

August 2009

Happy Anniversary Sew Little Time!

This week we are celebrating our 4th Anniversary! See the 40 % off coupon at the end of the newsletter which you may use any time during the week of August 10 -15. Custom quilting, machine repair, block of the month kits, and dollar fat quarters, and clearance items are excluded from this offer. Thank you so much for your continued support as we enter year number five!

Fat Quarter Fridays

"Fat Quarter Fridays" are back for the summer! Now through Labor Day, all **precut** fat quarters will be \$1 – that's right, one dollar! On all other days, they will be the regular \$2.25. There is a limit of 20 fat quarters per person per Friday (at \$1 – you can buy as many as you want at the regular price).

Fall Shop Hop is Coming Soon!

The 3rd Annual Quilter's Road Show Shop Hop will take place October 15 – 17, 2009. Participating shops will be Sew Little Time (Norwalk), The Doormouse (Bettsville), Quilts & Kreations (S. Amherst), Black Swamp Quilt Shop (Milbury), Threads of Tradition & Corner Quilts (Archibold), and Sunflower Quilts & Gifts (Sylvania). Passports will be going on sale in September and will include a very nice book, filled with patterns, information, and recipes! If you are interested in a bus trip, please contact your local shop for information.

Norwalk Autumn Leaves Festival

Norwalk will be hosting the first Autumn Leaves Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 19th. For more information on attending or being a vendor at the festival, go to <http://www.mainstreetnorwalk.org>.

Punchcards Continue!

We are now using a punch card system for you to earn rewards! The punch cards have twenty-five \$10 squares (minimum purchase \$10 before tax per punch, machines and frames, finished vendor items, custom quilting and machine repairs are excluded). Fill all of the squares and receive \$25 off your next purchase at Sew Little Time!

'Make It You' New session starting!

This is a program designed to help the younger generation to discover the fun, creativity, and endless potential of sewing and quilting. It's open to young people ages 8 – 18, boys and girls. Our younger participants may require a parent's or grandparent's assistance for the first few times. There is a \$20 one-time fee to join. The club meets on the second Saturday of the month from 12 -3 pm. Please call for schedule & supply info. Sessions are free. We will be making some really cool individual projects. New members are welcome!

Knitting & Crochet Classes

Over the past couple of years, we have had occasional requests for classes on learning to knit or crochet. Karen Hedrick has volunteered to take on teaching some basic knitting and crochet classes here at the shop. If you are interested in signing up, please call and put your name on the list. We are still working out the details and want to get an idea of how many people are interested. We would like to schedule the class for the end of October if we have enough people signed up.

Hush Little Baby

Hush Little Baby, which features gently used clothing, toys, furniture, and accessories for babies and toddlers and maternity clothes, occupies the other half of our building at 32 E. Main St. New items are being added daily! She has school clothes available now! Having company for a weekend? She also rents baby equipment like cribs and highchairs. The store hours are Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Anyone interested in selling their items should call Tassie directly at 419-217-0209 for an appointment.

Custom Made T-shirt Quilts

T-shirt quilts use your old t-shirt fronts and backs to form the blocks and make a wonderful keepsake for a graduation, birthday, anniversary or wedding gift! Bring us your t-shirts, pick out a fabric color, and we'll do the rest! Cost includes piecing, quilting and binding! Four sizes to choose from. Call for details!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Scrap Therapy!

Scrap Therapy addresses the stash problem by teaching quilters how to turn their mounds of beautiful fabric scraps into usable sizes...which are then ready to create quilts and other projects with custom-designed Scrap Therapy patterns. We've decided as a class that we can use up a lot more scraps by doing the majority of the cutting at home and doing a new project every month! Inquire at the shop if you want to see this month's project. You can check it out at www.Scrap-Therapy.com. The club will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. **We have room for just a few more people, so call now if you would like to join.**

Hanging On a Star Wall Hanging Club!

We will be making a new appliqué wall hanging from the 'Hanging On a Star' series each month on the third Saturday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. It will be run the same way as our table runner club. It is \$30 to join. Participants will purchase a pattern each month. The shop's kit will be available but optional. The August project is a Halloween wall hanging! Join any time and do only the wall hangings you want!

Elegant Garden Hand Appliqué

We are still accepting sign ups for the Elegant Garden block of the month by Laundry Basket Quilts. In this series, you will learn beginning basics of needle turn appliqué, such as making templates, placing the pattern, and a variety of stitches. You will also learn how to make circles the easy way! There are a total of 24 block patterns in this series. You will be required to purchase at least your first 6 patterns prior to starting the class, which are \$5 each. The class fee will be \$5 per session. Each person will be picking out or bringing her own fabric for this project. We will be running the class as a continuous block of the month, so jump in any time. The class meets once per month on the 4th Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. They will be meeting this month on Tuesday, August 25th. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we have enough patterns!

Table Runners Club

We started with a new book called Table Toppers by Thimbleberries and there are still lots of runners to go! Kits will be available if you like our sample that month, or choose your own fabrics for a totally different look. Kits are available on a 1st come basis on the night of the class and any left over will be put out for sale the following day. The club meets on the third Monday of each month from 6-9 pm. This will be an ongoing club with a one-time membership fee of \$30. Books and fabric sold separately.

