

Peaceable Notions

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A weekly newsletter by Lois Weissberg, Peace & Applique Quilt Store, Rochester, IL

A week from tonight many of us will have celebrated this holy holiday with feasting and gifting. Our family gets together late afternoon on Christmas to enjoy good food and fellowship. It's always a great day in our family, and Gretchen's Navy son will be home to be with us. Hooray!

The shop will close at 2 PM on Wednesday, the day before Christmas, to prepare for this wonderful holiday, and of course will be closed Christmas Day.

And of course what happens immediately after Christmas? It's our Annual After Christmas Sale. It starts Friday, December 26, and runs through Saturday, January 3. Remember that we will be closed on Wednesday, December 31, and New Year's Day. The sale will be 50% off all Christmas and Halloween fabric cut from the bolt in the front room of the store, along with specially marked patterns, books, kits and shop samples! It should be a good sale as we continue to clear out to get ready for remodeling.

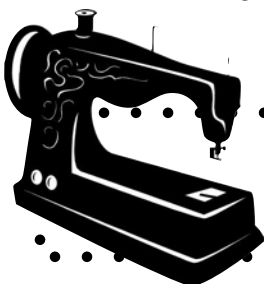
We've gotten in lots and lots of new patterns and books, and beautiful fabric also. From Henry Glass, we have Butter Churn collection of tone-on-tone cream fabrics, to match that name.

Hoffman sent Wanderlust, an absolutely stunning panel depicting Paris and the Eiffel tower, with gorgeous flowers in the foreground. With the coordinates you'd be able to make a wonderful wall hanging, in the style of a painting. Oh my, beautiful.

Sanibel by Gina Martin for Moda features Adirondack chairs and fabric to go with them.
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Mark your calendar!

Christmas Eve - closing at 2 pm	Dec. 24
Christmas Day (closed)	Dec. 25
After Christmas Sale	Dec.26-Jan. 3
New Year's Eve (closed)	Dec. 31
New Year's Day (closed)	Jan. 1
Camp Cilca	Jan. 23-25



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Lakeside Gatherings by Primitive Gatherings is a collection of navy blue fabrics that are really nice.

Linda showed me some new patterns by Basix which are made utilizing solid fabrics. They look like lots of fun to make.

New backings have also arrived.

And then I spotted a box of hand dyed sueded cotton flannel from Marcus Brothers. These are just beautiful, and I see you using them in wool hand applique projects.

For the gifts you're wanting, there are so many neat things, including books and patterns, notions and more. One thing I noticed today was an ultra thin book lamp that would be nice for reading in the car or in bed at night. And of course the perfect gift might just be a gift certificate!

Fred and I wandered the store looking at fabric, and the one that really hit me was by Alexander Henry. It's outlines of faces in black and white. I don't know what I'd do with it, but I know someone who would love it. I'll have to figure that out. We have lots of great black and whites in the shop right now, and then there's that beautiful collection of Crazy for Red up in the front of the shop. I need to get organized so I can accomplish more.

Another gift idea is an infinity scarf made of three fat quarters. It's on the Coatscraft site. Recently I bought a really pretty periwinkle blue sweater with a V neck. Well, I'd freeze in that V neck, so I made a scarf with Kaffe Fassett fabric. It's really easy. You sew the three fat quarters together on the narrow side, and press those seams open. Then you sew the long sides, right side together, forming a tube. Don't turn it. Reach into that tube and pull the one end out and match the two ends. Then you sew those together, sewing in a circle, and leaving an opening for turning. Then you turn it, and you're done. Don't press it because you

want that fullness. The picture of mine will be on Facebook, and I'll leave it in the shop for a few days. That's an easy, inexpensive present that can be made quickly. You can see their precise instructions on the Coatscraft site.

I think that's it for now. Be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook so you can see all of this beautiful fabric. Today we took pictures of table mats and a quilt that a customer made.

Yesterday a customer sent us pictures of 38 pillow cases she made for the Sojourn Center and Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. She's helping out those who are struggling with abuse issues. I've gotten so many good deals as I've shopped that I've taken some of that money and donated chicks and rice and beans to an international organization, Feed the Poor. There are just so many ways to help others, and Christmas is a wonderful time to do it. There are local organizations that need help here at the holidays, also.

Again, the holiday closings are 2 PM on Wednesday, December 24, closed Christmas Day, and closed Wednesday, December 31, and New Year's Day. We'll have regular hours throughout the rest of the holidays.

In closing, all of the staff at peace & Applique join me in wishing you Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday, with a wonderful year to follow. May all your travels be safe, and all the holidays be filled with joy. Your friendship and support is such a wonderful gift to us. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

Lois and Gretchen, peace & Applique Quilt Shop

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