



Sew Inspired
QUILT SHOP

“Where Inspiration & Creativity meet Fabric & Fun”

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Dear Friends, We hope you've been enjoying a summer of sewing and have maybe even finished a few of those works in progress! We've had some HOT happenings here at Sew Inspired including the arrival of our Handi Quilter® HQ Sixteen, the arrival of lots more fabric from Spring Quilt Market, with more on its way, and the honor of having a Quilt Pink quilt featured in a special magazine being published by Better Homes and Gardens® this fall!

As we celebrate our 2nd anniversary we're busy gearing up for an exciting Fall including new classes, a special Handi Quilter® kick-off event, the CT statewide shop hop, our annual B.O.G.O.F. book sale, Quilt Pink 2007, more trunk shows, another trip to Houston Fall Quilt Market and more!

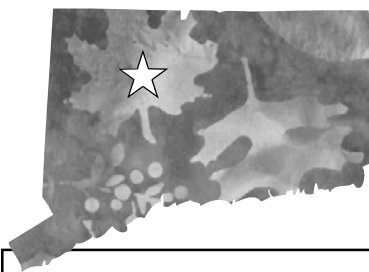
In the following pages, you'll find our class schedule which includes the skill builder series, some new offerings in the art quilting series and of course, new projects along with our popular favorites. So, if you're looking for inspiration or encouragement to finish what's in progress, you're sure to find it here. As always, check our website for up-to-date news and events.

Wishing you a fabulous fall filled with fabric and fun,

Viv & Deb and all of us at Sew Inspired.

Connecticut Quilt Shop Hop September 15-30, 2007

Have you registered? Stop in now for your tote bag, passport, and Hoffman custom batik fat quarter.



The response to Quilt Pink was overwhelming. Better Homes and Gardens/American Patchwork and Quilting people have been releasing about 150 new quilts a week to their eBay auction site. To see the quilts and bid on the quilts go to www.ebay.com/quiltpink for a link to the eBay auction site. Once you are on that site, search for the quilts from Connecticut.



Sew Inspired congratulates the members of the Mountain Laurel Appliqué Society! One of the quilts we donated, Inspired Flowers, was made with blocks donated by members of this group. This quilt was selected from over 3700 entries, to be one of the 40 quilts featured in an upcoming special edition magazine due out this fall. (Of course, we'll have copies!) You can bid on this quilt starting Aug. 23.

Join us for Quilt Pink 2007 on Friday, September 21 from 10-4 to make blocks for this year's quilt.

Store Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 10AM-6PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10AM-8PM and Sunday 12PM-4PM

Fall & Winter Holiday Closings:

Closing at 4PM Wednesday, November 21 & Closed Thursday, November 22
Closing at 4PM Monday, December 24 and Closed Tuesday, December 25 & Tuesday, January 1

Skill Builders

These classes enable you to build your repertoire of quilting techniques. Learn a new skill with minimal time and commitment. Skill Builders are **Beginner/Adv. Beginner** level with little or no pre-class preparation.

Machine Quilting – Advanced Beginner (Viv)

This class is an introduction to basic machine quilting skills. Learn how to stitch in the ditch, free motion and stipple quilt. We will discuss batting, marking tools and various types of threads.

Thursday Sep 6 & 13 6:00 – 9:00 PM
OR Thursday Dec 6 & 13 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Introduction to Paper Piecing – Advanced Beginner (Debbie J)

Learn to paper piece while making a small Japanese Kimono wall hanging. Make several for a larger wall hanging with the skills you learn in class.

Tuesday Sep 18 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00 + Pattern

Hand Quilting – Beginner (Lucille)

Learn how to make those tiny, even stitches that you admire at quilt shows. You will mark your fabric with a pattern and hand quilt using the rocking method.

