard pattern has simple 4-patch units alternating with squares of appliqué stars set in a circle. This, or a star-spangled *Calendar Runner for July*, would make a great project to transition from Memorial Day to the 4th of July!



Aprons have become very popular, and we'll join the party with *Apron Charms*, a cute 9-block appliqué wall hanging pattern of aprons with loads of vintage charm! This would look great hanging up in your kitchen or breakfast nook, and is a great project for our 1930s and 1940s reproduction fabrics. Pick up some matching fabric and make an apron for yourself!



If it's time for some spring cleaning of your sewing room or "studio", we have scheduled a few UFO Saturdays to give you time to complete some new or leftover projects .

Our *Thimbleberries* Block of the Month (BLOCK BY BLOCK TO BEAUTIFUL QUILTS, book available in the shop) continues on the second Saturday of each month. Come join us for your choice of projects in different sizes. There is a bed-sized quilt as well as several seasonal wall hangings. Stop by to see the different projects the BOM ladies are working on, and become inspired!

Crafty Fabrics is a host shop in the **Make a Pillowcase: Make a Difference** challenge. American Patchwork and Quilting is inviting all quilters to join and make



a difference in their community. The goal is to make 1,000,000 pillowcases in one year. We sewed 105 pillowcases on National Quilting Day! This project will continue throughout the year, and all of our cases are donated to Monmouth and Ocean county hospitals. Visit www.allpeoplequilt.com for details.

Our popular **QUILTERS' FEST** continues every Friday evening with four hours of uninterrupted sewing time for only \$10! Stop in to sew, chat, browse, and purchase. Hours are 6:00-10:00 p.m. *No Fest Apr. 9.*

GOT QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?



There is always someone at the store to help you and guide you on your way to continue with your sewing and quilting projects. Let us know what you're interested in for future classes.

Our next issue of *The Fat Quarterly* will be ready for July. Till then, we look forward to seeing you at the store. Happy sewing!

