

February 2009

'We've Got Your Back' Sale

We hear it all the time..."I can't buy any more fabric or start any new projects until I finish up what I have at home!" So what are you waiting for? We've got your backing, so get going! Buy any fabric in the store (45" or 108") to back your quilt, and you'll get an additional yard free! (Minimum purchase is 3 yards of the same fabric, limit one free yard per backing) This sale will run from Monday, February 16 – Saturday, February 28. We have several wide backings to choose from! Don't miss out!

Why use 108" Quilt Backing Instead of Piecing?

Most quilt backings are now 108" wide – and they have come a long way! They used to be a poorer quality grade of cotton – but not any more! And the variety of prints has increased dramatically. Muslin is not your only option! Batiks are even available at a reasonable price! The price on the bolt for backing is usually higher than regular 42-45" fabric, but you get more than twice as much fabric per yard!

You may notice that the fabric is torn, rather than cut from the bolt. This is necessary because the fabric is stretched when rolled and folded on the bolt, so it needs to be torn so you get the full yardage. One of the most compelling reasons to use wide backing fabric as opposed to piecing your back is the prevalent use of frames in quilting. As the quilt is rolled on the frame pole, the seams used to piece the backing build up in spots, skewing the fabric!

So for an economical, easy, seamless way to back your quilts, look for our 108" fabrics.

Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO

Mark your calendars for March 26 – 28 for the 2009 Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO! We have plenty of brochures if you didn't get one in the mail. Stop in and pick one up for all the info.

As we say year after year, vendors will be at the Expo offering deep discounts on all kinds of machines, frames, and gadgets. We here at Sew Little Time want you to remember that part of what you get for your money here is FREE UNLIMITED TRAINING! That being said, we will certainly try to meet or beat any deal that you see at the Expo. If you could get the same product for the same price, with FREE UNLIMITED TRAINING, close to home, why not make your purchase at Sew Little Time? Give us a call from the Expo and we'll try to give you a great deal!

Janome 6260 on Sale

The Janome Quilting Companion 6260, one of our favorite machines, is being phased out. We were able to order a few machines at a very special price. We will be offering the 6260 at \$799 while supplies last. This is a great quilting machine, so don't miss out on a very special deal! **Only one left, NIB!**

Scissor Sharpening

For \$10 per pair we will send your scissors out to be sharpened. The next collection deadline will be March 1st. We will transport the scissors that are brought in to be sharpened to a sharpening service. You will be notified when they are ready to be picked up here at our shop, just like we do with sewing machine repair.

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!

Janome 11000 Embroidery & Sewing Machine Demo

We can't begin to list all of the many features which this machine has to offer, so come see it for yourself! FREE demonstrations of the Janome 11000 will be held at the store. Please call if you would like to schedule an appointment with Vaughn or Joanne, or attend our next demonstration.

Financing Available

In case you didn't know, Sew Little Time offers financing on sewing and embroidery machines and quilt frames. We have a partnership with American General financing here in Norwalk. It takes just a few minutes to fill out an application in the shop. The application is faxed in and we'll have an answer back in usually less than ten minutes! You can choose between 90-days or 6-months same as cash. Don't wait years to fulfill your dream of owning an embroidery machine or quilt frame – get it now and put it to work for you!

HandiQuilter & Little Gracie Quilt Frames On Display

Looking for a better way to quilt those beautiful tops you've been making? Stop in and see the two quilt frame systems in our shop: The HQ16 Stitch-Regulated Machine and the Little Gracie II with Janome 1600P. You're welcome to stop in for a look any time. Are you considering purchasing a machine/frame system in the next year? We regularly schedule free demonstrations on these two great systems so that you can see them in action and get all the information you need to choose the system that is right for you. These free demonstrations are for those individuals who do **NOT** currently own a machine quilting frame and would like information. A demonstration of the Little Gracie II is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 at 1:00 pm. The next HandiQuilter demo will be on Saturday, February 21 at 2:00 pm. Don't forget, when you purchase your machine/frame from us, you receive unlimited free training and frame quilting classes!