Tuesday Oct 9 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00 + Kit Fee (\$2.50)

Tool Time – Beginner (Pat)

We'll learn safe cutting techniques, using different rulers as well as unleash the hidden secrets from the notion wall. *This class is a must for all beginners. If you are considering learning to quilt, you may want to begin with this class first.*

Sunday Oct 21 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fee: \$10.00**

***Note: If you sign up for another class at the same time you sign up for this class, we will take \$5.00 off the price of this class.*

Sweetheart Hand Appliqué – Beginner (Pat)

Use the two most popular appliqué techniques – freezer paper and needle turn to create a lovely hand appliqué sample. Plus, the secret to skinny lines will be revealed!

Thursday Nov 29 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00 + Fabric Kit (\$2.50)

Bindings – Basic and Beyond – All Levels (Pat)

Learn how to finish your project with a narrow and neat double-fold binding. Prairie points and covered cording will also be shown.

Sunday Dec 9 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00

The “Art” of Quilting

These classes will ignite your creativity! Learn an art quilting, mixed-media or embellishing technique to enhance your next project! Sew Inspired carries a variety of art quilting supplies including beads, paintsticks, paints, fibers and photo transfer products.

Introduction to Beading – Beginner (Betty)

Suitable for all skill levels, requires no beading experience. We will practice a variety of techniques for applying beads to fabric. A reference sampler is made in class.

Thursday Sep 27 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00 + Kit (\$10.00) + Beading Buddy

Fabric Charm Bracelet – All Levels (Pamela)

Remember the charm bracelets we all had in high school? Think of a charm bracelet taken to a new dimension made with tiny fabric charms and beads. Learn how to make fabric charms as well as how to use head pins and jump rings to complete a fun and unique bracelet.

Saturday Sep 15 10AM – 4:00PM
Fee: \$75.00 + Materials Fee (approx. \$10.00)

Altered Books – All Levels (Pamela)

Create a beautiful altered book using fabric, pictures and sewn pages. Learn image transfer techniques using gel medium. Pages can be embellished with fabrics, buttons and other items of your choice. Supplies for image transfer will be provided.

Saturday Oct 13 Noon – 6:00 PM
Fee: \$75.00

Quilties – Advanced Beginner (Lenna)

A quiltie is a small work of fabric created by using the smallest amounts of fabric, trims, beads and other embellishments. You will make several quilties and Lenna will also show you how to put them together in a wonderful little book. All you need to bring is a bottle of Tacky Glue! *Price of the class includes all materials to make 4-6 quilties, but you may want to bring some of your own fabric and embellishments.*

Saturday Nov 3 10AM – 4:00PM
Fee: \$75.00

Angelina Fiber 101 – Beginner (Vicki)

Unlock the possibilities of this amazing fiber. Play with Angelina Fibers while making a picture frame and angel ornaments.

Sunday Dec 16 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00

Paint Sticks 101 – Beginner (Betty)

Come play for two hours to get some ideas and some practice with these wonderful paints. We'll use stamps and brushes too, to embellish our fabrics.

Thursday Dec 20 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Fee: \$15.00 + Book

Project Classes

Texture With A Twist Sweatshirt Jacket – Advanced Beginner/Intermediate (Debbie)

Texturize and stabilize your fabric, spray baste it to a sweatshirt and have fun embellishing it with decorative threads and stitches. Bobbin work and couching will be demonstrated. This jacket looks fancy, but it's easy!

Tuesday Sep 11 & 25 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Pattern

Strips and Curves – Intermediate (Deb R)

This is a great quilt for using your stash (or creating a stash)! It requires a focus fabric and several strip sets. We cut a delightful swirl pattern using templates and learn advanced piecing techniques.

Wednesday Sep 12 & 26 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Autumn Palette Wool Table Runner – Beginner (Donna)

Learn the basics of penny rug constructions while creating a fall table runner using colorful hand-dyed wool and an easy blanket stitch. Donna will also give a brief history on penny wool rugs.

Saturday Sep 22 Noon – 4:00 PM
Fee: \$30.00 + Kit (\$35.00)

Stack the Deck – Advanced Beginner (Phyllis)

A modern approach to crazy quilts, this whimsical technique is fun and surprisingly easy to do. See what you can create with only 6 fat quarters!

