Welcome! We’re glad you’re here.

What have I gotten myself into?
Hopefully an enjoyable time and, perhaps, you’ll make lots of new friends.

What’s going to happen?
The first Saturday of each month we’ll open the doors at 8:45am and close them back up at 9:00am. You have this window of time to get here and be upstairs (yes, there’s an elevator) ready for the morning’s program.

As you enter the shop, you will show your completed block and receive a raffle ticket. No block—no ticket. This ticket serves two purposes. First, it enters you in a raffle for wonderful prizes. Second, it’s how you buy your next block kit.

You will also receive a current shop newsletter, maybe some other literature if there’s something we’d like you to know about, and a coupon to thank you for watching our program (aka infomercial). The coupon is good for the entire First Saturday weekend. That way if you’re not one that likes to shop with the crowd, you can come back later Saturday or on Sunday for a more leisurely shopping experience (or do both).

Then you’ll make your way upstairs...be sure to stop in the classroom for some yummy treats.

What do I need to bring?
February: Just your smiling face. 😊 You’ve already paid for the first kit with your sign up fee, so you’re just here for the show. If you haven’t signed up, you can do so downstairs after the program.

All remaining months: Your completed block or $5 to purchase the next kit (exact change is appreciated…we only accept cash or checks upstairs).

Show & Tell: We love to see your projects, so please bring them to share. Please include a note with your project with your name and any description you’d like us to read, and place your project on the stage upstairs before the program begins. You can pick up your item after the program at the front of the stage.

Friends: It’s O.K. to bring a friend, even if they’re not doing the blocks. It’s a great way to share your love of quilting and maybe enjoy a great breakfast or lunch while you’re in town. They won’t get a raffle ticket but they’ll still get the coupon.

What’s on the program?
Occasionally we will have guest speakers. If you are part of an organization that would like to present to the group, please let me know. If you have an opportunity quilt you’d like to display and sell raffle tickets for, just let me know and we’ll make a spot for you and your quilt. Please email adina@clothcarousel.com with your info and date.

Then you get to experience the Adina & Paul (super hubby) show, where we’ll present projects for upcoming classes, show you new fabric, books, and notions, and share Show & Tell items.

Then we’ll have the raffle. First for some lovely items from the shop. Then the restaurant raffles. You already know how to enter the shop raffle. You enter the restaurant raffles by submitting your restaurant receipts (be sure to write your name on the back) throughout the month from select local restaurants. There are bins on the notions wall for the receipts. Currently we have raffles for receipts from Putah Creek Café and Steady Eddy’s.

Then you pick up your block kits. There are five tables throughout the room: A-C, D-H, I-O, P-S, T-Z. These letters correspond to the first letter of your last name. Patiently stand in these lines to get your kit. Pay for your kit with your raffle ticket or money (exact change is appreciated).
So many questions!

I signed up for fat quarters (FQ)...where do I get them?
There is a table near the bar where you can purchase your fat quarters. They are $3.50 each (exact change is appreciated...we only accept cash or checks upstairs). You must signup in advance for fat quarters so we know how many to cut. If you would like to be added to the list, on First Saturday just let Carol or Meda know and they’ll add you to the list for future months. Any other time of the month, let the staff know and they’ll add you to the list. If you aren’t here on First Saturday, your FQ will be held behind the checkout counter for that month. Any remaining fat quarters from previous months will be available for purchase by anyone the following month.

I forgot to bring cash or check to pay for my kit and/or fat quarters. What do I do?
After the program, once all the kits and fat quarters have been handed out, they are all brought downstairs to the checkout counter. You can purchase them there (along with any other items) with a credit or debit card. If you only brought one check and you know you’ll be purchasing additional items, wait for your kit and/or fat quarters to go downstairs and you can make a single purchase.

I can’t remember what the finished block looks like with the actual fabrics. Can I take a picture?
Yes, of course. They are also loaded up on the website by the end of First Saturday weekend so you can see them there.

How can I be a Vibrant Volunteer and work one of the kit tables?
The five tables where the kits are picked up after program are staffed by volunteers. Ideally there are two volunteers per table: one to hand out kits for those that have their tickets, and one to hand out kits for those that need to pay. If you are interested in helping out after the program, please let me know. It is easier if you do it every month, but it’s not required. We’re happy to have you help out whenever you can. At the end of each program, I will ask who is staffing each table. If there are unstaffed tables at this point, I will ask for volunteers to help out that month. This is a great way to learn who all these people are.

I found the perfect fabric as I came into the shop on First Saturday, can I have it cut before the program starts?
I like the staff to be available to help out with First Saturday stuff before the program, and they will be upstairs with us during the program so they are not available to cut before or during the program. If you would like items to be held for you, put them on the cutting table where there is paper and pencil available for you to put your name on them. You can even put the amount you would like to have cut if you already know. They will start on these when they get back downstairs after the program.

I found the perfect item during the month, can I have it held for me until First Saturday in case there’s a coupon?
Nope. Many fabrics are one time prints...so if you see something you really like, you should probably get it then, because once it’s gone, it’s gone.

You showed some great stuff during the program, where can I find it once I’m downstairs?
We generally put the program items in the classroom, either on the tables or on the cart so it’s easier for you to locate them.

I’m a great baker. What if I want to share a yummy treat?
We always love to have home baked goods...so if you have some you’d like to share, feel free to contribute. Be sure to put your name on it so all your new friends can tell you how great it is.

Hope you enjoy the year. We look forward to sharing the shop with all of you.
Adina & Paul Schwerdfeger