



December 2020 Newsletter

HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5;
SATURDAY 9-3; CLOSED SUNDAY



Hello to all readers!



All is quiet this morning except the crackle of the wood stove. Harvey is doing desk work so I'll try to have a silent visit with you all. We are enjoying the beautiful fall days, cleaning out the garden & flower beds, raking leaves, etc., but my elephant ears & a few other bulbs I am waiting on just the right time for Harvey to help.

The elephant ears were very tall this year again. I did not measure, but the tallest one had leaves 26" by 42" and was taller than me. The starter came from Meadow View Greenhouse. I had kept the root over winter, so will try to save them again. I put the roots in dark basement over winter and don't let roots dry out.

Store shelves are slowly filling up again. Salesmen are showing a lot of new fabrics here lately and they are coming and showing instead of just calling by phone. Mask making has slowed down a bit and now its fabric for dresses, quilts and other winter projects. Hand quilting seems to be coming back more again. A few years ago I could not keep the hand quilters busy and just now they are overwhelmed with quilts to be hand done. Especially those quilts, etc., that have sentimental value, by hand quilting they will keep its value. Machine quilting is good, especially for those that will be used & washed a lot. I also have a few of those quilts we are using every day.

Farmers are quite busy making use of the nice days we are having. Most corn & soybeans are done. We do not have soybeans, but have seen some beautiful neighboring fields. Corn fields in the surrounding areas were good. Anywhere from 160 to 230 bushels field average.

Seems like lots of neighboring fields are already tilled for next year. But son David still needs to seed 45 acres of rye for grain, also 65 acres of wheat for wheatch, which will be chopped for cattle feed in spring. Corn fodder baling is now done, was a nice fall to get it when dry. It will then be used as bedding for cattle over winter. Next things is getting all those round bales closer to the barn so when snow starts falling they



can get to them. Now that crops are all in, Harvey's main focus is screening this years compost and getting it under roof before snow falls. Some he will not screen for the farmers and grazers who don't need it screened. Some grazing farmers will blend compost & gypsum to spread on pastures, which gives them high nutrient value. Christmas is much more than family feasts, decorations, and generous gifts. Christmas celebrates the beginning of the greatest life that ever lived, the most incredible gift our world ever received, and the hope that we have eternally. Warm wishes for a meaningful celebration.



Love, Rachel & Girls



If you want to soar with the eagles in the morning, then you can't hoot with the owls at night.

Every time a hand reaches out
To help another...**That is Christmas.**
Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding
That is Christmas.
Every time people forget their differences
And realize their love for each other
That is Christmas.
May this Christmas bring each of us
Closer to **Jesus Christ,**
The one who is the **PRINCE OF PEACE.**



CLOTHES DRYERS

Holds approx.
48 clothespins

Hang anywhere.

Made by one of God's
special people.

Notice

Holiday Closures

WE WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES:

DECEMBER 25-26, 2020

JANUARY 1-2, 2021

Notice

HOUR CHANGE

Effective December 1, 2020, we will
no longer be open till 6:00pm on
Thursday evenings.

NEW HOURS: THURSDAY **9:00am - 5:00pm**

Cancelled

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Due to circumstances we will not be
having an Inventory Reduction Sale
between Christmas and New Year.

CANNING LIDS AND RINGS

Shipments are slow in coming and fast in
selling out. If you are in need, we can call
you when we have in stock.



Christmas IS COMING

We have a variety of gifts in stock
for all your loved ones.

- Gift Certificates • Children's Books
- Cookware • Housewares • Polish Pottery
- Melissa & Doug Toys • Fabric Kits
- Fabric Precuts • Candles • Gift Items
- Puzzles • Cookbooks • Rugs
- Drying Racks • And more

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

40th Anniversary Sale

MARCH 16-20, 2020

NEW

ESSENTIAL OILS

Essential oils have enhanced lives for thousands of
years, offering a variety of benefits from cosmetic to
dietary and health use. Perfect addition to a lifestyle
that tries to live healthy & toxic-free. Extracted
through careful steam distillation, resin tapping and
cold pressing, the purest essential oils are far more
powerful than the botanicals from which they come.
Young Living offers hundreds of oils and oil-infused
products. We have some in stock & others we can
special order. Or inquire on how you can order your
own at wholesale pricing.



QUILTING TIP:

By signing one's name in pencil and
then embroidering over it, not only is the
quilter's name recorded, but a sample of
the person's handwriting is preserved.
No time for embroidery? At least sign
and date the back of your project with a
permanent pen or marker.

BENCH PILLOWS FOR ALL SEASONS



Create lovely accent pillows for your home. One for each month.