Quilting & Binding Service

The cost of our quilting service is \$.015 per square inch of the pre-quilted top size plus a \$25 setup fee. This is for edge to edge quilting only. Custom quilting is available upon request at an additional cost. **We do require that you use our Quilter's Dream batting and our thread, as they have yielded the best results on our frame.** Binding service is also available.

Embroidery Club

The Embroidery Club is for anyone who currently owns or would like to own an embroidery machine, regardless of make or model. The group meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. for an hour or so for coffee and goodies, demonstrations of products and techniques, special deals, show and tell, and open discussion. There's a \$20 fee to join the club, but no charge for attending meetings. Anyone who purchases an embroidery machine at Sew Little Time is automatically a member of the club with no membership fee. Leave your machine at home and join us for a time of sharing and learning!

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! Winter clothes will be on sale and spring things are here! 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.

Handicapped Parking on Main Street

It was recently conveyed to us by the powers that be in Norwalk that anyone properly displaying their handicapped parking card may park for 2 hours longer than the posted limit. So, the posted limit being 2 hours in front of Sew Little Time, those with a handicapped permit may park on the street for 4 hours. This pertains to all of the parking spots, not just the ones marked handicapped.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Who You Gonna Call? Stash-Busters! Scrap Therapy! **Rescheduled**

We have signed up for a program called Scrap Therapy by Brewers! 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. Each quarter, students take the Cutting Workshop which provides guidance and instruction on efficient ways to cut and organize scraps. The 2nd and 3rd months, you will take those rediscovered fabrics and make quilts and other projects in classes using custom patterns and these freshly-cut pieces! 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 beginning April 23rd.

New 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 February project is called "Signs of Spring!" and features two birds enjoying a spring shower! Join any time and do only the wall hangings you want!

New Embroidery Block of the Month **last chance to sign up!**

Rachel is planning to start a new machine embroidery quilt called 'Summer Wine'. This is your last chance to sign up. We are planning on starting the embroidery quilt on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Don't miss embroidery club this month where you can get a peek at the book and a block! Fabric will not be included for this class. Pick your own colors or raid your stash! Book additional. \$20 fee to join.

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 and the block kits will be \$3 each. You need not purchase a kit if you would like to provide your own fabric, and you need not pay the \$5 if you don't attend the class. 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 Tuesday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. They will be starting this month on February 24th. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested so we have enough patterns!

Table Runners Club

We are using the "Mostly Table Runners 3" book and making a different one each month. We have currently done all but 1 of the runners in the book. We anticipate starting with a new book in March, for anyone new who wants to join. 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.

Underground Railroad Block of the Month

The Underground Railroad BOM meets the second Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm. It is \$20 to join, and the book is around \$23. Since the book requires 17 fabrics which are each used in several of the 15 blocks, we are offering a kit for \$60 from which you can make all of the blocks, or you can provide your own fabric. You will need to purchase additional fabric for finishing the quilt, depending on which finishing method you choose. Kare will be the instructor. This is a confident beginner/intermediate class. Sign up ASAP if you are interested! This will be a continuous block of the month, so new members can join anytime! Several people have mentioned having started this quilt on their own or at another shop in the past and not finishing – join the club and get that UFO completed!

Dear Jane Block of the Month

Actually, participants will be making a selection each month of the more than 160 blocks which comprise this well-known historical quilt. This quilt will use many different techniques, including machine piecing, hand piecing, appliqué, etc. This is a continuous block of the month and new members may join at any time. Dear Jane meets on the second Monday each month from 6 – 8 pm. The cost of the class is \$5.00 per class session attended. A kit is available for \$65, or you may use your own fabric. Book not included.

Thimbleberries Club 2009

Thimbleberries 2009 Club Quilt is called "3's Company" because there are 3 different color ways – Light, Bright, and Traditional. We are doing the Traditional (darker) color. It is a 12-month program, and we started January 3rd. It is a sampler quilt and is 80" x 98". We are doing it similar to what we did last year, with a big discount for paying for the club all at once. There will be a \$20 sign up fee to reserve your place. Blocks will be \$20 per month.