Sunday Sep 30 & Oct 14 12:30 – 3:30 PM
OR Friday Oct 19 & 26 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Mad About Poppies Quilt – Intermediate (Deb R)

A contemporary quilt that uses advanced paper piecing techniques. This is a chance to play with color and fabric. There are endless possibilities with this quilt.

Tuesday Oct 2 & 16 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book + Materials fee

Circle Play – Advanced Beginner/Intermediate (Viv)

Use circles to design fun, easy quilts that will stretch your creativity. Simple, fun process to create beautiful and dramatic quilts.

Thursday Oct 4 & 18 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Reversible Quilt – Advanced Beginner (Cynthia)

Using Sharon Pederson's technique, you will quilt both sides of the blocks at the same time and then assemble the blocks with a creative binding technique. This quilt looks great with coordinated or scrappy fabrics.

Saturday Oct 6 Noon – 6:00 PM
OR Saturday Dec 8 Noon – 6:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Book

It's A Wrap! Fabric Purse or Bowls – Intermediate (Heidi)

All you do is wrap, wrap, wrap (around clothesline!), sew, sew, sew to make a striking one-of-a-kind purse or bowl. What a great gift!

Wednesday Oct 10 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$20.00 + Book

Seven Pocket Bag – Advanced Beginner (Karen)

This bag has four big front pockets, three back pockets and plenty of room to carry any quilting supplies. Can also be used as a travel or diaper bag.

Thursday Oct 11 & 25 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00 + Pattern

Half Log Cabin – Advanced Beginner (Heather)

Learn a new variation of the traditional log cabin with half the work. We will make a 24" x 24" wall hanging or table topper, the choice is yours. Great project for beginners or just a night out to relax with your quilting friends.

Wednesday Oct 17 & 24 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Fee: \$35.00

Prairie Lap Quilt – Advanced Beginner (Debbie J)

This is a great project to increase your rotary cutting and machine piecing (strip piecing method) skills while making a generous sized lap quilt top. Please note, there will be homework between sessions. (3-3 hour sessions)

Tuesday Oct 23, Nov 6 & 20 6:00-9:00 PM
Fee: \$50.00 + Book

When you take a class with us we'll give you the basic concepts and all the technique instructions for the project. In many cases, you will not finish the entire project during the class time(s). You will however, have plenty of time to learn how to make the block, or use the techniques taught, to be comfortable finishing your project at home. We are happy to offer assistance during our monthly drop-in sewing sessions.

Goodnight, Sleep Tight! – Beginner (Vicki)

Mothers, grandmas, aunts... spend the afternoon sewing with your daughter or other special girl (10+ years please). You will make pajama bottoms and she will make a pillowcase.

Saturday Oct 27 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$25.00 (price is for both) + Booklet

Antique Ornaments Hand Appliqué – Beginner (Pat)

Create a Christmas treasure. Simple piecing and hand appliqué combine to make a wall hanging or table runner. Ornaments offers plenty of spots for your creativity.

Tuesday Oct 30 & Nov 13 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Pattern

I Can't Believe It's a Sweatshirt! – Advanced Beginner (Heather)

This unique jacket is great for travel, as an accent to a holiday outfit or for a cool Fall evening. Come see how easy it is to make!

Wednesday Oct 31 & Nov 14 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Pattern

Piping Hot Windows – Advanced Beginner/Intermediate (Viv)

Accent curves in quilts with piping! You'll make perfect piping, add it to curved designs and avoid curved piecing. We'll also learn to use the piping in the binding. Bring your Groovin' Piping Trimming Tool if you own it.

Thursday Nov 1 & 15 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Tucks & Biscuits Purse – Beginner (Donna)

Learn pin tucks and fabric manipulation while creating this wonderful purse. Great purse for the holidays or even a cruise.

Thursday Nov 8 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$20.00 + Pattern

Connecting Links – Advanced Beginner (Christine)

Christine has given this Rita Fishel quilt a twist of her own. Select a focus fabric, a background and two coordinating fabrics to make this wonderful lap quilt.