TABLETASTIC



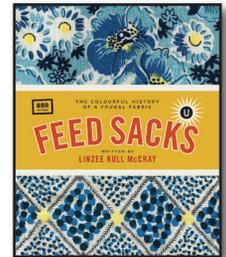
This full-color, 100+ page book has 14 table runners & 6 table toppers.

POT HOLDERS FOR ALL SEASONS



Choose from 20 cute & creative pot holders, they'll be too cute to hide in a drawer.

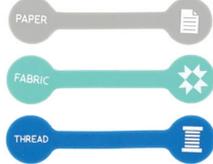
FEED SACKS



The colorful history of a frugal fabric.

NEW

SCISSOR ID MAGNETIC CLIPS



Don't ruin scissors by cutting the wrong material! With the Scissor ID Magnetic Clips you'll never have to pry fabric scissors away from the craft table again.

TEARMENDER

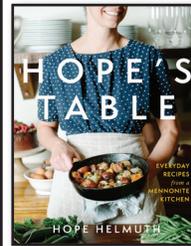


Our favorite for patching jeans, etc.

Tearmender is waterproof, permanent, quick-drying, flexible, UV resistant & acid-free.

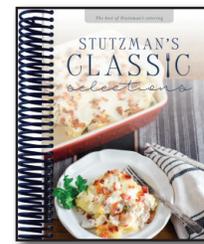
COOKBOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOPE'S TABLE



The two recipes on the back of the newsletter are out of this cookbook.

STUTZMAN'S CLASSIC COLLECTIONS



The best of Stutzman's Catering

QUILTING TIP:

Don't wash a quilt too often and never dry clean it. Most often all that is necessary to freshen a quilt is some time outside on a shaded clothesline.

STREAK FREE MICROFIBER CLOTH

Perfect for windows. Wet it, wring it, wipe any surface with just plain water. Safe for multiple surfaces.



Not until each loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the pattern,
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skilled hand
As the threads of gold & silver
For the pattern He has planned.

BOWL COZY PRE-CUT BATTING



100% cotton batting to make a microwave bowl cozy. Jelly roll bowl cozy template also in stock.

Fast and fun way to make a cozy using 2 1/2" strips.

WRAP-N-ZAP

A microwave-safe product made of 100% natural cotton batting. Sold by the yard. Perfect for use in projects like bowl cozies, potato bags, & casserole warmers. When used in microwaves, it traps moisture inside.



INSUL-BRIGHT

Pot holders, oven mitts and casserole covers are all ideal projects made functional and safe with Insul-Bright. The material is breathable and won't break down with washing. It is a little noisy as the film crinkles when moved. This noise is very attractive to both babies and animals.



DECEMBER SAVINGS

10% Discount
on all fabrics

Cottons · Polyester · Polycottons
Excludes all backings 90"-108"-118"

Valid December 1-31, 2020. Must present coupon.

JANUARY SAVINGS

12% Discount
on all quilt battings

Precuts · Yardages · Bulk Rolls

Valid January 1-31, 2021. Must present coupon.

FEBRUARY SAVINGS

14% Discount
on all wide backings

90" · 108" · 118"

Limit 2 cuts

Valid February 1-29, 2021. Must present coupon.

Classes by Joanne

I HEART YOU QUILT

This fresh take on a classic heart quilt can be made in time for Valentine's Day! These little heart message bubbles are inspired by getting a text from a loved one. It is block based, beginner friendly, and finishes at 55" x 61". This class is suitable for experienced quilters and confident beginners.



Tuesday, Jan. 12th 10:00am - 4:00pm \$30.00 plus pattern

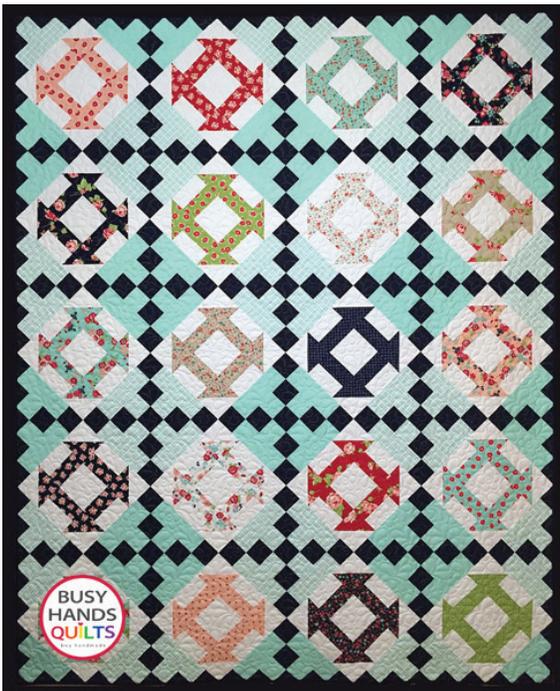
YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Grab a handful of fat quarters, and you are on the road to a fast and fun quilt! This super simple quilt is rotary cut and strip pieced... it just looks like you emptied out the scrap bag. A great project for beginners! Six sizes are included in the pattern: baby, lap, twin, full, queen, king.



