



April, 2016

*Hi Dear Ones,*

Wow! What a ride! On April 2, I celebrated another anniversary - 17 years of being Sew Much More. What a physical transformation we went through those first 6 months and have continued to evolve. I can't begin to count the many blessings I have had through these many days. The greatest has to be getting to know so many wonderful people I probably would never have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. Thank you all for enriching my life in such meaningful ways. To celebrate, all fabrics on the bolt are being marked down 17% from the original price for the rest of this month.

We have finished our last 2 shows - Houston and Dallas. They were both great (as always). I always meet such neat people there. (Yes, Lynn, your mom is at the top of that list!)

We have been getting in such exciting fabrics - as always! Most have been for the color walls including blender flannels. Have you touched our Porcelain Blues rag quilt? We mixed regular cottons with a flannel filler. If not, come in and fondle it. Yummy rag quilt without as much weight. We have also received many new batiks. They are so vibrant! We are mixing batiks and regular cottons in quilts. The results are fresh and exciting.

We are proud to announce a new look in classes. Connie has been offering some new ideas such as the bargello class in the Circle Play fabrics by Robert Kaufman. Ann Lauer is the designer of both the pattern and the fabric for Robert Kaufman, and she even made the sample we have hanging in the shop. Connie is also teaching a children's class. We have 2 classes back by popular demand. Nancy will repeat her quilt math class that breaks down the steps so quilt math is easy to understand. Her handouts and easy to use formulas are very good. Remember - Nancy's degree is in math. She taught 7th grade kids for several years, so we are not a challenge for her! If you have not taken her class, I strongly urge you to do it now. Loma is also back with a t-shirt quilt class she's taught in the past. She will show you why you need not fear cutting into those stretchy fabrics! Join her to make a memory quilt for your special someone. In addition to those, other classes are in the planning stage. We will give you more details when they are available.

Remember the Lil' Red doll from Moda? The next doll in the sequence has arrived - Coral, Queen of the Sea! When Coral wishes to transform from a girl to a mermaid, she simply removes her skirt and slips into her mermaid tail. So cute. Any little girl who is enamored with Disney characters will love Coral. Simply follow the steps on the panel, and she'll be assembled in no time.

As most of you know, I have decided to retire this fall. Between health, age and too busy a schedule, I have decided that it is time. I'm excited about it. I need for all the moving boxes in my house to disappear. I need time to unpack the moving boxes in my sewing room! I need to get those UFO's to become finished projects. I will be around a few more months to tie up lots of loose ends.

Above all, know how dear each one of you is to me. Know I want the best for you and the shop. Know I am working for your best interests.

Hugs to each of you,

*Dee*

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**The weekly sale is back!** Each week different fabric categories will be on sale unless we are running a special sale such as the shop anniversary sale. Check our home page often for a current listing.

### **New Quilt Kits**

We have several new quilt kits at the shop and a few more being made you should see in the shop soon. Click [HERE](#) to check out all our quilt kits.

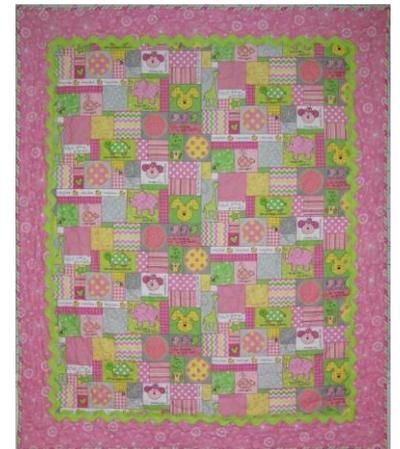
**Applique Kits by Lone Star Laser** - All the applique pieces in these kits are pre-cut and pre-fused. Kits include the pattern plus the laser cut pre-fused pieces. All you add are the background fabrics.

We have a nice selection that includes holiday, animal, western and quilt themes. They all spell fun!

We have already sold out of some styles you will see on our quilt kit website page. If you see one you'd like, give us a call and we will make sure it is included in the next order.



**Little One Flannel Too! flannel** - These kits, pink for girls and blue for boys, are easy, easy and full of animal smiles. Add a single border around the quilt center, add the backing (also included in the kit) and batting, quilt and bind. As a bit of extra fun, we added large spring green ric rac to be sewn where the center meets the border. Click [HERE](#) to see the details.



**Colette Turning Twenty** - Using the original Turning Twenty pattern, this simple quilt is great for beginning quilters. You will fall in love with the colors as they bring a little bit of spring into our rainy days. If you wish to personalize the quilt, you might add outlines of large flowers or maybe a child's name in Chenille by the Inch. See that product in the shop. Click [HERE](#) to see the kit details.



**Floral Fantasy** - If you are searching for bold colors and a quilt with a contemporary feel, look no farther. The bright fuchsia and green florals are a wonderful combination in this diagonal setting. Click [HERE](#) to see the kit details.