Saturday Nov 10 Noon – 6:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Hunter Star – Advanced Beginner (Linda)

Make the Hunter Star quilt you have always wanted. Learn a new way to construct the blocks in no time at all using Deb Tucker's Rapid Fire Hunter Star ruler.

Sunday Nov 11

Noon – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$25.00 + Ruler

Quilt Labels – Advanced Beginner (Pat)

Discover the historic value of quilt labels while learning to make a simple label for one of your own quilts.

Friday Nov 16 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Fee: \$15.00

French Braid Quilt – Advanced Beginner (Heidi)

The French Braid technique combines log cabin piecing and cornerstones to create these striking quilts. Although they may look difficult, they are simple to piece and the variations are endless.

Saturday Nov 17 10AM – 6:00PM

Fee: \$40.00 + Book

Fast, Fun and Easy Fabric Bowls – Advanced Beginner (Jane)

Create beautiful, unique fabric bowls using innovative and simple techniques. These bowls will be a beautiful addition to your home and they also make wonderful gifts.

Sunday Nov 18 Noon – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$25.00 + Book

Diamonds for Judith – Beginner**NEW Learn to Quilt Class! (Debbie)**

Want to learn to quilt? Come and learn simple blocks and put them together in a spectacular pattern. No one will believe this is your first quilt. Advanced beginners are also welcome.

Tuesday Nov 27 & Dec 11 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Pattern

One Block Wonder – Intermediate (Heidi)

One great fabric + one block equals one stunning quilt. This technique includes easy, random cutting with simple piecing to create a lively, one-of-a-kind quilt.

Wednesday Nov 28 & Dec 12 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Book and Ruler

Nagano – Advanced Beginner (Christine)

Bring your favorite Asian fabric and let Christine show you what to do with it. This dynamic quilt requires one focus fabric and several coordinating fabrics.

Tuesday Dec 4 & 18 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Class Policies & Skill Levels

Class enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and your payment at the time of registration secures your place in the class. You will receive complete class policies and a supply list when you register. Skill levels are based on the amount of pre-knowledge/experience required as well as the amount of class prep or between class work. Complete information is available online or in the shop. **A 15% discount will be given for all supplies purchased for the class.**

Clubs & Events

NEW: Reach for the Stars!

Beginning in October, Sew Inspired is hosting a monthly paper piecing club to make the 9 intermediate compasses from Brenda Henning's new book, *Mariners Compass Quilts, Reach for the Stars*. Bring your machine and we'll have fabric packs ready for you. You can see these stars a month in advance and reserve your kits and classroom spot. Join us every fourth Sunday to "reach for the stars!"

Sundays Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 23

Fee: \$25/mo. (Requires book)

NEW: Cottage Collection Block-of-the-Month

These little blocks go together quickly using the Easy Angle tool. Each month you'll receive the strips you need to complete a 6" block. Several sashing and finishing options are shown in the book. The fabric is the new "Hamptons" collection from Moda, a nautical red, white and blue. See our sample blocks in the shop.

Starts in November. \$5/mo.

(Requires book and Easy Angle tool.)

Denim Redesign Day

Create altered clothing! Choose from a variety of projects in this new book by Indigo Junction (due out late August) and come spend the day repurposing denim jeans from your closet or the thrift shop. We'll use appliqué, needle felting, image embellishment, and yarn collage to make customized purses, jeans, jackets, aprons, or skirts. Start collecting those jeans now to make your own one-of-a-kind fashions.

Saturday Dec 1 10AM – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$35.00 + Book

Harvest Home "Honey Bee" Club – We still have kits available for this 10 month "block-of-the-month" and can "catch-you-up." The last two demos will focus on cutting the borders and mitering.

Saturdays Sep 1, Oct 6 10 – 11:00 AM

Thimbleberries – This club continues to meet on the 2nd Saturday each month. While our club is sold out for 2007, we are now accepting 2008 Club enrollment and will post the photo on our web site as soon as available.

