



## 2017 "Christmas in September" Quilt Retreat

Our 2017 Retreat Theme is "Christmas in September" and we will again offer 2 sessions at the beautiful Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard, GA. Sept. 11-14, 2017 and Sept. 18-21, 2017.

Choose from one of our featured projects below or bring a UFO.

This year you'll be able to order your patterns on my web site or mail in the attached form. On the web site you will auto automatically be charged shipping and they will be sent to you when the order comes through. If you mail in your form, you may choose to have them shipped, or pick up at retreat.

### It would not be Christmas without a Christmas Tree-

We will have 3 trees as featured projects this year.

One is made with half square triangles. I use mine as a large wall hanging but add a few borders and you could use it on your bed! One is made using the Creative Grids curvy and regular log cabin trim tools, and the other is a small applique to go on a towel or pillow top. Start digging out your scraps for one of these fun projects.



Free Pattern download



Pattern \$4



Pattern \$4

**What about snowmen?** We're featuring 3 snowmen projects. One is a table runner using the Creative Grids Curvy log cabin. The other is a door hanger 32" x 65" (The pattern won't be out until mid-June but it's a real cutie.) Runner is shown and Pic of door hanger will post as soon as pattern comes out. Note: Second pic is just holding a spot until the actual pattern posts. Third, this 14" x 14" little quilt would make an adorable wall hanging or pillow.



Pattern \$4

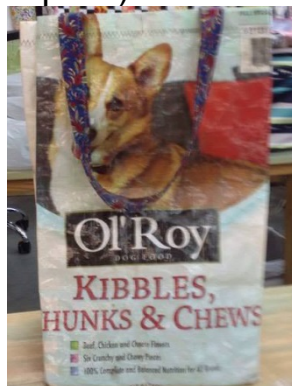


Pattern \$9.50



Pattern \$4

**Just for fun!** Do you have dogs, cats, bunnies, chickens, etc.? Save a few of your feed bags to make this fun carry all bag. No pattern just bring your bag and a size 90 or 100 needle. Bring fabric for handles (see pic # 2) OR use part of the bag (see pic 1).



**Pin cushion or ornament- Either way it's fun!!!**

Gather (14) 5" squares, (2) 6" squares of muslin to make the "filler", a small amount of poly-fil, 2 large buttons (one for the front and one for the back) and a long sturdy hand needle. Sample is shown in red, white, and blue but will be adorable in Christmas colors! A cute gift idea!  
No pattern- just bring the above supplies



Mystery Quilt- Lap size and uses strips. It will look great in any colors. It will look great just as sewn, but you can add optional applique. Ideas- using batiks? You might want to add butterfly appliques, Using Christmas fabric? You might add stars, or trees, or candy canes. You will need one jelly roll plus 2 yds. light background and a border fabric. Bring fusible web and ideas for applique if you think you might want to add.

Pattern \$4

**For those of you who like hand work- check out this cute tree I found online.**

You could pretty much make it any size you wanted and then just fill the space with "pennies" as shown, buttons, pennies and buttons, yo-yos, antique lace and jewelry, etc.

I have not found a pattern- so I offer this pic as inspiration for those who want handwork to do in the evenings. I can just see a group rocking in the chairs on the porch and stitching away.



**Other information-**

**Drag out those Christmas sweaters.** We're having an ugly Christmas sweater contest on Monday night. Don't have one? Decorate a T shirt, or sweatshirt and play along. As always this is optional but Monday night "dress up" always add to the fun.

**Table Decorations-** It's always fun to see what you come up with for this contest. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is an individual contest- so only your table counts. (not a group effort) Décor must have a Christmas theme and you must be able to sew among your decorations.

**Snail Mail-** Watch for (1) snail mail letter in late May with payment reminders and other info. A copy is at the end of this info.

Note: Our retreat sessions are each limited to 56 attendees. Once each session is filled, we will start a waiting list and will fill any cancellations from this list on a first come first serve basis.

Email Deb at [Debscatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:Debscatsnquilts@aol.com) to check current availability.



# DILLARD HOUSE QUILT RETREAT 2017

2017 Theme- "Christmas in September"

Mark one- \_\_\_\_ Session 1/ Mon.- Thurs. September 11-14, 2017

\_\_\_\_ Session 2/ Mon.-Thurs. September 18-21, 2017

*Check in 10:00-12:00 to conference center on Monday/ Check out by 12:00 noon on Thursday*

Mark one-

\_\_\_\_ **Full Time \$445** \_\_\_\_

*Includes 6 meals, (dinner on Monday, Lunch and Dinner Tues. and Wed., Breakfast on Thursday) lodging Mon., Tues, and Wed. night, use of conference center on*

*Monday from check in until 11:00 pm, from 7 AM- 11:00 pm Tues. and Wed., and from 7 am-12 noon on Thurs. plus all demos and lectures during the retreat.*