However, if you pay in full in advance, the cost will be \$180 (\$15 per month) and we will waive the sign up fee.

There is still room for about 3 more people! Call to sign up right away!

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES

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, March 7th from 1-3 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 Thursday, February 19th from 6-9 pm. This class is offered in even numbered months.

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rugs

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 Monday, March 30th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Cost: \$25, fabric, pattern and needle not included. Purchase 10 yards of fabric plus the toothbrush tool and an Aunt Philly's pattern from Sew Little Time and the class is FREE. If you bring your own fabric, the class will cost \$25.

It's a Wrap

Back by popular demand! In this class you will learn the technique of wrapping fabric around clothesline to make rugs, placemats, purses, tote bags, and anything else you can imagine! Book and materials are not included. Cost is \$20. Class will take place on Saturday, March 7th from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. This is a great starter class for ages 10 and up.

Binding Methods

Don't be at a loss after your quilt has been quilted! In this binding class, you will learn how to construct, apply, and finish a quilt binding for a real polished look. Methods for joining strips, mitering corners, and stitching down the binding will be covered. Class meets on Thursday, April 30th from 7 – 9 pm. Practice materials will be provided. Cost for the class is \$25.

Quilted Village- Join PJ and Kare as they create this beautiful, paper-pieced block of the month village. Enrollment is open, so you can start at any time and work through your blocks each month learning tips and tricks from PJ. The class includes all the patterns and fabrics. This class meets the first Monday of each month from 7-9. The first month you should be here at 6:00 to have instruction with PJ. Cost: 1st block, and kit \$35, class instruction \$5, Blocks 2-12 \$15, class instruction \$5, silk ribbon kit used for all 12 blocks is \$40, due at the first class you attend. We have several members participating by mail! This class has been going for over 3 years, and we still have lots of people interested in making this one-of-a-kind quilt. Level: Intermediate. Complete patterns for this quilt are also available.

Online Scavenger Hunt

Congratulations to all of you who found the rotary cutter on the website last month! Our winner for February was Kristi Knight! In case you didn't know, in order to **get you to our website**, where you will find **tons of useful information**, Rachel has hidden a little picture of a rotary cutter somewhere on our website. Your assignment is to go to the website, find the rotary cutter, and send us an email at sew_little_time@yahoo.com telling us where you

found it! Everyone who responds will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 Sew Little Time gift certificate. Entries will be accepted each month until the new edition is posted. One entry per person per month please.

Send Us Your Photos!

We just LOVE show and tell! Send us a photo of your finished project and we will post it on our website! It is really cool to see a finished rug, purse, quilt, etc. made from one of our patterns or in one of our classes. Seeing different color combinations or interpretations might just inspire somebody else to make one.

Computerized Quilting

We have several inquiries every week about the sample quilts in our shop and also regarding the machines and frames that we sell. "Does the machine do that all by itself?" is a typical question. Many of you are either not confident enough to try it on your own, or are just looking for more intricate quilting patterns. Well...

"IMAGINE... Computerized Quilting with your sewing machine!!! You can design your own patterns using scanned images or by simply defining point to point sewing or you can download quilting patterns from our website or from friends."

Where, might you ask, can you find out more about the PC Quilter? It just so happens that Rachel is a certified In-Home Representative for PC Quilter! Give her a call or stop in and see her here at the shop or shoot her a quick e-mail at Rachel-Call@neo.rr.com .

Classified Ads

Janome Jem Gold 2 661 Sewing Machine. 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 \$279, 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.

Husquvarna Viking Mega Quilter (2006) & Inspira Quilting Frame (5 or 10 feet). Like new condition. Original owner. Have quilted 8 quilts. Serviced recently. Comes with 25 pantographs, laser light, 20 bobbins, instruction manual, "getting started" tape, 16" x 24" extension table, free-motion foot, & standard foot. Have upgraded. Asking \$1800. Please call Doris Gens at 419-668-7098.

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