



# ***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?



### **Welcome to 2014!!!**

*My best wishes to everyone for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!*

It's time for the time-honored tradition of making New Year Resolutions, but let's put a little "twist" into it this time. We offer these suggestions for you to enjoy!

- Make a list of all your UFO's—cross each one off as you complete it. Instant gratification as that list shrinks through the year!
- Try out a new quilting ruler.
- Learn a new stitching tech-

nique.

- Learn to bind a quilt if you don't already know how.
- Organize your scraps stash into pre-cut manageable size strips and squares, and store them together. You'll be ready for your next scrap quilt in no time.
- Think outside the box on your next quilting project. A new color combination or different type of fabric and/or quilting threads can be a fun place to start!
- Try your hand at free-motion quilting.
- Start a quilting bee!
- Treat yourself to a new quilting book or magazine subscription.
- Visit your favorite local quilting store.



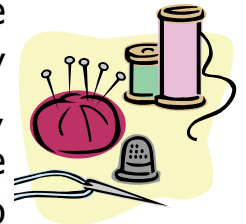
We have some new items in the store to start the new year with. Eleanor Burns continues to design more delightfully effortless patterns, and we have four of her latest to get you started on those Resolutions! *Piece of Cake* is a deceptively easy quilt made of squares and sashings that is beautiful in its simplicity. *Zig A Zag* and *Double Four Patch* offer artsy yet traditional patterns that take full advantage of Eleanor's famous strip-piecing techniques. The traditional *Pineapple* block is no longer complicated when following the straightforward directions in this wonderful new pattern. Any or all of these would be a wonderful new project to enjoy!

Nancy Halvorsen takes her trademark "Art to Heart" patterns and uses them to decorate our kitchen and dining tables in Table Please - Part One. This delightful book of cheerful designs offers new ways to make the table a focal point with seasonal runners, placemats, and chair covers. Spring, summer, and birthdays are the focus of this book, with the promise of more to come in the next Part.

Not that we like to admit that every once in a while we make use of our seam rippers, but *The Quick Ripper* will make those times less painful and certainly faster! Gently pull the sewn fabrics apart and glide the automatic ripper along the seam. Let it do to work for you! This battery-operated gadget is a must-have in your sewing basket!

### **NATIONAL QUILTING DAY IS MARCH 15!**

We'll be celebrating with a day of fun, refreshments, and surprises! We hope you'll be able to join us for the festivities!



**GOT IDEAS?** Please 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!