*Fee does not include patterns, fabrics, or supplies for featured projects.*

\_\_\_\_ **Day Time \$325** \_\_\_\_

*Includes 5 meals, (dinner on Monday, Lunch and Dinner Tues. and Wed), use of conference center on Monday from check in until 11:00 pm, from 7 AM- 11:00 pm Tues. and Wed., and from 7 am-12 noon on Thurs., and all demos or lectures during the retreat. Fee does **not include** lodging, patterns, fabrics, or supplies for featured projects.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly!!!!)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **PRIVATE ROOM \$180 covers Mon, Tues, & Wed night.** (Add any additional below) \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Sunday Arrival (Add \$120 per room/ if you have a roommate that's \$60 each)** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Friday Departure (Add \$120 per room/ if you have a roommate that's \$60 each)** \_\_\_\_

\*Yes, you may room (3) to a room but there is no reduction in fee.

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit due at registration \$100/ Second payment due June 1, 2017/ Balance due by July 1, 2017.**

**You may paypal your payments to [Debscatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:Debscatsnquilts@aol.com) or mail to: Deb's Cats n Quilts Designs, 206 Friendship Ln., Franklin, NC, 28734**

**\*\*Cancellation Policy-**Written cancellation received by June 1, 2017 receives a full refund. Allow 6-8 weeks for refund to process. **All cancellations must be in writing.** Mail cancellation notice to Deb's Cats N Quilts Designs, 206 Friendship Ln., Franklin, NC, 28734 You may also email me at [Debscatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:Debscatsnquilts@aol.com) (If I do not respond, I did not receive your email. I/ nor The Dillard House will be responsible for email notifications that do not reach me.)

**NO REFUNDS after June 1, 2017 as per our contract with the Dillard House.**

**Deposit Date- Paid by:**

Cash \_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_ Go Pay/ CC \_\_\_\_

**Retreat Featured Projects pictures will be online.**

**Choose any of the featured projects, or choose to work on something of your own.**

**NOTE- If you choose to work on your own project, please make sure you are the featured projects. comfortable doing so independently. Instructional time at retreat is reserved for the featured projects.**

## Retreat Pattern and Supply Order Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

MARK ONE      ( ) I've added postage below for items to be mail to me      ( ) I'll pick up at retreat

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Trees:

Tree # 1 Free download in 3 sizes / Go to link below and print (you may need to copy and paste to your browser)

<http://quiltingdigest.com/this-sweet-tree-brims-with-good-cheer/>

\_\_\_\_ Trim the Tree (A CLP pattern) 4.00

Uses the Creative Grids 8" Log Cabin and 8" curvy Log Cabin Tool (Order below if needed)

\_\_\_\_ Christmas Delivery 4.00

### Snowmen:

\_\_\_\_ Snowman Runner (A CLP pattern) 4.00

Uses the Creative Grids 8" curvy Log Cabin Tool (Order below if needed)

\_\_\_\_ Snowman Door Hanger 32" x 65" (Pattern comes out in June) 9.50

Uses the 6" and 8" curvy log cabin plus a new tool coming out this summer. Pattern release June 15

\_\_\_\_ Snowman Mini or pillow Top 4.00

Feedbag Tote Bag: No pattern needed NA

Pincushion: No pattern needed NA

Mystery Quilt 4.00

\_\_\_\_ 8" Log Cabin Trim Tool 19.45

\_\_\_\_ 8" Curvy Log Cabin Trim Tool 20.95

\_\_\_\_ 6" Curvy log cabin Trim Trim Tool 17.95

**Subtotal**

**Shipping (if applicable) priority flat rate + 6.75**

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

## Challenge Information

If you wish to participate in the 2017 retreat challenge the rules are as follows. You must use the challenge fabric in the front of your challenge project and you must add either blue, orange or purple. You may add as many other fabrics as you wish and may make any project that you wish. (quilt, tote, runner, etc.). Project must be finished. (tops will not count.) Judging will be popular vote by those attending your session. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Challenge FQ's may be purchased by mailing a \$3 check (plus \$2 shipping) = \$5 total to

Deb Heatherly  
206 Friendship Ln.  
Franklin, NC, 28734

You may also PayPal this amount to [debcatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:debcatsnquilts@aol.com)

## **Copy of “Snail mail” going out mid May**

**Greetings- Please find info and payment reminders below about our 2017 Retreat at the Dillard House Conference Center in Dillard GA**

**Session 1: September 11-14, 2017   Session 2: September 18-21, 2017**

This is the only “snail” mail that will go out. Please make sure to go to [www.Debcatsnquilts.com](http://www.Debcatsnquilts.com) to get up to date and last minute retreat info. Click on the large box on the first page that says retreat.

**Payments: \$100 is due June 1 with remaining balance due July 1.** To make payments, you may mail checks to: Deb’s Cats N Quilts Designs, 206 Friendship Lane, Franklin, NC, 28734.

Please DO NOT send to the old shop address. (106 W. Palmer St.)

