

## Lone Star Quiltworks June 2010 Shop Talk

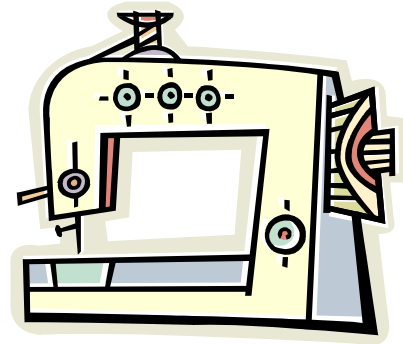
Man is it hot! Looks like this summer is going to be another bad one. For those of you not in Texas we are already approaching 100 degrees and summer does not officially start until June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are fortunate to be somewhere cooler please be thinking icy thoughts for all of us poor Texans.

Quick reminder that if you are participating in our **Mary Engelbreit Baskets of Flowers Embellishment** challenge your entry is due July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. No late entries will be accepted!

We are extending our **buy one, get one free** pillowcase program through June. We have had a good response to our challenge for you to make the “free” pillowcase and donate it to a charity of your choice. As of the end of May we have had 60 free pillowcase kits picked up! Please help us to extend that number during the month of June. Don't forget to go to the **American Patchwork and Quilting** website to register your donation. We have a list of places you can drop off your donations located by the register at the shop.

I am back from two trips, one to BabyLock dealer training, and one to Spring Quilt Market. Airline traveling is just not what it used to be. I was ready to get home.

The exciting news is that our new **Koala** cabinets and **BabyLock** machines will start being delivered next week. If you are in the market for a new sewing machine **BabyLock** carries the full range from entry level machines, quilting/sewing machines, sewing/embroidery machines, all the way up to their wonderful self threading sergers and six needle embroidery machine. Don't forget we can clean and service **ANY** brand of machine you need to have worked on, as well as BabyLock!



For those of you that purchased a **Bendable Bright Light** during our five year anniversary sale we now have the brackets back in stock. They are \$9.99 each and will give you the ability to move your light from one machine to another.

We have new items from Spring Quilt Market arriving daily. I posted pictures I took on our website at [www.lonestarquiltworks.com](http://www.lonestarquiltworks.com). The overall theme for Market this spring seemed to be texture, texture, texture. Knits are coming back as well as satin, silk, and velveteen. Color was exploding everywhere with a slow down in dark colors that appeared to be predominant. Purses and clothing items are hot, hot, hot! Lots of cute dresses from the new knits, (yes, I ordered them!). Over half of the top twenty five patterns sold most frequently in quilt shops are now wearables or purse patterns! Sewing is back in style! **And**.....fat quarter patterns are seeing resurgence again.

New to the shop already is **PUL** fabric. This is a waterproof fabric showing up in patterns that are used as cloth diaper covers, (too cute in Minkee!), or as a lining for a bag

that you want to be waterproof. We have five colors available in PUL. For those of you who are **Maxine** fans we have a new panel espousing her great words of wisdom. A must have for that special girlfriend gift. Many of you keep asking for quilt labels. We have found a roll of very plain white quilt labels with scrollwork around each edge. There are nine labels on a roll and you can personalize each one via hand embroidery, micron pen, or machine embroidery as you choose. New leather handles from **Cindy's Buttons** in tons of colors have been a hit. And for you Aggie fans we now have fleece in five different patterns. Don't forget we carry the **Edge Perfect Blade** that can poke holes in the edge of your fleece panel. Blanket stitch this edge with ribbon, pearl cotton, yarn, etc and what a great throw for that new Ag coming to school this fall. BTW, the Edge Perfect Blade works great with knits, too! Not to leave out new books from Spring Market; arriving daily with topics ranging from kaleidoscopes, how to best use a panel, minkee projects, Zentangle doodling, etc. Stop by the shop to see all of our new arrivals.

Wanted to pass along another great website to you. It is a blog for **Moda Lissa**. Lissa has posted short videos from all of the **Moda** designers that were at Spring Market. You can go to her website and preview some of the upcoming lines and listen to what each designer has to say about their inspiration for the fabric and accompanying patterns they have created. Many of you will recognize some of the designer names as they have been with **Moda** a really long time. What a fun idea! This gives all of you sort of a "sneak peek" of what I saw at Market. [www.modalissa.blogspot.com](http://www.modalissa.blogspot.com)

Signups will continue for our **Marti Michell American Beauty** block of the month through June 19<sup>th</sup>. Response has been good to this very pretty pink, green, and white quilt top.

Watch for our next BOM announcement! This one will be appliqué in batiks. It uses stunning colors and a gorgeous green border. We will offer a short Applique 101 tutorial at the start of this BOM.



**Christmas, Christmas, Christmas.** Yes, we have Christmas fabric arriving in June. Two samples are up on the wall already, an advent calendar and a red and green tree wallhanging. Several more are in progress. Stop by and start thinking ahead about holiday decorating while it is 100 degrees outside. Only in Texas as I said before!

Our big **June sale is 15% off all Reproduction** fabrics, not including fat quarters. Ladies, this area is out of control. Too many fabrics in too many colors. Come and help us Mooooooove some of this fabric.

**Happy Stitching, Terry**