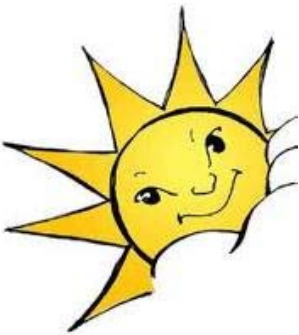


Lone Star Quiltworks Shop Talk July 2010

Good morning, afternoon, or evening, depending upon when you read this. Hope life is treating you well. I have much to tell you about.



Are you in the mood for a new sewing machine or serger? All of our **Baby Lock** products are now in stock. We have machines all the way from entry level to embroidery/quilting and beyond. We have sergers that thread the loopers and the needles themselves! (If you have a serger just how much time have you spent trying to rethread those loopers?). And we have Baby Lock's latest machine, the **Sashiko**. You have got to see this one to believe it! It creates a hand quilted looking stitch with no top thread in the machine. You can go to www.babylock.com to view the entire BabyLock lineup. Interested? Stop by and let us show you some of our new "babies."

Additionally, as promised I have never sold my email list. However, if you are interested **Baby Lock** maintains a separate email newsletter loaded with information. If you would like to sign up for it go to www.babylock.com and click on **Enewsletter** in the upper right hand corner.

Along with our new machines we are also an authorized **Koala** cabinet dealer. Some of you have been in and seen these beautiful pieces of furniture. These cabinets are all made in the USA. **Koala** offers a "**Top Drawer**" service that consists of the pieces being built, shipped, uncrated, and setup in your home. You don't have to worry about "how to" plans, crawling around on the floor, or lost screws. Why not plan that beautiful sewing/quilting/knitting room you have always wanted? You can view their website at www.sewingandcraftclub.com or search for the **Koala** cabinet video on **YouTube**.

Along with adding sewing machines have come some new products, primarily aimed at machine embroidery. I have added stabilizers in wash away, tear away, and cut away. Our newest thread addition, **Mettler Polysheen** has just arrived. For those of you who are already embroidery gurus **Mettler Polysheen** is the same thread as **Isacord**, only on a smaller spool, (and a much better price!) I am adding embroidery CDs from different companies as I see items that are not heavily embroidered, or motifs that will work with quilting. I have brought back **Dunroven** towels

again as these work well for "blanks" to machine embroider, hand embroider, or appliqué a design onto. Start thinking about Christmas gifts and let your imagination wander.



From **Beach Garden Quilts** we now have floor cloths. What, you might ask is a floor cloth? Another way to integrate a quilt into your life, however, this one requires no bed or wall space and is a **NO SEW** project! Floor cloths are quilts for your floor, or can be used as a placemat, tabletopper, or under your pet's bowls. Curious? Stop in to see our sample, new patterns, and canvas blanks.

You can make these anywhere from 24" X 36" to 50" wide in size. I am carrying the cloth, books, and patterns for both sizes.

From **RagSpuns** we have added prequilted textured dimensional appliqué. Want to add some pizzazz to a purse or wallhanging? Try a **RagSpun**. Looking for some really cute Christmas ornaments for your BFF? Try a **RagSpun**. Starting out with wool appliqué, (yes, we have wool, velvet, and linen), try a **RagSpun**. You can attach them to your project using another new thread

for our shop, **Mettler Cordonnet**. **Cordonnet** is a buttonhole or topstitching thread. It works beautifully for hand stitching a buttonhole stitch around heavier appliqué shapes. We have a sample stitch out chart at the shop showing wool pieces stitched with and without fusibles, using several different thread types. Look for it next to our wool display.

One other item of interest I have added is Mylar templates to attach crystals to whatever you want to embellish. Mylar is **heat resistant** so you use the template as a grid for your crystal placement. The templates we purchased would look nice on a shirt neckline, pant leg, or T shirt pocket. The shop carries the applicator, storage kits, pans, tweezers, and the crystals themselves in both 3mm and 4mm sizes.



Would those of you who have an older sewing machine like to have an automatic needle threader? I have discovered a new needle threader for you. This threader comes from the serger side of the world, and enables you to run down the shaft of the needle and “pop” your thread into the eye. Interested? Stop by and we will show you one. It will make your life simpler.

Our pillowcase challenge has come to an end. I wanted to let you know that our cash register logged 90+ pillowcases on the buy one get one free. I know many of you have made yours and donated them to the charity of your choice. We thank you for your participation in this endeavor.

Don't forget we are servicing all brands of embroidery, serger, and sewing machines now. Many of our customers who have had their machines cleaned here have reported great results by our tech. Please call the shop at **979 595 1072** for more info if you are in need of a cleaning or repair for any of your machines.

Voting continues for our **Mary Engelbreit Embellishment Challenge** through July 27th at 6pm. Prizes will be awarded on July 28th. Stop by and see what our entrants have come up with for you to view.

And last but not least please check out our new website at www.lonestarquiltworks.com. This has been a long time coming and a big decision for our shop. Many of you have asked us to have more of our products online. We have always had our kits and Aggie fabric online up until recently. I have decided to move forward and add other shop fabric, notions, patterns, books, and classes. Please give us some feedback on our new site. Remember, it is a work in progress and we will be adding products as quickly as possible. Try clicking on one of the fabrics to see the enlarged pictures. I think they are much better than our old site.

Until we see you at the shop Happy Quilting!

Terry and the Lone Star Ladies