



# *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?



**It's that time of year again!** Mother Nature has begun to share her gifts of cooler weather, brilliantly colored leaves, and pudgy pumpkins. Scarecrows are

guarding front porches and the last harvest of the summer gardens. Pretty soon we'll be hearing silver bells and the holidays will be here. Now is the perfect time to start thinking of gifts for family and friends, and the perfect ideas for quick and easy sewing projects can be found in our shop!

For a calorie-free trick-or-treat that won't make you feel guilty for indulging, try a fun *Black Cat Wallhanging* or *Pillow*, from Lynette Jennings' *Quilting For Harvest*. This festive feline is all ready to celebrate the fall season with some adorable pumpkins and one not-so-scary jack-o-lantern to keep him company. He can easily be cus-



tomized to match a favorite pet's colors if you're afraid of bad luck crossing your path! Add a quick checkerboard frame and a final border, and you'll be all set for Halloween.



Once cooler weather is here to stay, you'll want to add to your wardrobe a cozy and warm sweatshirt. We have several varieties that you can choose from: a jacket style, or a pullover, both of which are embellished with a quilt block of your choice. Simply select your favorite color sweatshirt, choose some lovely fat quarters to coordinate with it, and you're on your way. Come see the samples in the shop for some ideas. These would make great holiday gifts to keep someone warm all through the fall and winter.

*Autumn Leaves* are cleverly used to create three different projects from Eleanor Burns: a wall hanging, a table runner, and a turkey! We'll be using this pattern for two of these small quilts. Our first session will be your choice of a 4-patch wall hanging or a 3 leaves table runner. The same pattern uses the maple leaf block as colorful turkey tails in the second session for a *Turkey Table Runner*. The pattern contains Eleanor's famously easy-to-follow directions for all of the projects and also includes her special ruler as a bonus. All of these projects would be fabulous in our batiks or jersey suedes,





and any of them would make a fabulous hostess gift (for you, too!) Step away from the rake and the table to join us for these beautiful and fun projects.



and go" bag, with enough room for all of the essentials you need as you run out the door. It's a gift that is sure to be appreciated!



Because the weeks between Thanksgiving and the winter holidays will go by so quickly, we've rearranged our usual schedule to ensure that you'll have enough time



to get all of that holiday sewing done. We'll kick off the new arrangement with a *Pretty Poinsettia Quilt*, from Deck the Halls. "Pretty" doesn't begin to describe this beautiful wall

hanging of 9 appliquéd poinsettias set on patches separated by a quick and easy sashing. Santa makes an appearance on your choice of *Santa Toppers*, an adorable pattern with different sizes of table toppers and runner. For those who would like to try a new technique and have some extra presents on hand in time for Christmas, join us for Folded Fabric Fun. You'll learn how to take simple squares and turn them into several different ornaments for your tree or to hang in a window. If you're in the mood for something bigger, we have several patterns for stockings that will look lovely waiting for Santa to fill on Christmas Eve!



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Do you know someone who owns a *Kindle* or a *Nook*? We have the perfect gift idea for them. Come join us to create a *Runaround Bag* to protect their new reading toys. This fat-quarter friendly bag is the perfect size to tote their stories around in style! Haven't yet jumped on the bandwagon with the technology? This little bag is a perfect "grab

Our Crayon Mystery Block of the Month continues until the end of the year.



Several of the ladies have completed their blocks and are beginning to join them together. Come see the mystery unfold with this lovely and colorful quilt!

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. Sew some cases with us or drop off those you make at home.



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

