

# Stitchin' News

**What's in store at Always In Stitches**

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## **Finish projects faster renting our machines**

We now have three great machines you can rent by the hour in the shop. They'll help you get your cutting and quilting done efficiently and faster, and renting them is a good opportunity to try before you buy if one of the machines is on your wish list.

The AccuCut Go machine is a time-saver and accuracy-insurer. Use it to cut strips, blocks, triangles and fun shapes for appliqué. \$10/hour for the first 20 hours, \$5/hour thereafter.

If you love to free-motion machine quilt but struggle to fit your project on your machine, sit down at the HandiQuilter Sweet 16, named for its 16 inches of throat space. It's large enough to quilt a king-size quilt. \$20/hour for the first 20 hours, \$15/hour thereafter.

If you're among the many quilters who've wished they could use the large longarm machine, the Avante genie has granted your wish. The Avante 18 Longarm machine is available to rent after you have completed our two-hour Longarm 101 class, which will teach you its basic operation. \$30/hour for the first 20 hours, \$25 thereafter.

Reservations are needed for all rentals. Visit or call the shop, (317) 776-4227, for more details.

**Psst!**  
**Coming in 2014**  
Longarm quilting  
techniques classes  
and sewing machine  
rentals.



## **Dakota Collectibles make embroidery a snap**

Stephanie stitched a delightful small Christmas quilt top in nothing flat using the 12 Days of Christmas embroidery designs on Dakota Collectibles CDs. The plump partridge sits atop a tree of blocks she made with the other designs.

"Anyone with an embroidery machine can use these," said Stephanie. "You just download the designs to a memory stick, insert it into your machine and it stitches beautifully."

The 12 Days of Christmas designs are among nearly 100 Dakota Collectible CDs we carry.

And this will put a little extra spring in your 12 lords a leaping: They're all 25 percent off.



## Why do we want so much information?

When you're checking out, it may seem a burden to be asked your contact information. But it sure is helpful to have it when we need it.

For instance, if you buy some fabric or yarn and months later want to know if we have more but don't remember the details about it, we can search your shopping history and find out exactly what you purchased.

So please bear with us when we ask for phone numbers and addresses. We don't share them with anyone, but it is helpful information to have on hand.

## We're looking for a few good stichin' men

We have a few men interested in a Guy Group, a gathering time for men who like to knit, crochet, quilt and cross-stitch. It would be free to participate and the charter members of the group can set the time and dates.

If you know a man who might be interested, give us their name, phone number and email address or have him contact us.

## Quick quilt: Strip-It, add border

Making a quilt is about as easy as cutting and adding a border with Strip-It fabric from Marcus. The company's [video](#) shows you how to use the fabric. Available as part of the new Love & Glory line, Strip-It feature great red, blue and cream colors in patriotic prints. The line also includes a wonderful ready-to-sew panel.



## Art quilter hand-dyes fabrics, creates her own designs

Daren Redman's art quilts incorporate the bright colors of chartreuse, yellows and red that she enjoys, particularly in the fall, in her Brown County home.

Daren, the November Fiber Artis of the Month and an Indiana Artisan, designs, hand dyes, paints and pole wraps her own fabrics. She uses the Japanese Shibori technique to tie, clamp and resist the fabric through an immersion dye process to create patterns. Finally, she cuts and sews the fabric pieces together.

She tries to keep the final quilting simple. "The quilt lines calm the boisterous piecing, and do not distract from the colors in the cotton," Daren says.

Several generations of family members encouraged a young Daren to embroider, make clothing, quilt and knit. She sewed most of her own clothes and made her first traditional baby quilts in 1995 before discovering art quilts.

"Art quilting can be an intense and emotional process. You have to focus for 5 to 6 hours at a time without stopping, sometimes up to 10 hours," Daren says.

### Indigo Dip Demo

1:00-4:00 Nov. 25

Daren will demonstrate Japanese dye and resist techniques with Indigo, creating geometric and organic patterns. Come watch her.





## Christmas fun for everyone

### Bargains, surprises at 3-day Holiday Open House

We love holiday parties so much, we're hosting a three-day Holiday Open House. You'll find special offers and great deals in the cross-stitch, fabric and yarn departments, all day, every day Nov. 14, 15 and 16. Plus fun throughout the shop:

**PRIZES FOR YOU:** Spend at least \$25 in a single visit during the Open House and you might win a fabulous Always In Stitches gift basket.

**PRIZES FOR THE KIDS:** Two kids will win Family Fun Passes (each a \$24 value) to Ben & Ari's in our holiday coloring contest.

**GOODIES:** What's a holiday without some refreshments? Look for our table for a little something munchy.

### Dreams come true with Wish List Gift Bags

Our **Gift Bags** will ensure you get exactly what you want. Create a list or fill a bag, clue-in your Santa to shop here, and we'll take care of the rest. Gift Bags will be available from Black Friday through Dec. 21.

### Black Friday festivities

Speaking of Black Friday, the first 50 customers that spend \$25 with us Nov. 29 will take home a box of pretty, quilt-themed **Christmas cards** from Carol's Rose Garden.

### Wheel of Notions returns

We're proud to celebrate Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30. Come in that day to **spin our Wheel of Notions**. It will be loaded with great prizes.

### Save during 12 Days of Christmas

No partridges or pear trees in our **12 Days of Christmas**, but you will find something 12 percent off each day from Dec. 10-21. And just like the chorus of the popular carol, the items will build. On the second day, you'll get 12 percent off two items, on the third day, three items.