Thursday, Jan. 28th 10:00am - 4pm \$30.00 plus pattern

AVA'S GARDEN

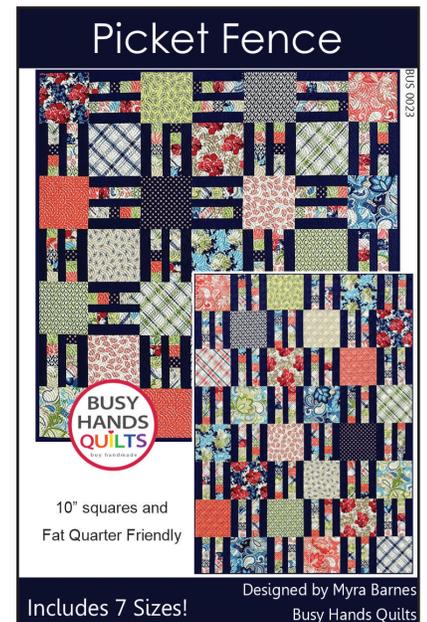


This is a 10" square-friendly pattern that includes three sizes - throw, twin and queen. The design looks great whether you choose to use a layer cake or yardages; and it looks great in sweet, soft pastels or bold, masculine prints. This quilt is suitable for confident beginners and up. It has easy-to-follow instructions, charts, and diagrams for cutting and piecing.

Tuesday, Feb. 9th 10:00am - 4:00pm \$30.00 plus pattern

PICKET FENCE

This quilt is so versatile! The multi-sized pattern includes fabric instructions on making this using 10" layer cake squares, fat quarters, or a combination of 10" squares and strips. The pieced blocks can be oriented in different directions to change the entire look of the quilt, and it looks great in any fabric collection. The easy-to-read instructions and diagrams make this a great quilt for beginners. If you need a quick Christmas gift, this is the quilt for you!



Monday, Dec. 7th 10:00am - 4pm \$30.00 plus pattern

SIT AND SEW - BYOP (BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT)

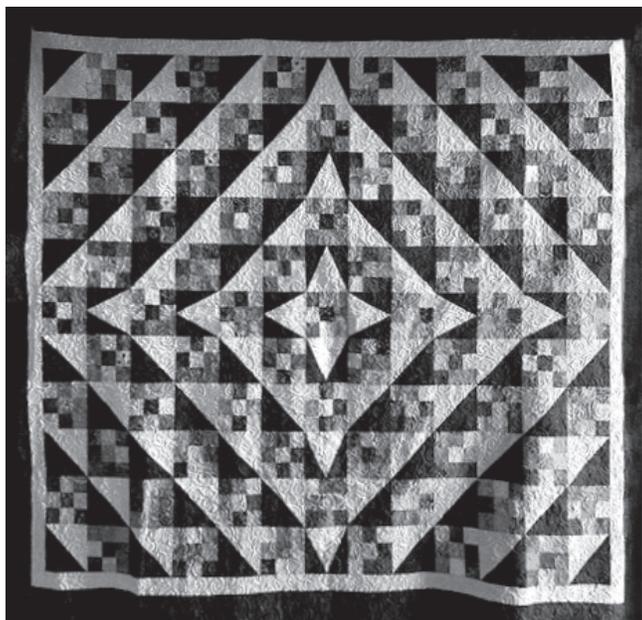
Bring a project (or two) of your own choosing and get some serious work done on it. There is always lots of sewing, laughter, and fellowship, so come join the fun!

