



The Fat Quarterly

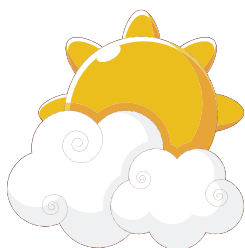
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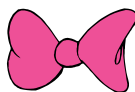
Sew, What's New at the Shop?



Ahhh!!

It's time to relax and take a deep breath of the fresh spring air! After the long cold winter, our thoughts are turning to lovely warm days and soon-to-be-arriving balmy evenings. We have plenty of wonderful quilt projects this season to bring the beautiful outdoors inside your home!

With Easter arriving soon, it's the perfect time to plan for that parade with a lovely new purse. Pattern *Bow Tucks Tote* is the answer! Our class offers two sizes of this versatile bag: a large or a small one. The tote boasts lots of inner pockets for tons of storage, and has adorable bows on the sides to contain everything inside. Pick two coordinating fat quarters and a lining fabric, and you're all set! The pattern is simple and easy to follow. Make both sizes in matching fabrics and you'll be ready for any occasion! To stay warm during the parade (and help



promote a very worth cause at the same time), treat yourself to a beautiful quilted *Garden of Hope* shawl from Quilter's Think Pink. You'll warm your body and your heart at the same time with a portion of the book sale going to breast cancer research.

Also for Easter, we are celebrating with Confetti in the Corner, another easy and fun-filled book by Terry Atkinson of Atkinson Designs. If you've ever done one of her projects before you know how quick and simple they are to complete! Gorgeous pastels of lavender, pink, yellow, and green are used to highlight *Bunny Hop*, a lovely 4-patch wall hanging that would be perfect on a wall or as a table topper for the special holiday. We have some adorable Easter and spring themed fabrics to get you started on this great project!



Does your kitchen, dining room, or coffee table desire some sunshine? A *Striped Table Runner* may be just what it needs! This simple project is an instant gratification dream! With a 60 degree ruler and 5 seams, your top will be finished in no time.



Matching the stripes is a breeze with this easy pattern. You don't even need a binding to finish it: just pin, sew, turn, quilt, and you're done. These are like jelly beans: you can't have just one! You'll become inspired to create a runner for every season, holiday, and gift-giving occasion! A set of beautiful placemats will make your tables look great as well. Try those from the *Summer Set Fat Quarters Fancy Kitchen Collection* from Turning Strips and Squares into Table Sets for a fast fix to a hum-drum table setting! Quick strip-piecing ensures that you could be eating off these the same day you make them!



The magic of the 60 degrees is used in a diamond to create *Diamond Royale*, a quick crib-sized quilt from Keepsake Baby Quilts From Scraps.

This lovely quilt is pictured in baby pastels, but the possibilities are endless. This would be beautiful in tropical-color batiks, or a rainbow of jersey suedes. The book also includes a coordinating pillow pattern. What a wonderful idea to celebrate a June wedding or a summer baby shower.

When tropical breezes start to blow, a tall glass of cool, colorful fruit punch is just the thing to relax with. Bring that same feeling to a room in your home with *Party For Punch*. This project promises to be quick and easy, and comes from the book, 10-Minute Blocks: Three Seam Squares for Quicker Quilts. Don't like fruit punch? Try the same pattern in soothing tones of coffee colors or a simple monochromatic palette instead. This effortless quilt will look great in any color combination you choose.



Our Block of the Month continues on the second Saturday of each month. Come join us for the mystery of different accent colors to highlight a background of basic blacks, grays, creams, and whites. The mystery is determined by blindly selecting a crayon from a box and using a matching fabric. Each quilt will be uniquely different depending upon the use of the new accent color in each block of the *As Time Goes By* pattern. Stop by to join us as the mystery resumes!



It wouldn't be springtime without some annual spring cleaning! Take advantage of our scheduled UFO Saturdays to clean out that studio and finish those left-over projects! Once they're done you'll have more time for new creations!

Our popular **SEW FEST** goes back to every Friday evening (Apr.1) with four hours of uninterrupted sewing time for only \$10! Stop in to sew, share new ideas and projects, chat, browse, and purchase. Hours are 6:00-10:00 p.m.



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

