



Pat's Calico Cottage Newsletter March 2008

Pat and Richard Walker

2008 Training Class Schedules

Be sure and check the website for details on registration, hours, and the supply list for all classes.

2008 Advanced Skill Classes

Kim Diamond
Creative Studio ONE DAY Training
May 29th, 30th, and June 1
 Registration deadline is April 1, 2008. Details and registration form at
www.patscalicocottage.com

2008 Basic Skill Training Class Schedule

Weekdays		Weekends	
Thursday – Friday	January 17 – 18		
Thursday – Friday	February 21 – 22	Saturday – Sunday	February 9 – 10
Wednesday – Thursday	March 12 – 13		
Thursday – Friday	April 10 -11	Saturday – Sunday	April 5 - 6
Thursday – Friday	May 8 - 9		
Thursday – Friday	June 12 – 13		
Wednesday – Thursday	July 23 – 24		
Thursday – Friday	August 7 - 8		
Wednesday – Thursday	September 10 - 11	Saturday – Sunday	September 13 - 14
Thursday – Friday	October 2 - 3		
Thursday – Friday	November 5 - 6	Saturday – Sunday	November 8 - 9

2008 Maintenance Class Schedule

Weekends	
Saturday	February 23
Saturday	April 12
Saturday	June 14
Saturday	August 9
Saturday	October 4



"So You Want To Be a Longarm Quilter"



Month and Day	Hand Guided	Statler Stitcher
March 15	9:00 am – 11:00 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
June 7	9:00 am – 11:00 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
September	9:00 am – 11:00 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
November	9:00 am – 11:00 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

SEWING TIPS

Why is my thread breaking?

Several different things can cause this:

- Bobbin case tension may be too tight
- Upper tension could be too tight
- Improper threading
- Bad thread – even if you have done 1-2 quilts or more with this thread, you can have a bad spot in the cone of thread? Dark threads tend to break more easily than light, as cotton, rayon, and other weaker fiber threads.
- Burrs on the hook assembly, or somewhere else along the thread path. Try loosening the tension (intermittent) checking and fixing burrs, or changing thread cones.
- Sharp or rough needle eye. Replace the needle, and make sure you are using one that is large enough (a 4.0 is ideal) to accommodate your thread, especially if it is heavy or metallic.

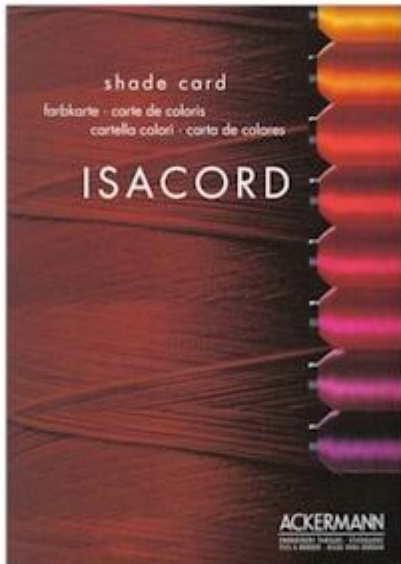
Possible solutions to try one at a time.....

- Change needle and test
- Re-thread and test
- Mist cone of thread with water and test
- Spray cone of thread with silicone and test
- Examine the end of your hook point for burrs. This happens rarely unless a needle has been broken and jammed. If burr is found on the hook polish with cloth (emery cloth).

Long-Arm Quilting Supplies

We carry a complete line of long-arm quilting supplies. If we don't have it, we can order it! We accept VISA, MASTERCARD, Cash, and Check.

What's *NEW* in Thread



Isacord Embroidery Thread

ISACORD embroidery thread is the thread of choice for the highest quality and maximum productivity in embroidery houses. It is a HIGH SHEEN – SPECIALTY THREAD used for decorative applications in quilting. We carry the thread in 5,000 meter king-spools and the NEON colors in 1,000 meter mini-kingspools.

1093.6 yds.....\$3.99

5468 yds.....\$8.99

Upcoming Events

Original Sewing Expo - March 5-8

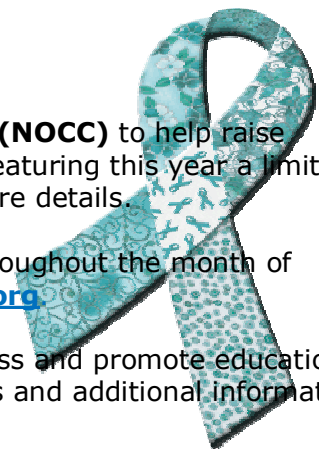
Come in and visit Pat's Calico Cottage during this annual event held at the Gwinnett Civic Center. For more details on the event go to www.sewingexpo.com.

Quilt for Life 2008

Gammill is proud to partner with the **National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC)** to help raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer. Gammill will be featuring this year a limited edition, teal-colored longarm machine. Check our future newsletters for more details.

Dealer Sponsored Ovarian Cancer OPEN HOUSE events will be held throughout the month of September. For more information on Ovarian Cancer go to www.ovarian.org

Pat's Calico Cottage will be holding a charitable quilt raffle to raise awareness and promote education about ovarian cancer. Be sure to check our website for pictures of the quilts and additional information on how you can purchase raffle tickets for one or more of these quilts.



St. Patrick's Day Word Search Puzzle

Be one of the first 25 to find the 15 longarm quilting terms in this puzzle and receive a FREE package of needles.

Please send your answers to thequiltlady@patscalicocottage.com. In the subject line of your email please write ANSWERS TO WORDSEARCH.

If you do not have email please send your answers via US MAIL to Pat's Calico Cottage at 2150 Ridgedale Drive, Snellville, Ga 30078.

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