



The Fat Quarterly

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The cozy quilting store at the Jersey shore.

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Sew, What's New at the Shop?



Summertime, summertime! With warm breezes blowing and longer daytime hours for sewing, it's a perfect time to create some bright and beautiful quilts for your family or for your home decorating. We'll be enjoying summer's gorgeous colors this season, and also transition into autumn to help get ready for the cool and crisp days ahead.



Flowers will bloom on your dining room or patio table with runners, mats, and toppers when you join us for *Sunflower Table Runner* and *Springtime Table Mat* from Quilting For Busy Boomers.

Using the pretty colors of late spring, full summer, or early fall, these projects will guarantee your table is ready for every meal in any season! Each pattern is simple to stitch and will finish up quickly. Continuing with the sunflower theme is *Fields of Sunflowers*, also from the Quilting For Busy Boomers book. This lovely topper or lap quilt combines easy strip-piecing

with triangles to create large blocks that can be sewn together in no time, and you're certainly not limited to sunflowers! We have some lovely fabrics of other flowers that would be perfect for this project. Come in and see our store sample. Matching this quilt with your new table displays will make your decorating simple this season!

Simple can also mean "spectacular", and a perfect example of this is *Simply Charming Nine Patch*, from the Simply Charming Collection book. Charming is the perfect word to describe this 4-block baby quilt of 9-patch units separated by lattice sashings and framed by a single border. We have pre-cut packets of the charms needed to create this stunner, so stop by the shop to see our selection. Or choose some fat quarters of your own favorite color combinations to customize your project. This 42" x 42" square would also work as a table topper as well.



It's time for our annual ANNIVERSARY SALE ! Join us as we celebrate our 9th year! Shop Tues., Aug. 2nd

to Sat., Aug. 6th for 20% off all fabric, books & patterns. Come shop during this special week and pick up some new fabrics and books to keep those creative juices flowing!



Once the heat of summer starts to finally fade we'll be ready to start thinking about Mother Nature's glory in autumn. You'll definitely want to begin with the *Earth Day Wall Quilt*, from Debbie Mumm's

Home Comings book. Even though the name implies spring, this little quilt of three-leaved trees will glow in vibrant fall colors as well as summer greens. We'll be needing something to keep us warm when the cool weather returns, and a *stylized sweatshirt* is the perfect solution. Come to the store to see the variety of options for either a pull-over or a zippered jacket. Make one of each style for a complete wardrobe!

As you begin harvesting your gardens, we will be doing the same at the shop with Lynette Jennings' "Thimbleberries" book, Quilting for Harvest. The *Autumn Splendor* table runner can be made either as the pattern directs, or as a smaller-sized wall quilt. A variety of seasonal appliqués highlights the 9-patch units used to create this project. From the same book we'll be doing *Rick Rack Pumpkins*, a small wall quilt. The sample in the shop takes this appliqué pattern on a different spin for fall, and displays apples to celebrate the kids going back to school instead of the pumpkins. Use your imagination and select your own fall symbols if you like. How about crows, leaves, or acorns? The possibilities are endless!



We are continuing to sew and collect pillowcases for the "Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference" quilting challenge. Please join us in this worthwhile project as we march towards the goal of 1,000,000 pillowcases for children in Monmouth and Ocean counties' hospitals. We'd love to have you sew some cases with us or pick up a free pattern and drop off those you make at home.



Our Crayon Mystery Block of the Month continues on the second Saturday of each month. Come see the mystery revealed as we select our colors to create this wonderful quilt!

Sadly, our popular **QUILTERS' FEST** has been discontinued as hostess Jeanne Charland has moved to Georgia. We'll miss her happy smile, great sense of humor, and endless excitement about her sewing projects! We wish her all the best as she embarks on this new adventure!



GOT QUESTIONS OR IDEAS? There is always someone at the store to help you with your sewing and quilting projects. We welcome your suggestions and ideas for anything special you would like to do as a future project or class.

Our next issue of *The Fat Quarterly* will be ready for October, along with a new set of Saturday classes and projects. Till then, we look forward to seeing you at the store. Happy sewing!