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

Beginner Quilting

This class starts with square one! During the four class sessions we will cover rotary cutting, piecing, borders and much more. By the time you are finished, you'll have all the skills you need to complete your quilt top. Sessions will be on Saturday afternoons October 24 and 31 and November 7 and 21 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. The cost is \$60.00. Fabric is not included. (Most participants follow this class with the Basic Machine Quilting class.) Beginner Quilting is only offered once in the spring and once in the fall. Call to get your name on the list if you are interested!

Machine Quilting

We've had lots of requests for this class! You will practice several different machine quilting techniques on fabric we will provide, including stippling, straight line, and free motion quilting. Bring your own machine and walking and darning feet if you have them. Class meets on Saturday, December 5 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Cost for the class is \$30.

Beginner Machine Frame Quilting Training

Individuals must already own a machine frame quilting system in order to sign up for this class. The class is free to those who have purchased their frame from Sew Little Time, or you may call to set up a private session. Otherwise, the cost of the training is \$30. The 2-hour session will include such topics as:

- Creating your quilt backing for best results
- The importance of batting selection
- How to load a quilt on the frame
- Understanding draw-in
- Maximizing your available quilting area
- Learning simple edge-to-edge patterns

The next beginner training session will be offered on Saturday, September 5th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. If you've purchased your frame and need a little help getting started, Rachel will have you off and running and ready to

complete your first quilt in no time! This training will be offered in odd numbered months.

Advanced Machine Frame Quilting Training

Individuals in this training session must have previous machine frame quilting experience or complete Beginner Machine Frame Quilting Training (see above). As in the beginner training, we require that those in this class already own a machine frame quilting system. The class is free to those who have purchased their frame from Sew Little Time, or you may call to set up a private session. Otherwise, the cost of the training is \$45. The 3-hour session will include such topics as:

- Squaring up
- Importance of and creating side tension
- Understanding & using pantographs
- Turning a quilt for border quilting
- Learning more advanced patterns/techniques

The next advanced training session will be offered Saturday, August 29th from 10 am - 1 pm. This class is offered in even numbered months.

Day & Night Quilt or Runner

You will be absolutely amazed at how easy this quilt by Eleanor Burns is to make! Choose whatever size you want to make, from table runner to king size. Even though it may look tricky, this project is suitable for a confident beginner. The cost for the class is \$20, which does not include the book (required template comes with the book). The class will be held on Monday, October 5th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. See the table runner sample at the shop!

Yin-Yang Scrap Bag

Many of you have admired the cute little black and white Yin-Yang purse at our shop, so we've added it to our fall class schedule. It's quick and easy to make and you'll be making them for all of your friends! The class will be on Monday, November 16 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Crazy Quilt

We have many inquiries regarding how to make a traditional crazy quilt, so we're going to have a class! A crazy quilt is made of many irregular shaped pieces of fabric sewn together and then topstitched with a fancy stitch. The class will be on Monday, November 2nd from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. The cost is \$20 and does not include the pattern. Put your name on the list now and start collecting fabrics to use!

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rug PURSE

It may sound funny, but this quick and easy rug-making method is nothing but fun! The "Toothbrush Rug" is made from torn strips of fabric and a modified toothbrush. These rugs are quick to make and require no sewing and have a fast tearing technique which shows you how to tear all your fabric in just minutes. Go to www.AuntPhillys.com for more information and to see some of the available patterns.

The next class will be on Saturday, September 26th from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. We will be doing the **PURSE!** We now have an adorable purse sample at the shop!

Cost: \$10, fabric, handles, pattern and needle not included. Purchase 2 yards of fabric plus the toothbrush tool and an Aunt Philly's pattern from Sew Little Time and the class is FREE. If you have already taken the OVAL or ROUND RUG class at Sew Little Time, the class is FREE, regardless of whether you bring your own fabric. If you are a first timer and bring your own fabric, the class will cost \$10.

Classified Ads

Janome Jem Gold 2 661 Sewing Machine. **Reduced!** This class and retreat favorite weighs in at only 12 lbs and comes with a nice nylon carrying case. It was purchased at Sew Little Time 2 years ago and is virtually unused! Owner must sell due to health issues. She is asking \$179, or best offer. (MSRP \$399). The machine is currently at Sew Little Time if you would like to see it or sew on it. If you would like to make an offer, call the shop or the owner, Margaret Starcher, at 419-798-4065.

Original Handquilter Frame: No sewing machine or table included, just frame hardware. Expands up to king size. Asking \$200. Call Carol Spencer at 419-271-1660.

Singer Featherweight Machine This machine is in excellent condition and comes with the original case and accessories. Asking \$500. Call the shop at 419-660-0200 if you are interested.

Janome 11000 Embroidery & Sewing Machine: **Reduced!** This machine is just a year old and is in excellent condition! Additional accessories included are the clothsetter, CD-rom, 200+ spools of polyester thread in all different colors, plus many embroidery designs. A steal of a deal at \$3900! Call Laura at 440-242-9867. Must sell!

Janome 350 E Embroidery only machine: Excellent condition. Comes with clothsetter. Asking \$800. Call Karen at 419-668-6831.

Janome 300 E Embroidery only machine: Good condition. Asking \$300. Call Bill Migala at 419-732-2875.

Janome 350 E Embroidery only machine: Excellent condition – only 1 year old (trading up!). Asking \$1000. Call Bill Migala at 419-732-2875.

Sew Little Time will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day!

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T F 10-5
Sa 10-3
W & Su closed

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40% off
on one item

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