## New Classes



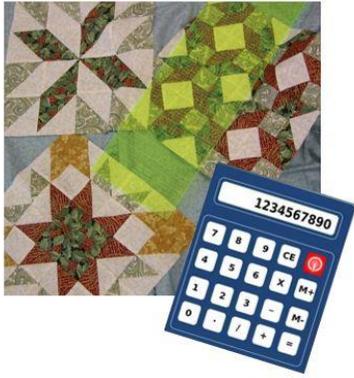
**Bargello Morning Melody class** - Learn the bargello technique while making this 60" x 72" lap quilt. Buy the kit containing the Circle Play fabrics as seen in the sample at the shop or choose 17 other fabrics in colors you love. The pattern lists yardages for larger quilts if a lap quilt is not what you need. The class meets 5 times. The first was Thursday, April 21, but it's not too late to join.

Click [HERE](#) for all the details.



**T-Shirt Quilt class** - Join Loma in this 2-session class. Learn how to prepare your t-shirts to make your own unique t-shirt quilt. Learn how to determine block size, then how to cut, fuse and set blocks together with sashing. Collect those t-shirts together now! Twenty-four t-shirt fronts can be made into a queen sized quilt. Twelve t-shirts are enough if they all have something on the backs of the shirts. Use a smaller number of t-shirts for smaller quilts. Loma will help you figure it out.

Click [HERE](#) for all the details.



**Math for Quilters class** - In this 1-day class you will learn the simple math steps for calculating yardages for SBBB - Sashing, Borders, Binding and Backing. Visual aids and worksheets will be used to explain each step and help it all make sense. Once you've "seen" the math, remembering how to do it again later is easy. Bring a simple calculator you find easy to use. The calculator on your phone will be fine if you can easily read the numbers on the screen.

Click [HERE](#) for all the details.

## New Products

Many new fabrics have arrived shop recently. Click [HERE](#) to see new novelties such as **Batter Up** by Blank Quilting, **Bedrock** by Benartex, **Play Your Song** by Wilmington Prints and **Jewels of the Sea** by Quilting Treasures. You might enjoy using the Jewels of the Sea fabrics with the Coral, Queen of the Sea doll you can make from that new panel. And don't miss the new gradation flannels from Northcott. They are wonderful blenders for any flannel project. Click [HERE](#) to see all the newest flannels.



**Ric Rac Paddywack** flannel by Henry Glass & Co. is perfect when a fast baby gift is needed. Choose either the pink or green panel (pink shown here), back each piece with a coordinating flannel of your choice, sew and turn. You have a receiving blanket, burp cloth and washcloth in an instant! Click [HERE](#) to see the line with the other new novelties.



Last year Benartex released an elegant line of winter fabrics called Chickadees & Berries that were used in the 2015 Festival Shop Hop at the Houston Festival. Click [HERE](#) to see them in the Holiday section. We now have in stock coordinating fabrics called **My Little Chickadee**. There are 2 panels with different background colors, a border stripe, and many coordinating fabrics. Click [HERE](#) to see My Little Chickadees with the other new novelties.



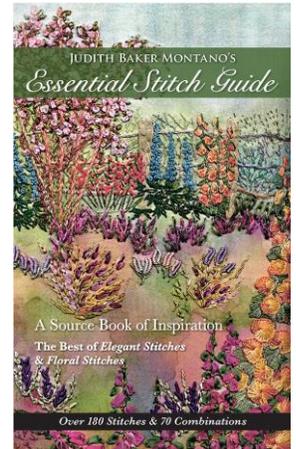
While in the Holiday section, don't miss **Holiday** by Timeless Treasures. The Holiday Paris panel features the Eiffel Tower, poinsettias and gold metallic accents. The Holiday Tree panel is a decorated tree, poinsettias and gold metallic snowflakes. Use the coordinating fabrics to finish the project. Click [HERE](#) to see them all in the Holiday section.



Have you seen any of the **Deco State** fabrics designed by Tiffany Lerman for In the Beginning Fabrics? The state flower for each state has been designed in the art deco style. Collect fabrics for all 50 states! The last 10 states have not arrived yet, but we are expecting them any day. In that group will be our much anticipated Texas bluebonnet fabric. They will be posted as soon as they arrive. Click [HERE](#) to see the states we have so far.



**Essential Stitch Guide book** - Your hand embroidery library is not complete until you see this book. It has over 180 stitches and 70 stitch combinations as well has instructions on using silk ribbon. One of the best perks yet is that it has advice for left handers! See the book at the shop.



## Sewing Groups

All are welcome to visit and join these groups. Most have no yearly fees. Just bring your projects and enjoy time sewing with people who share your quilting love.

<b>Sew-In</b> Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dates: 1st Thurs	<b>Hand Embroidery Group</b> Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Date: 2nd Tues	<b>UFO</b> Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dates: 2nd Fri
<b>Red River Valley Quilt Guild</b> Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Dates: 2nd Sat except July which is 3rd Sat	<b>Needle-Turn Applique Society</b> Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Date: 3rd Mon	<b>Machine Applique</b> Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Date: 3rd Wed
<b>Machine Embroidery Club</b> Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00p.m. Date: 3rd Sat	<b>Mini Retreat</b> Time: Fri 9:30 - 5:00 Dates: last Fri & Sat	

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