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Projects are abundant this season

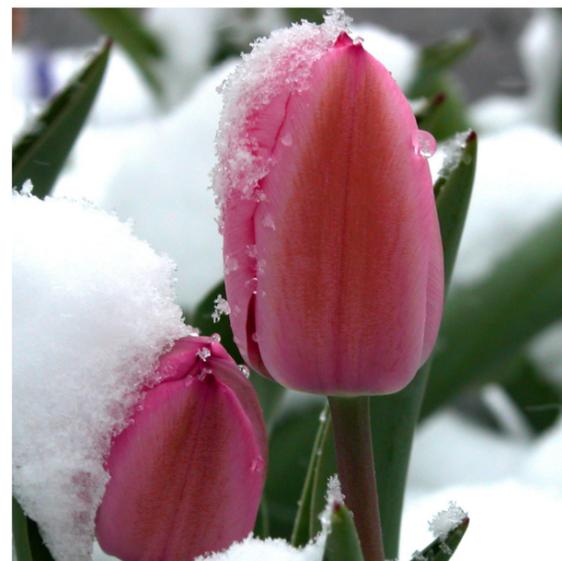
Spring is in the air ... well, kind of! I am writing this introduction to our summer schedule, but there are reports of snow in the next few days. We will see. My tulips have not started to bloom yet, and that is when we usually get a big snow right when they ready to open.

We have a lot of fun things planned for this summer. We are once again participating in this year's "Roy by Row." The theme is "On the Go." There is also a new row-by-row program at the same time designed for kids. We will have a row just for kiddos. Both row by rows starts on the first day of summer, June 21,

and runs through Labor Day. Shop Hop is August 3rd-6th. Our theme this year is "Sew Inspirational."

Our summer schedule is full of fun classes. We are repeating some of our classes and have added some new ones. We will be starting a new Mystery in May. It is a six-month mystery designed by Debbie Caffery. We will have a supply list soon. Our open house will be a great time to get your supplies. There is no cost to join our mystery if you come in each month and pick up your clue. If you don't come the clue will cost you \$3 per month.

-Alison



SPECIAL EVENTS

SHOP HOP: Mark your calendar for August 3rd -6th. This year's theme is "Sew Inspirations" we have designed our own fabrics are exclusive to the nine shops in our hop. You will have four days to get to all the shops. All participants can get a pattern from each shop. Go to all the shops and complete your passport and receive a free shop hop pin and a change to win some fun prizes. Hope to see you there.

ROWBYROW: This year's theme is "On the Go." We will have kits and patterns available starting June 21. This year, there is also a new program called Row By Row Jr. This is a special program for kids. Patterns will be available for kids. Anyone can buy the kits, but the patterns will only be given out to kids ages 6-14.

QUILTING RETREAT: I am hosting a quilting retreat in the mountains above Black Hawk. This is at a new location and new dates. You will arrive Thursday afternoon and sew as much as you want to until checkout on Sunday at noon. All your meals will be provided. There will be clues to a mystery quilt given throughout the weekend. You will be able to complete the mystery if you want to. Space is limited, and 50% deposit is required when signing up.

July 20-23 \$225 (Sorry no discounts)

TERRIFIC TUESDAY: Come in fun socialize with fellow quilters. I will demo a pattern that uses pre-cut fabric packs (Charm Packs, Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes) you receive a pattern for that project After the demo there is show and tell with a lot of really cool projects that our customers have made. If you bring a show and tell you could win a charm pack. We meet on the third Tuesday.

5/16, 6/20, 7/18, *8/8

\$5 for four classes or \$2 drop-in fee.

10 a.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

There is one rule. You must attend to receive the pattern.

You can purchase the pattern after for \$3, if you like.

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE: Bring your sewing machines in for a cleaning and basic tune-up while you shop. Kurt will work on your Berninas and Patrick from Above and Beyond will work on Phaff, Elna, Brothers and most other machines. If there is something specific you need done to your machine, let us know before you come so they can bring the needed parts. Make your one-hour appointment today!

Bernina 5/18, 6/21, 8/10

Above and Beyond 5/8, 6/19, 8/7 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\$95 (Sorry, no discounts)

OPEN HOUSE

May 5 - May 7

Friday, May 5:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 6:
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 7:
Noon to 5 p.m.



