



# The Buzz

From the Thistle Bee Quilt Shoppe

April - June 2006

## Spring

This is my favorite season of the year. I love all the new growth and fresh colors as they appear. Now is the time to see what new and exciting classes and techniques are available here at the shop.



The shop will be closed for Easter, April 14-17. In light of our Easter closure the afternoon bee for April will be on the third Friday. I hope you all have a nice Easter holiday.

## Product Highlights:

*Stars by Magic*- This book written by Nancy Johnson-Srebro is getting rave reviews by novice and experienced quilters alike. "The book is brilliant." "Technique is simple." "The beauty of the book is that the author gives many block sizes, so that this particular technique can be adapted to many other patterns."

Omnigrip 6"x14"

Ruler- The ruler was designed to make the cutting technique used in the book even simpler. No diagonal lines to confuse you and it has the quarter inch mark on it's edges



Olfa's Rotating 12" mat- This mat makes cutting or trimming blocks easier. It's low profile makes it so it does not tip easily and it is not as prone to rotate when you are cutting and do not want it to rotate.

Olfa's 45mm Pink Rotary Cutter- Olfa will donate 50¢ for each rotary cutter purchased to benefit breast cancer awareness and research.  
Omnigrip 6 1/2 inch Ruler- this line of rulers grip your fabric so there is less slippage.



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## Clubs!

Square in a Square® technique block of the month has a new name: **Cooking Up a Quilt®**. This club is half way over, but be on the look out for a new series in our next newsletter. If you think you would like to join this "cooking club" you will need to take the basic Square in a Square® technique class (to be offered next quarter), if you have not taken it yet. This will get you familiar with the special ruler.

Mystery Quilt Club- Do you like a good mystery? What could be better than solving a mystery with a beautiful quilt?(This is truly beautiful in all the different color ways the teacher has already tried) Come and join in on the fun! See class schedule for details.



If you would like to be included in our E-mail club be sure to come in and put your e-mail address on the list!

## Quilt Pink

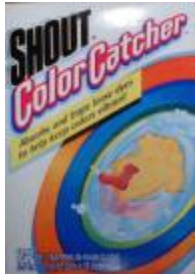


We are teaming up with Moda and Better Homes and Gardens® *American Patchwork and Quilting* to "Quilt Pink". The Quiltpink line from Moda arrived in February. Our goal is to join with quilters across the nation to raise funds for breast cancer research. Stay tuned for more information on this project as we work together for this worthy cause.

Our teachers are brainstorming terrific ideas for the shop's part of this project. As details are finalized we will keep you updated on this exciting project. Mark the month of September on your calendar so you too can participate!

## Product Highlights Continued:

**Qtools Cutting Edge Strips- Repositional strips** That help you keep the correct marking on your acrylic ruler. It is applied to the underside of the ruler. It has a lip that your fabric butts up against. No more faulty cuts because you have lost your place.



**Shout Dye Catcher-** This product can be found in the laundry aisle of your favorite grocery store. I will not do laundry without it. It comes with 24 sheets. Each sheet traps dye as it is released in the wash water. Great for when you are washing your new quilting fabric!

## Need to Be With Other Quilters?

We have three bees to help you: the lunchtime bee from 11am until 1pm the first Thursday of every month. The morning bee meets the first Friday of every month from 10am until 12pm and the afternoon bee the second Friday of every month from 12:30am until 2:30pm. These bees give you an opportunity to come to the shoppe, work on your own project, be inspired, and meet and learn from other quilters. Because of the classroom's size limitations, you will need to sign up for the bee of your choosing. Hope to see you at one of the bees where we have been having a good time!



## Shoppe Pin



Don't forget the shoppe pin! Purchase the shop pin and wear it on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and you will get a 15% discount on designated items. If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday or Monday you will get the discount on the designated items on the Saturday before and the Tuesday after.

## FYI

[www.thistlebeequiltsshoppe.com](http://www.thistlebeequiltsshoppe.com)

The site has the newsletter, classes, and photos of past classes.

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## Tips

Have you ever had trouble ripping out those black threads when you have sewn on black fabric? Use navy blue thread instead when you are sewing on black fabric and black thread when sewing on navy fabric. You will be surprised at how much easier it is to "unsew".

Having trouble getting your quilt back smooth? Try ironing it with spray starch or sizing before you baste it in your quilt sandwich.

**For Sale:** 9 foot quilting frame. Contact Rose Haroldson 736-4022.

## Students' responsibilities to make their class a success:

- Cell phones turned off or on vibrate. The teacher does not have the responsibility to catch you up if you receive a call.
- In consideration to classmates, no children, unless the child is enrolled as a paid participant.
- Come to class prepared with the class list completed (unless item is listed as optional) before the start of class.
- Be in class ready to begin at the stated time as classes will begin promptly.