



# Homestead Quilts

*"The shop with Southern Hospitality  
and New England Charm!"*

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## Newsletter

### **Greetings Sewing and Quilting Friends**

Labor Day is upon us and fall is just around the corner. Summer has really flown by except for "Irene" that took a time leaving us. So many have had damage and lost property and/or electricity. This brings to mind a movie I saw this week of neighbors helping neighbors. The film was made in 1941 with Gary Cooper and could have been made today with all that is happening in the U.S. It started a movement of helping your neighbors with the John Doe Club. Do you know your neighbor and have you checked on them to see if they are in need after "Irene"? The movie also hit on the politics at that time with all the indecisiveness of the politicians. You have just got to see this movie. It will touch your heart and maybe inspire you!

Things are getting on track again at Homestead and we are looking forward to all the projects that we have planned. The classes that we have planned may be new to you, and will take you out of the box. Don't forget to check out the Homestead web site. We now have the calendar up-dated and you are able to print out the newsletter for reference, or give it to a friend.

Have you come into the shop as of late? We have made a few changes. Also, you will get to meet new teachers, see the projects or sit and have a cup of coffee with us. Did I forget the new fabric? While you are here you might as well sign up for a class.

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, I have become the new Shop Manager. Many of you know me from visiting the shop or as a member of the Connecticut Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Of course you will still find Czechetta and Connie here in the shop. Vivian and Al are still here almost every day. Vivian will be teaching more classes (one of her greatest love). As a team of friends, we are looking forward to spending time with you and surprising you with the changes we have in store!

May you have peace in your heart and soul.  
Pam Sherman

## CLASSES

### Fuzzy Slippers Boots:

These boots are handmade from flannel for those lazy days when you want to stay in your PJs.

**Ease Level:** audacity more useful than skill

**Time Requirement:** about the time it takes bread to rise

**Cost:** book, fabric and class fee of \$35

Book required is The Feisty Stitcher: it has lots of great sewing projects in addition to the slippers. Well worth having.

**Fabric Requirements:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  yd of cotton flannel for the outside (prewash)

2 yds if contrasting flannel of lining (prewash)

2 sq ft of heavy felt for bottom or pre made slipper soles

**Dates:** Sunday, October 16th

**Time:** 1-4pm

**Instructor:** Connie Fallon

### One Block Wonder

Take the basic hexagonal kaleidoscope and enhance it to create a beautiful design. You will love the unusual method of designing and creating this quilt. Space is limited so register early.

**Ease Level:** lots simpler than it looks

**Time Requirement:** a couple evenings of your time

**Cost:** Fabric, book, and class fee \$ 35

Book required is One Bloc Wonder.

**Fabric Requirements:** contact the shop

**Dates:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

**Instructor:** Ken Erdman

### Circles, Circles, Circles

Learn how to make circles using a special ruler. Choose an appliqué method to make your quilt using circles. Come to the shop to see the fun and playful quilt samples.

**Ease Level:** gutsy beginner

**Time Requirements:** a new quiet Sunday afternoons

**Cost:** fabric and class fee of \$45

**Fabric requirement:** background, block fabric

Scraps for circles

**Date:** Sunday, Nov 6,13

**Time:** 1-3pm

**Instructor:** Connie Fallon

### Runner of the Month

Join Michael as we create a new runner for every month of the year. Simple construction of the base is enhanced each month with beautiful fusible appliqué. The first class will be for October and it is a fancy jack-o-lantern. Other months feature a reindeer, snowman, flower topiary and a silt boat. This will be a great way to decorate your home or give some away as gifts.

**Ease Level:** beginner

**Time requirement:** a Saturday afternoon

**Cost:** Fabric, Book and class fee of \$35

**Date:** 10/15,11/12,12/10, 1/14

**Time:** 1:30-4:30pm or 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Michael Savoy

### Michael's Strip Club

Here at Michael's Strip Club we will explore and use the great 2- $\frac{1}{2}$  inch strips to create some gorgeous items. We will be using many books and patterns over the course of the year. So grab your jellyrolls or start cutting your favorite fabric into 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch strips and get ready to strip.