### Cookies and Carols Day

When you're baking, save some to swap at our **Cookies and Carols** day, Dec. 17. You can take home as many cookies as you bring in, and while you're here you can enjoy local singers and musicians, including the North Elementary Hand Chimes at 1:00, Noblesville East Middle School Show Choir at 3:30, and White River Elementary's Fourth Grade Choir Connection at 4:30. More groups are being added. Watch our [online calendar](#) and social media for updates.

## Learn to make socks

Master all the techniques needed to knit socks using larger needles and thicker yarn in Beginning Sock Knitting, a two-session class from 10:30-12:30 Dec. 7 and 14. Staff knitting specialist Sharon Rakow also will teach the "Magic Loop" method of knitting in the round. Students should be comfortable knitting and purling. Fee for both sessions is \$30 and includes the pattern. Stop in or call the shop to register.



## Are you getting Hot Flashes?

You would every Monday morning if you're on our email list. The flashes give you quick details on the hottest deals, merchandise, classes and events in the shop. Use our website to sign up for our emails.

## Fold a fabric ornament at Lunch and Learn

Fabric folded in the Japanese tradition of origami makes unique ornaments for Christmas trees. Shop manager Capi Saxton will show you how easy it is during this month's Lunch and Learn, 11:30-12:30 Nov. 25. Cost is only \$5, which includes a sack lunch. Reservations can be made in person or on the phone.

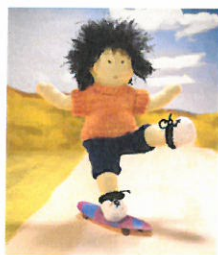


## Stonehenge Christmas BOM starts Nov. 25

You'll learn to make different blocks and finishing techniques throughout the 13 months of the Stonehenge Christmas block of the month, which starts Nov. 25. The 84-by-100 inch quilt pairs beautiful fabrics from Northcott's Holiday and Woodland collections with Marti Mitchell's pattern. The sign-up fee is \$20; blocks are \$29.99.

## Third Open Stitch added to weekly offerings

A third Open Stitch has been added to our weekly offerings. Drop in any Thursday from 10:30-12:30 to get free help starting, fixing or ending a project. Mary Andrews offers the hands-on advice. She also can help you with any questions you might have about using Ravelry. Other Open Stitch sessions are 5:30-7:30 Tuesday and Thursday.



## Playful Little Knits define 'adorable'

Have you seen our latest trunk show? Rachel Manring's Playful Little Knits dolls have camped out for the month on the ladder hanging outside the Hope Classroom. They are fun to look at and would be delight under a child's Christmas tree. Patterns are available for the 6-inch dolls and their cute costumes.



## Bounty of classes, events

### OPEN STITCH

Days and times vary; see calendar  
Free

Want two hours of uninterrupted needling time? Bring your knitting and join in. All skill levels - even beginners - are welcome. An experienced knitter is available to help start, fix or finish projects.

### SKACEL YARN TASTING

Nov. 7 • 6-7:30 • \$20

Try new Skacel yarns before they're in the shop. Bring an assortment of needles to stitch during the event, and take home others. Goodies to munch. Limited to 15 people.

### LONGARM 101

Nov. 8, 9 • 10:30-12:30

Nov. 12 • 1:30-3:30

\$75, includes supplies

Learn to operate our Avante Longarm 18 machine to machine quilt. One of these 2-hour classes must be taken before renting time on the machine. Limited to four people.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 14-16 • All day, each day

We're getting our elf on. Discounts throughout the shop. Refreshments, gift basket drawing, coloring contest for kids and merriment.

### SEWING ROOM MAKEOVERS

Nov. 19 • 6:30-7:30 • Free

Learn simple ways to carve out space in your home for doing needle work or to make over space you already have.

### KNIT IN

Nov. 15 • 5-9 and Nov. 16 10:30-3:30

\$15

Hours to knit, door prizes, discounts and fun fellowship. Call now to hold your spot.



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### NANCY'S FANCY BOM

Pick up first block Nov. 22-29 • \$27.95

Nancy's Fancy is a great block of the month for adventurous beginners or higher skilled quilters that want to improve their piecing skills, learn more techniques and tips.

### LUNCH & LEARN

Nov. 25 • 11:30-12:30 • \$5, including lunch

Join us for lunch and learn to make folded fabric ornaments. Reservations required.

### STONEHENGE CHRISTMAS BOM

Pick up first block Nov. 25-30

\$20 sign-up • \$29.99/month

Learn to make different blocks and finishing techniques over 13 months. Stonehenge Christmas pairs beautiful Holiday and Woodland fabric collections with Marti Mitchell's pattern.

### THANKSGIVING

We wish you blessings and are thankful for our bounty of customers. We'll be closed for the day.

### BLACK FRIDAY FUN

Nov. 29 • 10-5

Put us in your post-Thanksgiving plans. First 50 customers that spend \$25 get a free box of Christmas cards. Gift Bag program launches, a perfect way to get exactly what you want for Christmas. Janome sewing machines will be our featured sale item.

### QUILTER'S DESSERT MYSTERY BOM

Pick up first pattern Nov. 29-Dec. 5

\$25 for sign-up fee and monthly patterns

No calories in this dessert. Just a whole lot of fun in an 8-month mystery quilt block of the month designed for experienced beginners and higher skill levels.

### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Nov. 30 • 10-5

The Wheel of Notions returns. Take a spin to see what you win with a purchase.