SIGN UP FOR CLASSES

See samples; find the best classes for you

15% OFF CLASSES

(Sorry, no discounts on telephone registrations)

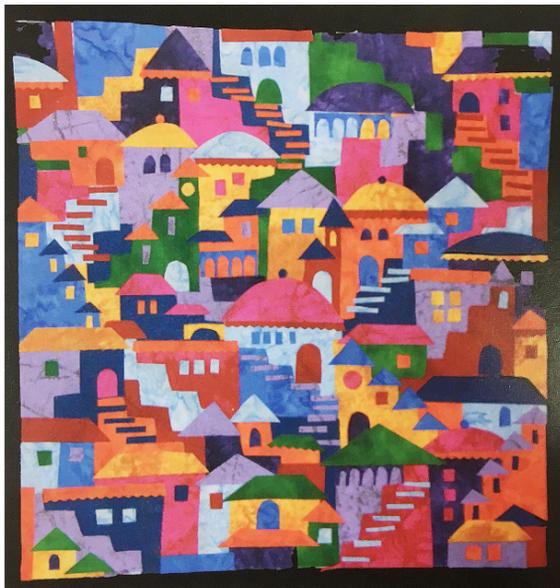
15% OFF FABRIC

(1/2-yard minimum cut)

15% OFF BOOKS, PATTERNS, PRE-CUTS AND NOTIONS IN STOCK

25% OFF 4 YARDS OR MORE
of same fabric (Some restrictions apply)

CLASS SCHEDULE



HAPPY VILLAGE: Step into a fabric Collage Adventure. Let your imagination run wild as you explore the freedom of raw-edge fabric collage! No seams to sew, no points to match. I will demo the method in the book and an alternative method. You can choose how you want to make the quilt. You should be able to finish this in two classes, but I have added a third class just in case. Book required.

Friday 5/12, 6/16, 7/7 10 am

Alison \$50



DANCING ORCHIDS: Dreaming of a tropical flower-filled landscape? This quilt will brighten any décor. Fused orchids are fussy cut from fabric, and the leaves are just big appliques. We will make this quilt in two classes. First, we will make the background blocks. The next class, we will work on the appliques. You will have some homework in order to get this quilt done. Pattern required. Kit available.

Monday 5/15 and 6/12 10 am

Alison \$50

ROW BY ROW: Have you collected row-by row patterns from all over? Have you put them together yet? Come join us and get your rows put together. It will be fun to see everyone's different rows since there are more than 3000 rows available throughout the U.S, Canada and Europe. We will meet once a month starting in May:

Mondays 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28

Alison \$40

SHOP HOP QUILT: Have you participated in one of our Shop Hops? Do you want help putting it together? Come join us as we make the blocks and put



WILDFLOWERS: Come and make this fast and easy wall hanging. The flowers are from two separate panels and some additional fabric. I will show you how to fussy cut the flowers and put it all together. You should be able to get this done in a day. Kit required.

Tuesday 6/13 10 am

Alison \$30

the quilts together. You must have the patterns from the Shop Hop. Sorry, I cannot provide the patterns.

Tuesdays 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22 10 am

Alison \$50

PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS FOR QUILTERS:

Discover how you can use Photoshop Elements as a design tool to add creativity and a personal touch to your favorite quilting projects. In this monthly class, you will learn the basics of Photoshop Elements to build a digital design "stash," quilt blocks, applique designs, and much more that you can print to fabric for your one-of-a-kind projects. A new design technique or idea will be explored each month with plenty of time for practice and opportunities for monthly show and tell. Finally, you will learn how to get your designs printed on fabric at Spoonflower.com. Laptops with Photoshop required. Class will meet on the fourth Wednesday. Space is limited.

Wednesday 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23 2-5 pm

Judy \$80

QUILTER'S PATCH: There's a new treasure coming from Laundry Basket, and we know you won't want to miss it. Finishing at approximately 74" x 78", the quilt showcases a range of techniques. Each month we will work on a section from her Edyta Sitar's book. We will meet on the fourth Thursday, and we will keep going until we complete the quilt. Book required.

5/27, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24 10 am

Alison \$50

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS: Discover quilt making and learn the basics without a great investment in time or materials. You can use our rotary cutter, mats and rulers as you construct a lap size quilt. In one weekend, JaNelle will teach you basic machine piecing techniques, and by the end of the weekend most people have the main part of the quilt completed. Space is limited. Pattern provided. Saturday 6/3 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 6/4 Erickson \$75

TABLE-RUNNER TUESDAYS: You pick the patterns, and we will spend the morning making a table runner. You can make a different runner each month. They will make great gifts. Meets the first Tuesday of each month. Pattern required.