Monday, December 14th or Monday, January 25th
10am-4pm \$30



Classes by Laura

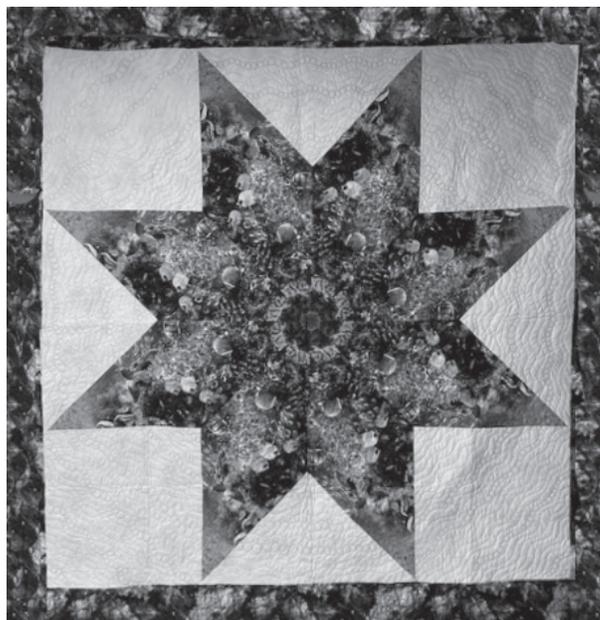
PATCHES OF LIFE



This striking quilt goes together quickly for beginners or experienced quilters. Use your scraps to choose your favorite colors in this fun project.

Monday, January 11th
10:00am - 4pm
Cost: \$30

EASY & ELEGANT LONE STAR



All the wow without all the work! This project uses a large scale print or panel to make a beautiful star with only sixteen pieces! Have fun making a stunning one-of-a-kind quilt.

Friday, January 22nd
9:30am - 4pm
Cost: \$30

Classes by Suzie

WOOL FEATHER TREE CLASS

Have you always wanted to learn how to make these cute wool trees? Here is your opportunity to learn how to make them and also use a couple of helpful tips along the way. The kit will include all supplies needed to construct your tree (cut and marked wires, cut wool, tape, glue and base to place your tree in, when finished). The only thing that you will need to bring to the class is a pair of 4" sharp scissors for cutting your wool and a sack lunch. Other items to aid in the assembly process will be available for you to use during class.

December 12th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Cost of complete kit: \$55 (may order additional kits, if desired)
Class/Instruction fee: \$15



BORROW TROUBLE FOR YOURSELF IF THAT IS YOUR NATURE, BUT DON'T LEND IT TO YOUR NEIGHBORS.

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Spicy Pulled Pork

Ingredients

1 (5-7 lb.) pork shoulder

Blend:

1 onion, cut into quarters
1 tbsp. chili powder
½ cup brown sugar
4 garlic cloves, peeled

1 tsp. dried oregano
1-2 tbsp. salt, to taste
freshly ground black pepper
3 tbsp. olive oil
2 tbsp. white vinegar

Directions

Blend all ingredients, except pork, in blender.

Rub mixture over meat and bake at 300°F for 6-7 hours.

Pull apart. Before serving, sprinkle lime juice over the top.

Serve with flour tortillas, lettuce, cheese, etc.

Pretzel Buns

Makes 12 buns

Ingredients

1½ cups warm water
1 tablespoon active dry yeast
1/3 cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
4 cups unbleached white flour

2 cups hot water
2 tablespoons baking soda
Pretzel salt, for sprinkling
Melted butter, for brushing tops

Directions

Using a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook, mix together warm water and yeast. Add brown sugar, salt, and flour. Knead on medium speed until dough is smooth and pulls away from the sides of the bowl, around 4-5 minutes. Cover and let rise 10 minutes. Divide dough into 12 even pieces and form into flat 3½-inch round buns. Mix together hot water and baking soda. Dip entire roll into soda mixture. After dipping, place the bun in the palm of your hand and slash the top 1/8 inch deep. Lay on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle tops with pretzel salt. Bake at 375°F for 12 minutes. Brush tops with melted butter and serve immediately.

For soft pretzels: This recipe can also be used for soft pretzels. Use ½-¾ cup more flour. The dough cannot be too sticky to roll. After forming pretzels, prepare as directed for buns.

Crispy Chicken Nuggets

Ingredients

Canola Oil
8 boneless, skinless
chicken thighs
1 cup buttermilk

Breading

1 cup unbleached white flour
1 cup panko bread crumbs
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 TBSP seasoned salt
½ tsp. pepper

Directions

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and coat well with canola oil. Mix together breading ingredients.

Cut chicken into 2-inch pieces. Dip chicken pieces in buttermilk (see tip below), then coat with breading. Place chicken on the baking sheet and spray or brush tops with canola oil. This helps make them crispy.

Bake at 375°F for 20-30 minutes, flipping halfway, or until juices run clear.

TIP: If I have time, I soak the chicken in the buttermilk in the refrigerator for 1-2 hours before coating with breading. Soaking in buttermilk ahead of time tenderizes the chicken through the actions of enzymes naturally present in buttermilk.

Both recipes are from *Hope's Table Cookbook*



Even perfect people buy pencils with erasers.

