

Quilters Dream

New Zealand

Where all your Quilting Dreams come true!

News from the Shop Floor

Several beautiful ranges of fabric have arrived over the last month or so and they are just begging to be made into quilts! Garden Song by Nancy Halvorsen in soft and pretty colours features a great panel which looks wonderful with a simple border. Also available is the pattern booklet Sew Necessary—a great collection of gorgeous knickknacks for your sewing stuff.

Nature's Notebook by April Cornell is a beautiful soft blue and yellow floral range with just a touch of green in it. It has been a while since we have had such a lovely blue and yellow range.

Dancing Horses by Laurel Burch in bright red/orange or blue/purple colour ways is another stunning range that has recently arrived. In addition we have several lovely new vintage taupe floral fabrics, some great new autumn shades with mostly geometric prints—great for the men in our lives - and some bright and pretty pastels.

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new style beginners class to cater for full time workers. The first class we are offering will be held over two Saturdays and is designed to teach accurate rotary cutting and machine piecing. We plan to add a second beginners class to cover appliqué and further piecing techniques later on in the year and this will also be run over two Saturdays.

Other classes on offer this term include the delightful Liquorice Lollies with Chris Woodhouse, Hand Quilting and Quilting Ideas classes with Tracey Roberts and of course Machine Quilting with Wendy.

There is also a couple of superb classes with Dianne Fussell making a lovely evening bag and promoting Pfaff machines, followed by another of her stunning bird classes—this time we will be thread painting Tui's. Her techniques are so simple to achieve yet so incredibly effective.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9.30 am — 4.30 pm

Saturday - 10.00 am — 3.00 pm

Sundays - Gone Quilting!

Dream Girls Project Club

So far this year we have unveiled two great projects and I was amazed by the popularity of the 3-4-5 Apron pattern—I can't seem to keep them in stock! Obviously you liked the quick and easy nature of it plus the great way to feature some beautiful fabric or to make a super quick gift.

The mystery quilt of "Our Kiwi Calendar" is also proving popular amongst our members and as always it is very interesting to see everyone's different colour choices. Once again there will be a wonderful variety of this quilt.

Pop into the shop and check out the latest blocks and projects on the walls around the couches. We have kits and patterns available although unless you are a Dream Girls club member you won't be able to get the mystery quilt pattern until the end of the year.

Come along each month when we will unveil the latest project, you can enjoy a delicious morning tea, an interesting demonstration and enjoy sharing in the show and tell.

When: Friday Group ♦ 10am to 12pm
May 7th, June 4th & July 2nd
August 6th, Sept 3rd & Oct 1st
Or: Saturday Group ♦ 11am to 1pm
May 8th, June 12th & July 10th,
August 14th, Sept 4th & Oct 9th
Cost: \$60 to join the club WITH
up to \$40 discounted off your kits!
Kit cost varies (approx \$30—\$60)



Stitching Groups

Whatever project you want to work on, then one of these groups will be perfect for you. This is a great way to make progress on your PHD's (projects half done) in a fun and friendly environment. Bring your stitching or appliqué, BOM or quilting and be inspired by your fellow quilters.

These are not classes as such but help and guidance is always available. Morning tea or supper is included in the cost.

Ladies of the Night Groups

These are lovely friendly groups for anyone that needs a regular night out for themselves. Why not join us for these fun evenings and work on whatever current project you have underway. A group keeps you motivated and sharing with others is always inspiring.

Group 1: Five Alternate Wednesday Evenings
7:00pm to 10:00pm with Wendy
April 28th, May 12th & 26th
June 9th & 23rd
Cost: \$30 per term (supper included)

Group 2: Six Alternate Wednesday Evenings
7:00pm to 10:00pm with Wendy
April 21st, May 5th & 19th
June 2nd, 16th & 30th
Cost: \$36 this term (supper included)

Time Out Groups

We all need a little time out for ourselves and to work on our projects. Give yourself a regular fix of time to stitch to your hearts content and chat with others. As always guidance is available and opinions will be given freely!

