



The Buzz

from the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

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Spring Is Right Around the Corner!

How did your winter quilting projects go? We know that there were a few of you who were learning how to operate your sewing machines and others learning how to quilt. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We have been noticing that classes are starting to fill up more quickly, so if you see something you would like to take you need to check on the class early as the spots may all be taken if you wait too long.

We are having another beginning quilting class this quarter. This class is working on the second quilt in the book and will be teaching you color value along with some slightly more advanced piecing. Already the interest in this class is overwhelming. Too bad we don't have a bigger classroom!

The Shoppe is offering "Make It and Take It Classes" again. These classes are designed for you to come to class and leave with a completed project. It is never too soon to start working on those Christmas gifts and these classes will be working on projects that are rather simple to make and lend themselves to gift giving. Of course, I'm sure, you will want to make one for yourself too! The class will be offered the second Tuesday of each month with a different project each month. You may sign up for just one of the projects or all of them if you choose.

Because there has been some interest shown we are rerunning the Jewelry case class. This too is a wonderful gift for yourself or others. However, this will take you longer to make than the Make It and Take It classes. Having said that, people who have taken this class have made more than one of the cases once they have taken the class.



Have you seen the rulers out there that look like a quarter circle? We are having our second class using this ruler. Once again the pattern is designed by one of our teachers. The quilt looks like it is hard, but once you come to class and learn the secret of the pattern you will find that it isn't hard!

Are you crazy about buying up those charm packs, but don't know what to do with them? We are having a class to show you! You will end up with a table runner.

Because we have had such a demand for the quilt as you go class that one of our teachers developed, we are having it again this quarter. This is a technique class teaching her method. The results are wonderful and the technique enables you to get your quilt machine quilted on your home machine easier. This technique makes it possible for you to make your quilt reversible!

Love the look of hand appliqué, but don't know how to do it, or don't do it very well? We have a class available that will teach you how to do this art form.



Upcoming Events at the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

April- This month when your purchase totals \$40 before taxes we will give you a Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe 5" charm pack.

May 13- June 13 - Bolt of the Day Returns! Be the first person to purchase a yard of fabric off any one bolt in the Shoppe and receive 20% off that cut. That bolt then becomes the Bolt of the Day and anyone else will receive 20% off that fabric for the day when they purchase at least a yard off that bolt.

June 28- National Marble Day - Get 10% off all marble fabric, one yard minimum.

Loyal t y Days

Once again this year we are celebrating Loyalty Day for a full week! It will run from May 1st though May 7th. Be on the lookout for your postcard the end of April to see if you made it to our first level of discount or what discount you made it to! We look at the amount you spent from March 1, 2007- February 29, 2008. Your discount percentage comes from your totals. We do thank you for your loyal support throughout the year.

| AMOUNT SPENT PER YEAR | DISCOUNT FOR LOYALTY DAY |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| \$250 to \$999 | 10% |
| \$1000 to \$1999 | 15% |
| \$2000 to \$3499 | 20% |
| \$3500 and over | 25% |

Shoppe Hour Change For Two Days Only!

We will be closing one hour earlier on June 3rd and 4th. We will open a half hour earlier for your shopping convenience. Our hours for those two days will be 9:30am-4pm



Thank You For Your Response To Our Special Programs.

Your response to our Block of the Month program has been overwhelming. We hope you are all enjoying yourselves as you work on this quilt.



Survey Question:

Because many of you hold down jobs we know it is difficult for you to make it to the Shoppe during our current hours. We have been thinking about ways that would make it more convenient for those of you who can't shop during normal quilt shop hours. Being it is so dark here at night summer seems the best time to be open later. Which day of the week would be the best day for you to shop later hours here at the Shoppe? Please tell me at:

<http://member.merchantcircle.com/thistlebee>, in the Talk To Me section. We will see what we can do!