**Ease Level:** anyone looking for fun

**Time requirement:** one Friday evening a month

**Cost:** fabric, books, patterns, and a monthly class fee

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month: 10/14,11/11,12/9, 1/13

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Michael Savoy

### Fusible Collage

This class is back by popular demand. Join Michael and show your personal creativity as you create a one of a kind wall hanging. We will discuss color and shape and use some great new products to fuse the fabrics. It is always amazing what you can get from a pile of scrap fabric. The best thing is sharing your scraps with your neighbors and walking away with your personal creation

**Ease level:** creative beginner and beyond

**Time requirement:** anything you want to give

**Cost:** fabric, and class fee of \$35

**Date:** 9/25

**Time:** 1-4pm

**Instructor:** Michael Savoy

### Beaches

We will use Karen Ickier technique to create the beach scene of your dreams. If you visited the beach this summer bring a picture and use as your guide. This is a simple process to learn and a great way to enhance your free motion quilting techniques. You can bring some small embellishments to add to the detail of the quilt

**Ease level:** beyond beginner

**Time requirement:** a few hours of your time

**Cost:** fabric, pattern and class fee of \$35

**Date:** 10/1

**Time:** 1:30-4:30pm or 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Michael Savoy

### **Christmas Stocking**

Ever dream of the perfect stocking. One in colors that matched your décor? Then this is the class for you. Using Michael's own pattern you can design your own stocking. We will embellish them with whatever you desire. This is simple process and anyone can complete a stocking in about an hour depending on the design. In this class you will make at least one, if not two. The sky is the limit and now is a great time to get them done before the Holiday's start.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond

**Time requirement:** about an hour a stocking

**Cost:** fabric, and class fee of \$35

**Date:** 11/19

**Time:** 1:30-4:30pm or 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Michael Savoy

### **After School Teens**

Sewing classes for children 8 and up. Great activity each week for those that want to learn how to sew or want to expand their skills. The kids have made pillows, quilts, bags and much more.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond

**Time requirement:** a couple of hours a week

**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$25/week

**Date:** every Tuesday afternoon starting 9/20

**Time:** when you get here-6pm

**Instructor:** Vivian

### **Saturday Morning Teens**

Sewing classes for children 8 and up. Great activity each week for those that want to learn how to sew or want to expand their skills. The kids have made pillows, quilts, bags and much more.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond

**Time requirement:** a couple of hours a week

**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$25/week

**Date:** every Saturday

**Time:** 9- noon

**Instructor:** Libby LaRoche

### **Just Muslin**

Learn how to make your own pattern from muslin that fit you! Room is limited so sign up early.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond  
**Time requirement:** a couple of hours  
**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$35  
**Date:** Tuesday 10/4  
**Time:** 6-9pm  
**Instructor:** Michele Kwiatkowsky

### **Slacks**

Ever want to learn how to make a pair of pants that fit? Then this class is for you. Come in and see class sample.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond  
**Time requirement:** a couple of hours  
**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$35  
**Date:** Tuesday 10/11  
**Time:** 6-9pm  
**Instructor:** Michele Kwiatkowsky

### **Blouse**

Ever want to learn how to make a blouse that fits? Then this class is for you. Come in and see class sample.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond  
**Time requirement:** a couple of hours  
**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$35  
**Date:** Tuesday 10/18  
**Time:** 6-9pm  
**Instructor:** Michele Kwiatkowsky

### **Pillows, Pillows, Pillows**

It is time to create your own pillows that match your home décor. Michele will show you a variety of techniques so you can create pillows for your home.

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond  
**Time requirement:** a couple of hours  
**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$35  
**Date:** Tuesday 10/25  
**Time:** 6-9pm  
**Instructor:** Michele Kwiatkowsky

### **Open Sew**

Come in and get assistance on those home deco and garment sewing projects that you never were able to finish.