Tuesday: Six Alternate Tuesday mornings
9:30am to 12:30pm with Wendy
April 20th, May 4th & 18th
June 1st, 15th & 29th
Cost: \$36 per term (Morning tea included)

Friday: Five Alternate Friday mornings
9:30am - 12:30pm with Wendy
April 30th, May 14th & 28th
June 11th & 25th
Cost: \$30 this term (Morning Tea included)

Blocks of the Month

Wendy's newest BOM—Summer Glory—is proving popular and the first run is due to start soon. Already we know we will be doing a second run which will start early in June.

Several of our other BOM quilts are already underway so if you are interested in joining one of these just let us know and we can get you started. We have more great BOM quilts planned for 2010 including a great boys space quilt. Watch this space!

Summer Glory

This beautiful queen sized quilt uses a lovely panel print with a wide of variety of pieced blocks. Made from one range the colours work beautifully together and . Runs over 10 months @ \$45 per month.

Groovy Bits for Girly Chicks

This funky row of the month quilt is perfect for the girly girls in your life. It has five appliqué rows of gorgeous hats, cosmetics, dresses, bags and shoes and four pieced rows with a terrific striped border. Runs over 10 months @ \$37 per month.



McKenna Ryan's Back on the Farm

Featuring McKenna's trademark delicate appliqué designs this farm quilt with cows, chooks and everything in between is truly delightful. Runs over 9 months @ \$49 per month and has just started.

McKenna Ryan's All Cooped Up

This 9 month series quilt of utterly gorgeous chooks and chicks can be made as individual quilts or combined in a number of other ways. Runs over 9 months @ around \$35 per month and will start later this year.

Classes - Term 2 2010

Most of the samples are in store for our exiting array of classes. We require a non refundable \$20 deposit to secure your place and will supply the requirements list upon full payment.

Row by Row Beginners Quilt

Designed to cover the range of techniques most commonly used in quilt-making this course will take you from absolute beginner to confident quilter!

Each technique is taught in class and reinforced with homework. The eight week course covers rotary cutting, accurate piecing, triangles, fusible and needle turn appliqué, foundation piecing and curves.

There are variations in the blocks to help personalize each quilt. Help is given at every stage, from fabric choice through to sewing on the label.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin
When: Weekly on Eight Thursday mornings
10.00 am - 12.00 pm
May 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th,
June 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
Cost: Class fee \$90 plus fabrics

Beginners Basics 101

This class is designed to teach the basics of quilt making to absolute beginners. Two block designs are taught in class and when combined they create an interesting secondary design, helping to open your eyes to all the possibilities of quilt making.

You will learn how to correctly and accurately use your rotary cutting equipment, how to machine piece squares and a variety of triangle methods that are commonly used in quilt making.

On the first day you learn how to cut and construct the blocks which you will then finish off at home. You then bring the completed blocks to the second class and learn how to put them together and add the borders to finish your quilt top.

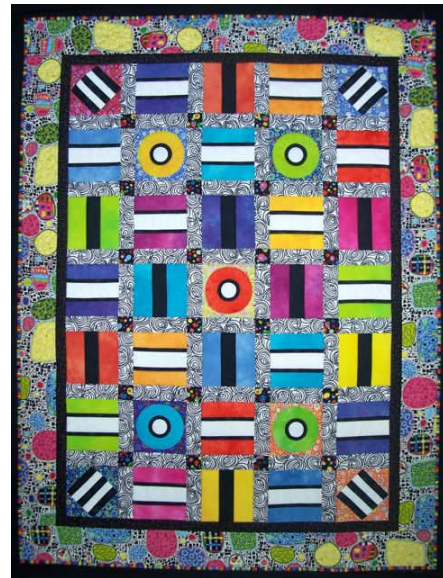
Tutor: Wendy Oswin
When: Saturday 15th May &
Saturday 5th June
10:00am to 3:00pm
Cost: \$60 plus fabrics

Liquorice Lollies!