6/6, 8/1 10 am

Alison Dale \$20

INKTENSE2: Now that you know how to use the inktense pencils, come spend the afternoon with Zenith and work a project you like. You must have taken Intro to Inktense before taking this class. Inktense pens required. Class will meet on the second Saturday of the month.

Sat 6/10, 7/8, 8/12 11 am

Zenith \$45



POLICIES: Class fees are refundable with one week's notice, except for special classes and events. Fabric Expressions reserves the right to cancel a class up to three days prior to the scheduled date. If such is the case, your fee may be transferred or refunded. Please be considerate of others and do not bring children with you to class. Class fee does not include supplies unless stated. Pick up or request a supply list when registering by phone.



TUMBLER: Do you like the tumbler quilt but the thought of cutting out all of the tumblers has stopped you from making the quilt? Well, we help with the cutting. We have a die cut machine with three different size tumblers. You can make a scrapping quilt or a flag. The sky is the limit. You will need to bring in some of your fabric before class to have it cut and ready to go.

Thursday 6/15 10 am
Alison \$40



QUILT BAG: In this class, we will make a bag to carry our quilts (or quilts in progress). The zippered bag can easily fit a queen-sized quilt, perhaps a king, or several smaller quilts. It finishes 24" wide, 16" tall and 4" deep. You can customize it with optional pockets: a large outside pocket, a water-bottle pocket or several inside pockets. You can use your own appliques, or trace off the African animals I used. Instructor will give written instructions.

Saturday 6/17 10 am
JaNelle \$40

APPLIQUE BASICS: Is the "A" word a bad word in your vocabulary? Are you interested in learning different methods of applique? Then this is a class for you. You will learn different methods and techniques. We will have a kit for you with freezer paper, fusible web, spray starch, and glue sticks, and applique needle for hand work. You will need to bring your machine so you can practice different machine applique methods.

Saturday 7/1 10 am
Alison \$50 includes kit

CLUBS

NEEDLEWORK AROUND THE WORLD: We are finally finishing the study of the beautiful needlework found around the world. This round we will be finishing our blocks and putting the quilt together.

Mondays 6/5, 7/10, 8/14 10 am
JaNelle \$35



JEN KINGWELL CLUB: We expanded the Gypsy Wife Club to a Jen Kingwell club since we have some people who have completed The Gypsy Wife quilt. We will meet once a month on Fridays. You pick the project from any of Jen's books or patterns.

5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25 10 am
Alison \$50

STASH BUSTER CLUB: Do you have a large fabric stash? There are a lot of books



and patterns out there to help use up some of your scraps and stash. If so we have a club for you. We will be working scrappy quilts. You can pick the project of your choice. Bonnie Hunter, Edita Sitar, and Pat Speth have some great scrappy quilt books and patterns. The group will meet once a month on Thursdays

Fridays 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/17 10 am
Alison \$50

FROM MARTI AND ME CLUB: Join our "From Marti and Me Club" as a club member you receive a free pattern and 15% off our featured Marti Michell tool; plus, if you attend our meetings you'll get a great project demo. If you love rotary cutting accuracy, you'll love our From Marti and Me Club. Explore new shapes and techniques, one small project a month. We invite you to stay after the demo and work on the project. This club is great for all skill levels. We will meet on the last Saturday of the month.

5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26 10 am
Alison \$25



ANTELOPE CANYON: This quilt is 74" square and uses 2½" strips as well as 1½" strips. So you can use prepackaged Bali Pops from Hoffman Fabrics or any other 2½" pre-cuts. The semicircular design comes from the overlapping of the wide and narrow strips. Many variations are possible with this design based on the values of the fabrics used. There are 4 large log cabin-style blocks in this quilt, and if you rotate each 90°, you'll get a large circle in the center for another great look. I made my own strips sets and have kits available. Pattern required.

Friday 6/29, 7/6, 8/31 10 am
Alison \$50

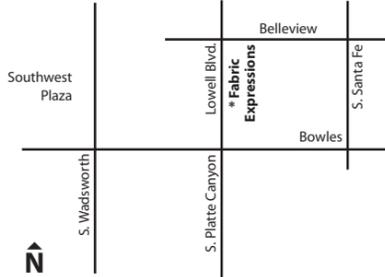


UFO SIGHTINGS: Bring in your Un-Finished Objects and have fun sewing with others. Both day and evening sessions are available. Pre-registration required; \$5 each session (Sorry, no discounts.)

