



Merry's Stitchins

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What a wild summer! With the big new shop, the All Iowa Shop Hop, getting the retreat center rolling and just trying to figure out where we put everything, we sorta missed getting out a Summer Newsletter. But never fear! We're back with great things planned this fall.

Make sure to mark the Annual Garage Sale dates on your calendar – Sept. 7, 8, and 9th. We've got lots of goodies to put under the tent! We've also started some Charity Sew Days in the new classroom. Return the Favor and ER kids quilts will benefit from all of our talents (and donations of fabric!). Check the dates and join us for a fun sew day. Lunch is provided.

September will also bring the start of a unique block of the month done in wool. A "crazy quilted" background hangs on a stand (or wall), then each month a new "block" will be displayed in the center. (See photos on following pages) Call us to sign up!

We have two new events in October: Evonne Cook of Clothesline Quilts will be giving a great trunk show of her Civil War quilts, along with some history to go along with each one. We are following that up with classes on her Atlanta and Chattanooga designs. The following weekend we are participating in the Autumn Express Bus Hop with seven other shops in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Catch the bus here at Merry's for a two day, one night excursion. We'll have some fun prizes and games along the way, too! Don't delay – limited to the first 45 to sign up.

November brings the one stop shopping spree in Clear Lake and our After Market Shindig! Be sure to come check out the great finds from Fall Market. AND... There are rumors of a new Monthly Mini series from Patch Abilities debuting later this fall (in the long skinny size!).

Please note the shop will be closed on Thanksgiving and the entire week of Christmas (Dec. 25 – 29). Grandma has to spend some time playing with Lewie and his new toys!

Happy Stitchin!

Merry, Jennifer & the team



FAT
Thursday
3rd Thursday of the
month, get 12 fat
quarters for just \$25

Are you receiving duplicates?

If you are getting a paper version and an email version on our newsletter, please drop us a line and let us know. We love being able to send little reminders and updates to our email friends! Let us know at merrys@jtt.net



Return the Favor Charity Sew Days



Days for making simple quilts to give to terminal and seriously ill.

We want to do MORE to support this great cause! Join us on the *second Tuesday of each month* at

Merry's. Bring that fabric from your stash that you no longer need and let's put it together with some others to make a fun quilt to donate! 10 AM to 5 PM —Lunch provided

ER Kids Charity Sew Day on Saturday Oct. 20th

Selvedge Bag Class

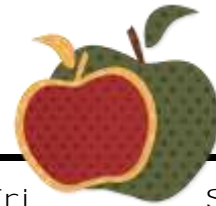
Sat. Sept. 15th
9 AM to 3 PM



Start saving now!!

Use every bit of that precious fabric...make a bag with the selvages! We have been saving our selvages for you and you can bring along what you have, too! (be sure to leave 1/4" above the selvedge). Bertha will show you the steps involved for this unique project.
\$25.00 Class fee Pattern provided.

September 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Garage Sale!
9 Garage Sale!	10	11 RTF Charity Sew Day	12	13 Wool & Needle Handwork	14	15 Selvedge Bag Class
16	17	18	19	20 FAT Thursday	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	28	29 5th Saturday Sale! bring your bag!
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Get Inspired...come to
Merry's Stash Society!

1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

meets the last Thursday of each month

MSS is a great way to stay motivated to finish those UFO's, and to see the latest and greatest in the quilt world. Buy a MSS shirt and if you're caught wearing it when we meet, you will receive a free pattern! Show n' tell your finished projects and your name goes in for our big year-end drawing. We have demo's, treats, door prizes and more! Join us this month!

5th Saturdays
Stuff Your Bag Day
Bring your Merry's Tote Bag and fill it up!
Receive 10% off everything you can stuff inside!
Need a bag? Get one at Merry's for just \$6.00



Autumn Express Bus Hop

Join us for a two-day trip to visit eight great shops in
Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin!

October 19 & 20

Departs from Merry's at 6:45 AM Friday
Returns at 7:00 PM Saturday

\$149 double occupancy

Includes all meals, transportation, and lodging!

Our itinerary:



- Vintage Threads Quilt Shoppe, Dyersville, IA
- Patches and Petals, Belleville, WI
- Mill House Quilts, Waunakee, WI
- Quilt Corner, Sparta, WI
- *Overnight Stay in Rochester, MN*
- Fourth & Main Fabrics, Cannon Falls, MN
- Firefly Quilt Shop, Mankato, MN
- Debbie's Quilt Shop & Gifts, Osage, IA

We'll have some fun prizes and games along the way.