**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$25  
**Date:** Tuesday 11/8  
**Time:** 2-4 pm or 6-8pm  
**Instructor:** Michele Kwiatkowsky

### **Mary Ferri's Halloween**

It won't be Halloween if we weren't all sitting around sewing with Mary on a Halloween project. How many years have we been doing this? Come and join us for the fun. This year it is a basket for all the candy we don't need to eat. Sample is available to see in the shop.

Wear your costume if you dare!

**Ease Level:** beginner and beyond

**Time requirement:** a couple of hours

**Cost:** supplies and class fee of \$35

**Date:** Saturday, Oct 29

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Instructor:** Mary Ferri

### **Lady's Night Out**

Come join us the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month to sewing and enjoy the company of others that love the craft. All are welcome! Have dinner and great conversation. Bring your own projects.

**Date:** Last Saturday of each month

**Time:** 6-midnight

**Fee:** \$ 20

### **Appliqué Club**

Bring your own project or join the fun with our new appliqué project. Beginner and advanced students welcome.

**Date:** Third Monday of each month. Starting October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Fee:** \$15 each month

**Instructors:** Vivian Hultgren and Pam Sherman

### **Redwork Club**

Redwork is hand embroidery done using red floss (some folks use blue or green). The designs are simple outlines with some details. This is a quick and easy skill to learn

**Date:** First Monday of each month. Starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Fee:** \$15 each month

**Instructor:** Pam Sherman

### **Beginning Quilting Learn to Quilt- The Basics-Make a Sampler Quilt**

The secret to successful quilting is in your accuracy. Proper rotary cutting techniques and an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance are required for success. Learn the simple secrets to success without months of trial and error. Note: This class is also called "why are my quilt blocks different shapes and sizes?" Frustrated quilters are encouraged to attend. This is a 7-week class. You will finish 6 blocks in this class.

**Dates:** 10/17,10/24,10/30,11/7,11/14,11/21,11/28

**Time:** 10am-noon

**Instructor:** Vivian

**Fee:** \$85

### **Learn to Quilt- Make a Sampler Quilt**

See description above. This is class you need to take you through the entire quilt making process. Start with fabric selection: make 12 different blocks of increasing difficulty using Marti Mitchell templates and books: square your blocks, add the sashings and borders. End with a completed quilt top. Decide how you want it quilted and baste or send it off to a longarm machine quilter. (We have several that we using regularly) The entire process is easier that you think.

**Date:** 9 weeks 10/18,10/25,11/1,11/8,11/15,11/22/11/29,12/6,12/13

**Time:** 6-8pm

**Instructor:** Vivian

**Fee:** \$135

### **Paper Piecing**

Are you curious about paper piecing or afraid to try it? Join us for this class and we will answer your questions and eliminate the fear. Once you learn this technique you will be thrilled by how sharp your points are and how they match perfectly! We will start with the basics and move on from there.

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month beginning 10/10

**Time:** 6-8pm

**Instructor:** Vivian

**Fee:** \$15/month

### **Finish That Quilt**

Do you want to finish that quilt? Don't know how to put on those borders or even what type of borders would look best? Don't know how to put on binding? Or do you just need a few quiet hours to sew with a little guidance and encouragement to finish something you started? Join us on any or all of the listed Sundays.

**Dates:** Oct 23, or Nov 20 or Dec 4

**Time:** 2-4pm

**Instructor:** Connie Fallon

**Fee:** \$20

### **Working with Photos on Fabric**

Learn how to design with photos and how to use the new vintage images available on CD. Different settings will be discussed and you will work on a project of your choice from one of the available books. The available transfer option will looked at in the first class and students will need to print out their choice of images between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class. Ink jet printer is required. Dates are TBA so let us know what dates would work for you. Would like to start in November.

**Date:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

**Instructor:** Vivian

**Fee:** \$45

**New Years Day Escape**

Get away from those football games. Come and sew all day with us on New Years Day. Bring your machine, sewing supplies and project(s) and some snacks and a potluck dish to share.

**Date:** January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

**Time:** 9am---?

**Fee:** \$35

**Children's Birthday Parties**

Are you looking for a different idea for your child or grandchild's birthday party? Why not a sewing or craft party? No sewing experience required. Limit of 8 children

Call the shop for more information