Monday 10 am: 7/10, 8/21
Tuesday 10 am: 5/9, 5/30, 8/15, 8/29
Wednesday **Noon 5/10, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 8/9, 8/16, 8/30
Thursday 10 am 6/1, 7/20, 8/31
Friday 10 am: 5/19, 6/2, 6/9, 6/30, 7/14, 7/21 8/11, 8/18
Friday 5 pm: 5/12, 6/23, 7/14, 8/11
Saturday 10 am: 5/20, 7/22, 8/19
Saturday 5 pm: 5/27, 6/17, 7/29, 8/26
Sunday Noon 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/23, 7/30, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27



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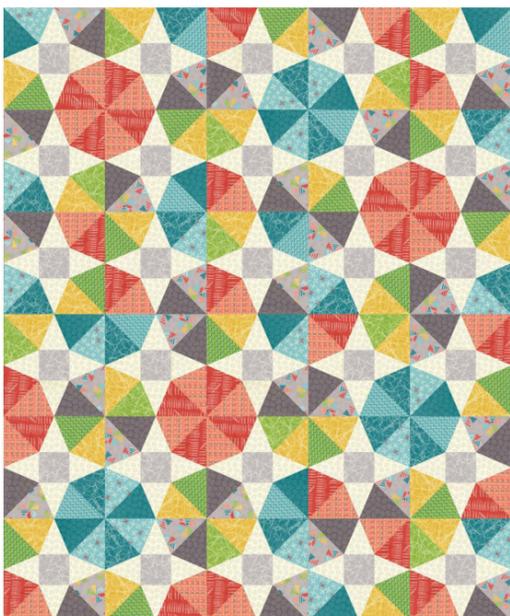


DANCING UMBRELLAS: Edyta Sitar has designed a quilt with colorful umbrellas. This is one in a series of quilt patterns designed around layer cakes. The reason I chose this pattern is there is a dye cut for the umbrellas. So putting this quilt together will be much quicker. The hardest part will be picking what fabrics to put with each other. Pattern required.

Wednesdays 7/5 and 7/19 10am
Alison \$50

BEGINNING INKTENSE: Want to learn how to paint your fabric using Inktense pencils? Come in and join Zenith as she shows you all kinds techniques and tricks. Inktense pencils required.

Saturday 7/15 10 am
Zenith \$40 includes kit



MIXED BAG: Retro inspired pieced quilt featuring fun fabrics. It looks difficult, but it really isn't. We have a kit available with the original fabrics designed for the quilt or you can pick your own fabrics. Pattern will be provided in class.

Monday 7/17 and 7/31 10 am
Alison \$50



Row by Row Jr. provides learning experience and projects for kids

We're super excited about Row by Row Experience's brand new program, Row by Row Junior, too! It's designed for kids ages 6 to 14. Kids travel along with an adult. They collect free row patterns designed just for them to make and they can learn to sew. Patterns will be available for kids. Anyone can buy the kits but the patterns will only be given out to kids ages 6-14.

Row by Row Junior follows the same time schedule as the traditional Row by Row, June 21 through Labor Day. It has the same basic guidelines for registered brick and mortar quilt shops. Like adult Row by Row, children need to be present in the shop to get the free pattern handout, but anyone can buy a kit. Grandmothers can buy them as Christmas presents. The Row by Row Junior program includes five appealing row patterns. Shops choose one (or more) of these patterns as their free pattern handout. Row by Row designed the patterns, so you can be sure they are kid friendly. Have fun traveling to collect all five. Make it an adventure to see how shops creatively use different fabrics to make up their chosen row. Blue "I Made This!" ribbons will be awarded to the first five kids who return to a shop with something they've made using a Row by Row Junior pattern. We want to celebrate any sewing effort not



just quilting. Enjoy the experience at each shop you visit. Travelling family members can bring them home as gifts or souvenirs. We will be having special classes for the kids to make their rows. We will have kits for our row available and adults to help with any cutting, sewings, and pressing needs. Space is limited.

Friday 6/30 10 am
Tuesday 7/11 10 am
Sunday 7/16 noon
Sunday 8/27
Alison \$20