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QUILT COMPANY

Pieces By Lisa

Oh Baby it's cold outside!! Lately I've had to dig to the back of the closet and get out the heavy duty warm coat and gloves. I love the snow, but don't like the cold much. I've had the desire to just curl up on the couch with burning fireplace, a quilt and a good book and forget going outside.



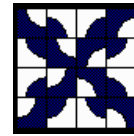
Now, do these seams look straight to you?

To avoid the cold I've been "surfing the net" and finding all kinds of new products to put in the store. I'm really excited about our new blocks of the month. The Great Pumpkin I found while wandering the internet and just knew that we had to do it. I've also had a lot of requests for embroidery patterns, so look for more of those soon.

In February we will be hosting our very first retreat. We have almost filled all of our spaces, so if you're thinking about going let us know SOON.

For those of you that didn't know, Halley had a batch of puppies on September 3rd, 1 little boy and 2 girls. We found wonderful adoptive parents for all of them, however I got teary eyed every time one of them went home with someone. The last little girl was the hardest as we had her for 3 months. We were getting a bit attached to her.

Well Id better go for now. I really must get some projects ready to take to retreat!



National Quilting Day March 21

Demos:

Hanky Wall Pockets—Deb Johnson

Nifty Notions—Ruth Lowrey

Hunter's Star—Wilma Niemann

Refreshments - Door Prizes



New Arrivals

Fabric

Little Man & Me, Too—Jackie Clark

Aviary from Moda, in March

Nature's Chorus—Moda

Harmony—Jan Patek

New Hoffman Batiks are to die for!

See them here in April

Books

Quilts from the Heart

Twin Peaks

Small Blocks Stunning Quilts

Simple Strategies for Block Swap Quilts

Notions

Charming Strip Stashbuster Ruler

Ergonomic Seam Ripper

Bendable Bright Light

Clearly Perfect Angles

Side Setting Triangle Ruler.

Mini & Regular size

Grandma's Crochet Trim

The Quilted Garden Sunday, June 7 Botanica, the Wichita Gardens



Don't forget to finish up your quilts for the Botanica Quilt Show.

We have entry forms to enter quilts.

Larry's Sharpening Service

Will be here on the second Saturday of each month from 10am—1pm to sharpen your scissors.

Picket Fence Quilt Co Retreat February 20, 21, 22



Join us for 3 days and 2 nights of fun filled sewing! Finish some of your UFOs or start some new ones! Lots of gifts and door prizes. Meals will be provided. We will be staying at a retreat center about 30 miles west of Wichita. \$150 secures your spot.

JANUARY 2009

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Monthly Events

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The Great Pumpkin Quilt

This fun appliqué quilt features scrappy backgrounds and lots of pumpkins! The pumpkin blocks are seasonal — we have a flag pumpkin, a Pilgrim hat pumpkin, a sunflower pumpkin, even a Halloween pumpkin! (Who would've thought?) Choose your favorite method of appliqué: fusible web, needle-turn, freezer paper or plastic templates. Stitch them down by hand or machine. This block of the month will run for 13 months at a cost of \$35 for the first month, and \$14 per month after that. The finished size of the quilt is 73" x 76". We'll start stitching pumpkins in February!



THANGLES

We will begin our 4th year for Thangles Club in January. This club continues to be a great hit with our customers!

For those of you who haven't used Thangles before, these strips of paper are the easiest way to make half-square triangles. No math involved! The 12 blocks will all be made with a combination of half-square triangles, squares, and rectangles. The first month you will receive the fabric to make all your blocks, and the first two patterns, for a one time cost of \$18.00. Each month after that you will receive 2 patterns to make that month's blocks. Finishing kits will be available.

There are 2 color ways to choose from. Stop by and pick your favorite so we can have your fabric ready for you when the first class meets on January 24. We will meet at 10:00 am every month on the 4th Saturday for 6 months .



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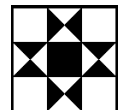
The Queen and Her Court

block of the month

A center block representing the queen is surrounded by the monthly blocks 1-12 representing the court. The appliqué and checkerboard setting blocks enhance the 96"x108" quilt making it a true heirloom. The fabrics are from the Marie Antoinette Fabric Collection from Timeless Treasures. We will meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 or the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 for a demonstration of how to make the blocks, plus a bonus of different appliqué methods. If you don't want to attend the demos you can still pick up your

blocks each month. Cost will be \$20.00 per month which will get you everything you need—patterns, fabric for the top, borders, binding, and backing! This club will start in January and continue through December. A limited number of free tote bags to keep your project organized are available so sign up early.

Sisters of Square Block of the Month



This newest block of the month quilt will be hosted by Karen Morrison using the Square in a Square ruler. Each month the block kits will be \$8.50. An additional charge will be due the first month of \$30.00 in which you will receive all the light background fabrics to make the entire quilt. You may stop by each month and pick up your block kits or you can bring your sewing machine and take a 2 hour class in which you can sew your blocks with Karen's assistance. Cost for the class is \$15 per month.

Class dates are: Saturday Jan 24, Feb 14, Mar 28, and the third Saturday of each following month. Classes meet at 11:00.

