



Pat's Calico Cottage Newsletter December 2007

May Peace and Joy be yours at this Holiday Season and throughout the Coming Year!

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.

Advanced Skill Classes

Nichole Webb - January

There are a few spaces left so register now to reserve your space!

Details and registration form at

www.nicholewebb@citymax.com

Kim Diamond - February

Registration deadline is January 15, 2008.

Details and registration form at

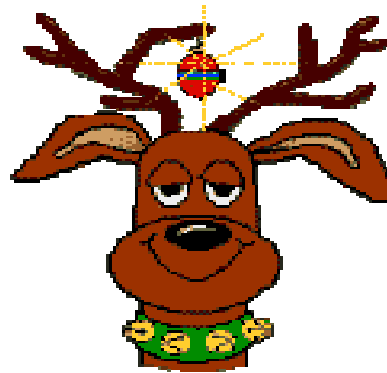
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Basic Skill Training Class Schedule

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

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

We hope you find this new helpful hint section useful. We want to hear from you! Let us know if there is something you would like us to address in the next issue. Send an email request to thequiltlady@patscalicocottage.com

What Is The Best Way To Store My Thread Inventory?

Thread should be stored in a cool, dark location. Manufacturers suggest a humidity level of 40% to 60% and a temperature ranging between 50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. It is not recommended that you store your thread in the freezer or the refrigerator.

Direct sunlight is not good for thread as it can cause discoloration over time. Threads should also be covered to prevent dust and lint buildup, which will cause the thread to soften, which will lead to thread breaks. Thread seems to be somewhat tender. Dropping it will cause bruising where the thread hits the floor. This is actually a weak spot that can cause thread breaks during sewing. Be good to your thread and it will be good to you!

How Can I Prevent Thread Breaks In Low Humidity Conditions?

If having an unusual number of thread breaks, the humidity is low, and you cannot contribute the number of thread breaks to another issue, use a spray bottle filled with water to mist your cone of thread until wet. This will significantly reduce if not eliminate thread breaks due to the low humidity.

How Much Thread Does It Take To Quilt a Quilt?

We are often asked how much thread it takes to quilt a quilt. It all depends on the size of the quilt and the density of the pattern. Everyone's technique is different so the following are only averages. Of course it is possible to use much more or much less thread. These numbers are for the top thread only. Double them if you use the same thread for the bobbin.

The three sets of numbers following the size represent Light Quilting/Medium Quilting/Heavy Quilting.

Laptop/Crib size quilt	200 yds./400 yds./600 yds.
Twin size	400 yds./800 yds./1,200 yds.
Queen size	600 yds./1,000 yds./1,600 yds.
King size	700 yds./1,500 yds./2,000 yds.



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


Introducing Magna-Glide, PremoCore, and LAVA.

Magna-Glide™

Pre-Wound Magnetic Bobbins

White, Black, Lead Grey, Light Grey, Light Tan, Cream, Candy Apple Red, Bright, Gold, Totem Green, Hawaiian Blue, Tabriz Orchid, Navy.

Price per tube of "M" bobbins (8 per tube): \$8.00



PremoCore™

Polyester Thread

White, Black, Lead Grey, Light Grey, Light Tan, Cream, Candy Apple Red, Bright Gold, Totem Green, Hawaiian Blue, Tabriz Orchid, Navy.

Price per 3000 yard cone: \$8.00



The newest and hottest 35 wt. 3-ply polyester thread.

Price per 2000 yd cone: \$12.99



4 New Colors...

Limestone, Baby Moses, Valley of the Queens, and Karnak

Price per 2000 yd cone: \$12.99

So Fine!™
By John Flynn

50 NEW Colors



Price per 3280 yd cone: \$7.99

What's NEW in Machine Accessories.....



Small Hopping Foot (Trapunto)

This new foot comes to you from Gammill in response to feedback from Dealers and Consumers.

Price: \$19.95 (applicable sales tax not included)



Extended Throat Plate (Custom Quilting)

Price: \$95.00



Bobbin Winder (Petal Driven)

Price: \$69.95 (applicable sales tax not included)

Upcoming Events

The Greater Atlanta Shop Hop - February 28-29 and March 1-2.

Come in and visit Pat's Calico Cottage during the shop hop at the Stitch N Quilt Shoppe in Lawrenceville, Ga. For more details on the shop hop and a complete listing of all the participating shops go to www.atlantaquiltsophop.com.

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.