**Saturdays Sep 8, Oct 13, 10 – 11:00 AM
Nov 10, Dec 8**

Drop-In Times – Bring your machine and a project and enjoy several hours of uninterrupted sewing in our spacious, well-lit classroom.

Wednesday Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

Noon – 3:00 PM OR 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Fee: \$5.00 (each session)

"Fourth Friday" Quilt-Ins!

Join us the 4th Friday of every month for six hours of uninterrupted sewing and fun. We'll provide a pizza dinner, you just bring your sewing supplies and the projects you would love to make progress on. A special sale and shopping opportunities will be available to all attendees.

**Fridays Sep 28, Oct 26 6PM – Midnight
Nov 23, Dec 28**

Fee: \$15.00

International Mystery Series

We're continuing our quilter's Tour of the Globe! Pack your bag – your sewing bag that is – and we'll provide the rest. Your travel package includes a personal guide (instructor), travel vouchers (instructions for a simple, yet beautiful lap-size quilt), a pre-cut fabric kit in your choice of three colorways, and lodging (our classroom). Extra discounts will be available to 'passengers' for backing, borders and binding fabric. Sign up for one or all.

Sundays Noon – 4:00PM

Fee: \$45.00 + Includes class and fabric for quilt top

**Itinerary as follows: Sep 9, China; Oct 7, Belgium;
Nov 4, Scotland; Dec 2, Austria**

Trunk Shows

September 14 - 30

HeartSong Primitives Penny Wool

Donna's kits and patterns will be available for purchase during this time.

November 7 – 18: Visual Coloring Quilts

Do you get stuck when choosing colors and fabrics for your quilts? In her new book, Joen Wolfrom comes to your rescue with this amazingly simple, practically fool-proof technique. You'll learn to select colors you love in nature and duplicate the effect in your work.

Welcome new teachers to Sew Inspired

Linda Walter – Linda dabbled with quilting in the late 70's and has been a dedicated quilter the past 15 years. In addition to teaching locally, Linda meets regularly with a group of quilters in Teplice, Czech Republic, bringing them fabric, books and magazines, tools, trunk shows, tips and workshops to help expand their quilting knowledge and expertise.

Donna Lyons – Donna has been sewing since fourth grade. She began quilting in the 70's and returned to it in the 90's after a long absence. Donna divides her time between Connecticut and Maine in the summer and Florida in the winter and has been taking her craft with her through these eastern states.

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books!
Sept. 1-30

Our mission is to encourage creativity while providing quality products, education and service to our customers.

Appraisal Day
with Lois Palmer, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser
Sunday, December 30, Noon – 4:00 PM

Did you know that if your quilt is lost, stolen or destroyed without a written appraisal, your insurance company considers it a blanket and will reimburse only a small monetary amount? As a quilter, you know that hand made quilts are worth much more than a blanket. The cost of fabric, and the time devoted to making the quilt have value. New quilts, as well as old quilts, should be appraised. It is important to establish a replacement value for insurance purposes prior to a loss.

We are pleased to sponsor *Appraisal Day at Sew Inspired Quilt Shop*. Lois Palmer will be at our shop on Sunday, December 30th to appraise your quilt(s). Lois is a Certified Quilt Appraiser of the American Quilter's Society and a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers-Quilted Textiles. Please call for an appointment. Appraisals take approximately 30 minutes. Lois will provide some verbal information at the time of the appraisal. A written appraisal will be mailed to you subsequent to the appointment.

Fee: \$40.00 per quilt. Please limit your quilts to two (2). Walk-ins will be accommodated only if time permits.

HandiQuilter®
"Kick-Off" Event
Saturday, September 29
with Gina Zeleznek, Sales Manager for HandiQuilter

Join us for this informative trunk show and demos on the HQ Sixteen Stitch-regulated Quilting Machine. Gina will share quilt samples that show how easy and beautiful machine quilting can be! Of course, you'll have the opportunity to try the machine for yourself!



Hurry! Only two weeks remaining for the special financing offer! During August 2007, Handi Quilter is offering a Special Financing Program through Home Source with No Payments, No Interest for 12 Months. Please call for details.