Limited to the first 45 to sign up!

\$75.00 deposit required. Balance due by Oct. 1st.

Call us at the shop today 319-827-6703



Merry's Stitchins presents



Trunk Show & Classes

Thursday, October 11

Trunk Show — \$10

7 PM to 8:30 PM

at Merry's Stitchins

(includes dessert and mystery Merry Bucks!)

Join us for a quilt show and a little history lesson.

Evonne Cook of Clothesline quilts has a fabulous collection of civil war designs to share (with patterns of them all, too!) She has done extensive research on the Battles of the Civil War and the Generals. She also is known for the cute "coloring bags" patterns that we have samples of in the shop. An Iowa Girl, she and her husband make their home on the family farm in Northwest Iowa.

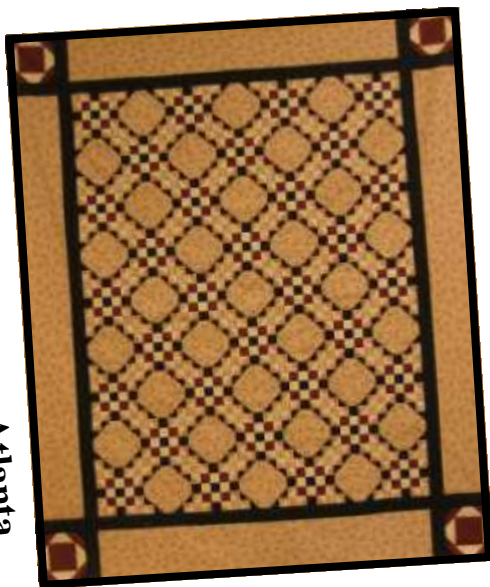
Friday, Oct 12: 9 AM to 3 PM

Chattanooga Class

Make your own Civil War Battle Series quilt. Learn some power cutting and piecing techniques. Our sample finishes 40"x54". Alternative size of 74"x102" also included on pattern.

Instructors: Merry & Evonne. Lunch included.

Class Fee: \$25 Pattern Required. Kits available.



Saturday, Oct. 13: 9 AM to 3 PM

Atlanta Class

Make your own Civil War Battle Series quilt. Learn some power cutting and piecing techniques. Our sample finishes 48"x58". Alternative size of 95"x115" also included on pattern.

Instructors: Merry & Evonne. Lunch included.
Class Fee: \$25 Pattern Required. Kits available.

Call the shop to sign up today! 319-827-6703

Wool & Needle Handwork Block of the Month

(second Thursday of the month: 1 PM to 3 PM or 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

We fell in love with this new Block of the Month from Buttermilk Basin! Create a wool Crazy Mat background, then make 12 different 8"x8" wool center designs for the middle. We will offer the Crazy Mat background over two classes (Sept. 13 & Oct. 4), afternoon or evening. In November we'll make our first 8" center. Starting in December, we will have a Wool and Needle sew time (no class fee) each month. Bring whatever handwork you want to work on!

Kits are \$25.00 for the crazy background mat. Sew Cherished Crazy Stitches guides strongly recommended. Monthly center design kits will be \$17.50 each month. Instructor: Jennifer. Classes are \$10 each (but not required to do block of the month).

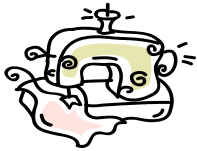


Machine Quilting 101 Class

Wed. Oct 3 or Sat. Oct. 6
9 AM to 12 PM

Have you always wanted to learn how to machine quilt? Here is your chance! In 3 hours Merry will have you quilting like a pro. Learn the rhythm of free-motion quilting, machine settings and stitch patterns. Bring your own machine.

Class fee \$15 includes muslin & batting)



Beginners Class Yellow Brick Road

Tuesday Oct. 16 & Oct. 23
9 AM to 3 PM

Learn the basics of following a pattern, rotary cutting, simple sewing, and adding borders to create this easy quilt top. Class runs for two consecutive Tuesdays. Pattern Required.