Picket Fence Class Schedule

Jan Feb Mar Apr 2009

7130 W. Maple #230 ♦ Wichita, KS 67209 ♦ 316-558-8899 ♦ 1-800-277-9213 ♦ pf-quilts@cox.net

✂ Beginning Class

✂✂ Intermediate Class

✂✂✂ Advanced Class

Beginning Quilting ✂ **Wilma Niemann**
 Mon Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, & 16 \$40 + Supplies 6-8pm
 OR Mon Apr 6, 13, 20, & 27

Learn the basics of quilting from cutting and piecing to quilting and binding. This class fills up time and again, so call early. It's truly for the beginner! You can complete your project by the end of this 4 week class.

Christmas Pickle ✂✂ **Paula Kirk**
 Sat Feb 7 \$30 + Supplies 10am-4pm



Paula's class was so popular last quarter that we just had to offer it again! Learn paper piecing and sewing arcs in this fun class. You will combine your blocks with pinwheels to make a stunning quilt.

NEW Lone Star ✂✂ **Wilma Niemann**
 Mon Feb 23 and Mar 2 \$20 + Supplies 6-8 pm

Close your eyes, take a deep breath, and *forget everything you know about making a Lone Star quilt.* Now imagine a new method that has no angles to measure and no templates. And imagine that this amazing technique gives you perfect corner matching and nice flat sections. Oh yes, imagine fast and easy, too



Beginning Hand Quilting ✂ **Betty Clark**
 Thurs Feb 26 \$10 + Supplies 6-8pm

Whether you are a beginner just learning to hand quilt or an experienced quilter who just wants to improve your stitches, this class is for you.

Beginning Machine Quilting ✂ **Ruth Lowrey**
 Sat Feb 28 \$15 + Supplies 1-4pm

We'll teach you how to mark, layer, baste and quilt by machine. Build your confidence and begin to quilt your own projects. We will cover all the basics and still have plenty of time to practice.

Beginning Hand Appliqué ✂ **Barbara Nickelson**
 Thurs Mar 5 & 19 \$20 + Supplies 6:30-8:30pm

Join award winning Barb Nickelson and learn how to appliqué using templates, needle turn, and reverse appliqué techniques.

T-Shirt Quilt ✂ **Debbie Johnson**
 Thurs Mar 12 & 26 \$30 + Supplies 6-9pm

Do you have a stack of T-shirts that you'd love to do something creative with? Let Debbie show you the easy way to make them into a great quilt.

NEW Fiesta ✂✂ **Paula Kirk**
 Sat March 14 \$30 + Supplies 10am-4 pm

This wall hanging is stunning with its combination of paper piecing, arcs, and pieced blocks. Use brightly colored batik fabrics and when you're done, you have a Fiesta!



NEW Hunter's Star ✂✂ **Wilma Niemann**
 Thurs Apr 2 & 9 \$20 + Supplies 6-8pm

Wilma has found a great new way to make the Hunter's Star block. No diamond shapes, and no inset seams! You'll be amazed at how easily this block goes together.



NEW Venetian Tiles ✂✂ **Lisa Johnson**
 Sat Apr 11 \$25 + Supplies 10:30am-3:00pm

Create the feeling of the old world with a quilt reminiscent of the old tile floors and mosaics of Venice. Who would believe that this intricately woven block starts out with a simple 9-patch? Trim the block up with the x-blocks ruler and you have created this simple scrappy block.

Embroidery Stitches ✂ **Debbie Johnson**
 Sat Apr 25 \$15 + Supplies 1-4pm

Embroidery is so popular again! Debbie will show you how. You'll learn the basic embroidery stitches and then you can combine them to come up with unending combinations of your own.



Class Policies

- Class pre-registration is a must
- Class sizes are limited - enroll early
- To reserve your spot please pay when registering
- Tuition is nonrefundable unless we have to cancel the class
- Please be on time as classes begin on time.
- Class fees do not include instructional materials or supplies unless otherwise noted.
- Supply list provided when enrolling. Purchase materials before class day.
- Everyone is required to have a book or pattern. No sharing due to copyright laws. This includes "guests."



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Shop Hours

Monday-Thursday

10am-5:30pm

Friday-Saturday

10am-5pm

Sunday

Closed

Wouldn't you love to get your newsletter in color? If we send it to you via email, you will see the difference! You'll also get reminders of special events (but not so many that you'll think we're spam!)

Please consider receiving your newsletter by email to enable us to keep costs down.

Also, let us know if any of your information changes—name, address, phone, email.

We'll keep you up to date!



Quilt Till You Wilt Last Friday of the Month

Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24 2009
6:30-11:00pm - \$5.00

Bring the project of your choice, sewing machine, a snack and anything else you need. Join us the last Friday of the month for fun, food, and lots of laughs.



Call to reserve your spot.

Picket Fence Tips



When making a quilt for a gift, consider making matching pillowcases. Each pillowcase takes 3/4 yard of main print, 1/8 yard trim, and 1/3 for the band. Then tuck your quilt into the pillowcase and Voila, instant gift wrap!

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Jan 3, Feb 14, Mar 7, Apr 4 2009
10:30am—4:00pm - \$5.00

Just like Quilt Till You Wilt, you will bring your own sewing machine and sew on your project. Daytime sewing fun!

Call to reserve your spot.

