



# *The Fat Quarterly*

## **CRAFTY FABRICS' NEWSLETTER**

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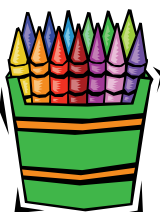
## Sew, What's New at the Shop?



### Happy 2011!

A new year has brought new projects and ideas to Crafty Fabrics to whet your quilting appetite!

To get us started, do you remember the excitement and anticipation when, as a child, you received a brand new box of crayons? The rainbow of colors offered a multitude of creative possibilities. We as quilters approach fabrics with the same wide-eyed enthusiasm! To celebrate this feeling, our *block of the month* this year will harness that fun with a challenge and a mystery. Each participant will follow the same 12-block sampler pattern, **As Time Goes By**. The main colors of the quilt will be black, grey, cream and white as the backgrounds for each new block. The fun and challenge ensues when



each quilter blindly selects a single crayon each month to use as a highlight color. Each separate block will have this new and different hue as the additional fabric choice. The mystery is revealed at the end of the project and each result will be unique when each quilter chooses her own layout to complete her quilt. This program begins in February, and will continue on the second Saturday of each month until December. Come join us as we indulge our inner child's sense of curiosity and merriment!

Other new projects during this time will offer the opportunity to customize your new quilt project according to the size that suits your needs and décor. Several can be made as a small wall hanging, a table runner, or a table topper; others a larger wall-hanging or lap quilt. Eleanor Burns' clear and concise directions will make quick work of a beautiful traditional pattern, **Day and Night**. By saving the left-over scraps



from her simple strip cutting and piecing techniques, (the special template is included with the book) several bonus projects can be completed as well. We have a sample of the 3-fabric quilt wall hanging available in the shop. We'll get ready for Valentine's Day with her *Hugs and Kisses* pattern, too. Hearts surrounded by Xs and Os are a perfect way to mark the special day.



While waiting for winter to come to an end and spring to make its arrival, we'll celebrate the seasons with two projects from **Simply Charming: Seasons**. Build a snowman in the warm comfort of our store with a *Snowman* wall

hanging, and prepare for a leprechaun's visit with *March Shamrocks*. If he brings the gentle warmth of springtime with him, an *embellished sweatshirt* will keep those early breezes at bay. And once we know for sure that the new season is really here, prepare for soft rains with *April Showers Brings May Flowers*, an adorable up-turned umbrella banner/wall hanging that will awaken the desire to start planning your garden with its collection of cheerful posies. Even if the weather won't cooperate, the 16-patch center of the *spring seasonal topper* from **On the Run** offers a wonderful opportunity to begin planting the colors of your imagination.



**NATIONAL QUILTING DAY IS MARCH 19!** We'll be celebrating with a day of fun, refreshments, and surprises! This is a great day to celebrate the hobby we all enjoy and love so much!

Are you a "sports widow"? While the male members of your family are enjoying the games, come join us for **SUNDAY SEW WIDOW**. Our popular **QUILTERS' FEST** has been switched to Sunday afternoons (beginning Jan. 9), 1:00-4:00. For only \$10 you can enjoy some quiet sewing time with the girls! Stop in to sew, chat, browse, purchase, and relax.



**GOT QUESTIONS?** There is always someone at the store to help you out and guide you on your way to continue with your sewing and quilting projects.



**GOT IDEAS?** Let us know if there is anything special you would like to do as a project or class. We welcome your suggestions!



Our next issue of *The Fat Quarterly* will be ready for April. Till then, we'll look forward to seeing you in the shop. Happy sewing!