Kits available.
\$50.00 Class fee



October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i>	4 <i>Wool & Needle Handwork class</i>	5	6 <i>Machine Quilting 101</i>
	8	9	10	11 <i>Clothesline Quilts Trunk Show</i>	12 <i>Chattanooga Class</i>	13 <i>Atlanta Class</i>
14	15	16 <i>Beginners Class Yellow Brick Road</i>	17	18 FAT Thursday	19	20 ER Kids Charity Sew Day 10 to 5
21	22	23 <i>Beginners Class Yellow Brick Road</i>	24	25 <i>Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!			

Bus Hop!

November 2012



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Wool & Needle Handwork	9 <i>One Stop Shop Hop in Clear Lake</i>
11 Veteran's Day	12	13 RTF Charity Sew Day	14	15	16 <i>After Market Shindig!</i>
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving (SHOP CLOSED)	23
25	26	27	28	29 Merry's Stash Society 1 PM or 7 PM	30

North Iowa Quilters One-Stop Shopping Spree

Best Western
Holiday Lodge
Clear Lake, IA

Friday, Nov 9
10 Am to 5 PM

Sat. Nov. 10
10AM to 4 PM

13 vendors with
books, fabric, kits,
and notions

After Market Shindig!

Do we have some Quilters Candy for you! Come out to our After Market Shindig and check out all of "sweet treats" we brought home from Fall Market: fabrics, patterns, kits, notions and more! Join us November 16 and 17th. Pick up a "sweet" door prize while you're here, too!



**MERRY'S
STASH
SOCIETY**



DIVE IN!

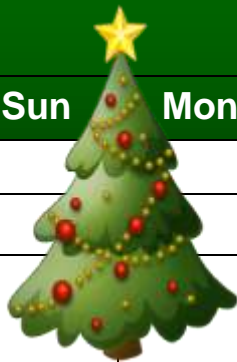
Merry's Stash Society Year End Party

You do not want to miss our BIG drawing and all the fun at our year-end party!

*1:00 PM or
7:00 PM
December 20th*

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2		4	5	6	7	8
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23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27	28	29
----- SHOP CLOSED -----						
30	31	Jan 1st After Christmas Sale!				





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RETREAT CENTER

Gather your friends and get away from it all at Merry's Stitchins Retreat Center! Set on 12 acres in the Iowa country side with full access to a 5-Star quilt shop just steps away from your sewing machine.

- Accommodates 10 to 12 people.
- Minimum of 4 people per booking.
- Provided: Ironing boards and irons, tables and chairs, cutting tables, linens and pillows.
- Breakfast provided each morning, other meals are on your own with kitchen access
- Cost is \$40 per person per night.
- Deposit of \$80 per booking required.
- Just want to come sew for the day? \$15

Things you need to bring: Towels, toiletries, sewing machines, rotary cutters and mats, other cutting and sewing supplies, snacks and other meals.

Chair Massages also available! Inquire when you make reservation to set up appointment.

Cancellation policy: Two weeks notice required for any refund of deposit

New Fabric Collections arriving soon at Merry's

- *Independence Trail* by Minick & Simpson for Moda
- *Old Glory Gatherings* by Lisa Bongean for Moda
- *Marmalade* by Bonnie and Camille for Moda
- *Simply Imagine* by Whimsicals for Red Rooster
- *Best Friends* by Jo Morton for Andover
- ...And more!

Class Supply List

- Sewing Machine
- Cutting Mat
- Rulers
- Rotary Cutter
- Thread
- Scissors, seam ripper, etc.

**All day class fee includes lunch and dessert.*

Class Registration Form for

Merry's Stitchins – 1923 Baker Road, Jesup, IA 50648 – 319-827-6703



Name:	
Email:	
Address:	Phone:
Class Name:	Class Date:
Please include this form along with your check and send to Merry's Stitchins at the address listed above. Call the shop if you have any questions or to check about additional supplies needed. 319-827-6703	

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4th Annual

HUGE Garage/Tent Sale!

(cash & carry only)

September 7, 8, & 9

Hours: Friday 10-5 Saturday 10-4 Sunday 11-3

There are some great discounts on kits, books, patterns, quilt samples, fabric bundles, scrap bags, \$1 fats, \$3 flat folds and \$5 yardage.

You DO NOT want to miss this gigantic event!

2012 FALL Newsletter!

Tuesday—Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Closed Sunday/Monday

Business hours:

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