Choose from two sizes for this delightful quilt in either super bright fabrics or perhaps choose the slightly softer pastel palette. Both samples are in store now.

Emphasizing accuracy this class will also teach you some new tricks with a square ruler and fusible appliqué. The pattern lends itself well to fat quarters and this is sure to be popular class.

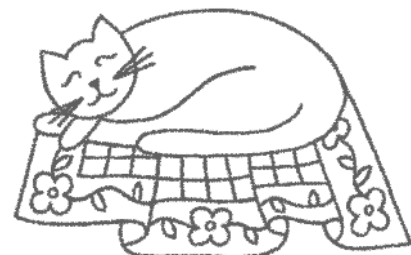
Tutor: Chris Woodhouse
When: Saturday 22nd May
10:00am to 4:00pm
Cost: \$70 (includes pattern)



One on One Classes

This is your opportunity to get exactly the class you want. Whether you need help to finish a project or want to learn a particular technique we can tailor make a class to your needs. If we have the skills we are happy to teach them to others so phone us to discuss your personal class requirements and make a booking.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin
When: Phone to make a booking
Cost: \$20 per hour



Hand Quilting

Come along to learn the relaxing art of hand quilting. In this class Tracey will teach you tricks to achieve fine hand quilting. You will also learn which battings and threads will make hand quilting a dream for you.

You will be amazed at how wonderful hand quilting can be when you know all the little tricks that nobody ever mentioned but that will make your quilting life so much easier.

Tutor: Tracey Roberts
When: Saturday 29th May
10:00am to 1:00pm
Cost: \$30 (or do both Hand Quilting
and Quilting Ideas for \$55)

Quilting Ideas

This is a wonderful class for all quilters. Do you have quilt tops waiting to be quilted but are unsure how to quilt them? We will cover how to best mark your quilt, using stencils and making the most of the stencils that are available as well as how to make your own quick and easy templates. Thread choices will also be covered.

Bring as many tops as you like to the class and as a group we will discuss what will complement the design and style. By the time you leave you will have more ideas than you have quilts to put them on and will be ready to jump in and start on that pile of UFO's.

Tutor: Tracey Roberts
When: Saturday 29th May
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Cost: \$30 (or do both Hand Quilting and
Quilting Ideas for \$55)

Machine Quilting

Would you like to learn to quilt your own quilts? Come and learn the basics of free motion machine quilting and gain the confidence and skills to finish off more of your own projects.

In class you will make a small sampler of quilting designs while we cover all the basics of how to machine quilt and discuss thread and batting choices. You don't need a flash machine but plenty of patience and a relaxed attitude is required to master the free motion technique.

Tutor: Wendy Oswin
When: Saturday 26th June
10:00am to 3:00pm
Cost: \$60

Black and Gold Bag

Come and enjoy a very fun day creating a beautiful evening bag with the wonderful stitches the Pfaff Expression 4 has to offer. If you are seriously thinking about upgrading to a new machine we will arrange a loan machine for you for this class so that you can really put it through its paces. Bookings are essential of course.

Current Pfaff owners will also enjoy a real hands on session with their machine and get to know how to handle metallic threads and learn much more about what their wonderful machine can do.

Tutor: Dianne Fussell
When: Friday 18th June
10:00am to 4:00pm
Cost: \$60

There's Tui's in my Garden

Capture the beautiful iridescent colours of the tui's feathers glistening in the sun while feasting on nectar and pollens in your garden.

Flowering flax flowers and kowhai branches in bloom make this wall hanging a unique New Zealand work of art.

We will be free motion stitching the colorful tui feathers using the photo transfer method. Don't worry if you're not a wonderful artist by using this method you will achieve wonderful results.

The flaxes and kowhai flowers will be appliquéd free motion with some leaves and seed pods created on wash away to give a 3 dimensional effect.

It's great to create realism in your New Zealand themed quilts. You can take these methods and use them in future projects.

Tutor: Dianne Fussell
When: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June
10:00am to 4:00pm
Cost: \$90 plus Tui kit fee of \$10