You may also call the studio at 828-524-9578 with your cc info and you may also use PayPal online to [Debscatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:Debscatsnquilts@aol.com) (If using PayPal, make sure to note that there is not and “and” in my email address— Only an “n”—and please send me a separate email to let me know to watch for your payment)

**Remember that June 1 is also our “cancel by” date.** Cancellations made after this date do not receive refunds as per our contract with the Dillard House.

Check in: You may check into to me in the conference center on the Monday of your session between 10:00-12:00. No lunch is provided this day. You will need to plan accordingly. A table will be provided if you’d like to bring finger foods to share and snack on until we eat that night. Sassy Stitches (formally Deb’s Cats N Quilts) will have a special sale just for you on Monday morning.

Projects- this year I picked a variety of things for our featured projects. Please check the web site for pictures. A supply order form is provided for mail in orders AND the patterns will be on my web site by

mid-June if you'd like to order online. Online orders are automatically charged shipping and will mail as soon as order comes in.

Mail in orders have the options of paying to have items shipped or picking them up at retreat.

Monday night- Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, table decoration contest, and voting for challenge. (You can find more details on these events on the web site)

Table Groupings- If you have a preference on who sits at your table grouping, make sure I have a written list. Some of you noted this on last year's registration and I appreciate you doing so. A list will be posted on the web site at the end of August. I reserve the right to make changes up until the day of check in if I miss someone's request. I do my best to keep you and your friends together for the event.

Provided meals- Dinner on Monday night, Tuesday night, and Wed. night., and a salad type lunch on Tues. and Wed. are provided meals for all those attending. Breakfast for those staying on site at the Dillard House is provided on Thursday morning. (Thursday morning breakfast is not provided for day campers.) Breakfast on Tues and Wed is not a part of our retreat package. Please plan accordingly on those mornings.

Heavy Duty electrical cord and surge protector- Make sure to bring these items so that you will be able to plug in. You will have to work together with your table mates so that everyone can get plugged into the outlets nearest your table grouping.

Irons- Because of the electrical draw on the conference center we must request that there be **ONLY 2 irons and ironing boards per table grouping** (grouping have 6-8 people) If you bring one of the 2 for your grouping, you must be willing to share with your entire table grouping. **Small individual irons and steam generators are not allowed.** The building simply cannot withstand the electrical draw we place on it during this event if too many irons are plugged in. If you don't know the people in your table grouping so that you can plan as a group- bring them anyway. It's better to have an extra in your room, than for no one to bring them.

Gifts for your table- While definitely not required, it has become a fun tradition to bring small gifts for your table mates. Sometimes these have been "themed" and sometimes just a fun sewing item. You can decide if you wish to participate. Table grouping will have 6-8 people.

Rooms- Please remember that your retreat fee is based on 2 people per room. If you do not have a roommate, and we cannot find one to assign to you, you will have to pay a private room fee. Likewise, if you are coming in a day early, but your roommate is coming in on Monday, you will be responsible for the entire room fee on Sunday night.

Sunday- Please understand that I cannot set up for the retreat until all Sunday events and other bookings are finished and out of the conference center. That mean that sometimes I am in the conference center late on Sunday night to get ready for your arrival on Monday. Please do not ask to drop off your machines on Sunday.

Monday Check in- If you are arriving on Monday, you will check in to me in the conference center on Monday morning between 10:00- 12:00, but you will not check into your room until 3:00 that day. Knowing this ahead of time should help you pack your vehicle accordingly.

Design walls are not allowed at retreat.

A large table and chair is provided for each retreat participant. If you choose, you may opt to bring your own table and chair and forgo the use of the provided table. You may bring anything that will fit into the space that your provided table would have occupied, but you may not have table, chairs, cart, etc. extending beyond that space.

Christmas Shopping- This year's theme is Christmas in September and I thought it would be fun to do some Christmas shopping! Do you make handmade jewelry or wooden thread stands? Make baskets? Make adorable pin cushions? Etc.... If you do, I have permission for you to sell your wares on the Tuesday night of retreat as part of our "Christmas in September" theme. The rules are simple- (1) I need to know ahead of time what you wish to sell. Send me a description and a few pics by the end of August. (2) **You must bring your own table** and man your table from 7:00-8:00 on Tues. evening (3) Set up will be at 5:00 on Tuesday until dinner (3) You will need to have your own method for taking payments as purchases will be made directly from you. (4) Tables and items must be removed at 8:30 that evening. Guilds- This is also your chance to sell raffle tickets for your guilds opportunity quilt.

Show-n-Tell is always such fun! Wednesday morning is when that takes place. Bring anything you've completed this past year!

If you have further questions- First check the web site to see if your question is addressed. If it's not, email me at [Debscatsnquilts@aol.com](mailto:Debscatsnquilts@aol.com) or call the studio at 828-524-9578. If you email and don't hear from me in 24 hours, it means I did not get your email. If that happens, check to make sure you entered in my email address correctly.