

Country Quilting News

February 2012

Hello quilting friends!

The first month of the new year is over and the shortest month of the year is upon us. Personally, it is my favourite month even though it falls in the winter and it's cold (which I don't like) - it is the month that reminds of us of love with **Valentines Day**. I think this world is in desperate need of more love, don't you? February is also the month in which I was born. Now I know a lot of you out there are thinking to yourselves, "*oh no I don't like to think about another birthday*", but for me I actually get one this year (leap year) and that makes me happy. On February 29th Country Quilting will be closed for the day... I will be celebrating by giving myself the day off. See the **Birthday Club** ad (below) to see how you can enjoy celebrating your birthday!

I have been busy the last little while trying to find space to put all the new fabric and books that have come in and I am sure that if you have not dropped by in a while, when you do, you will notice that the store is almost bursting at the seams. There are beautiful new things coming out all the time and I have been finding it hard to resist. One area that is growing is kid prints, as I call them. Now that I am a grandma I find myself having a lot of trouble saying "no" to fabrics that I think my babies would like. Those of you that have little ones in your life should stop by and check out the ever-growing selection,

and in the process help me out a little with my space situation.

The monthly highlighted item is **Skinny Quilts**. Some of you have said that you don't have need of anymore quilts because you have one on every bed already. Well what about a skinny quilt. They can be used as a table runner or small wall hanging or as an accent along the foot of the bed or across the pillows at the top. Using skinny quilts allows you to change up the look of a room without a lot of work or expense of a larger quilt and they take up a lot less storage space.

I am also working on another **block of the month** that I will tell you more about either next month or the one after that, depending on how fast I get it done.

Oh I almost forgot I have to tell you who won the **\$100 gift certificate for 2011... the lucky winner was Deloras (Pete) Kerr**.

Thank you to all of you who came in last year and collected those stamps and turned in your full cards earning 25% off of your purchase and getting entered into the draws. The **Loyalty Card Program** is still in effect so come on in and get into the draws for 2012 and the next winner could be you.

The 1st draw for this year will be March 1st and the winner will receive 6 fat 1/4s of their choice.

Well I had best get back to work now. If you have suggestions, ideas for classes or things that you would like to see at Country Quilting please let me know, I would love to hear your ideas and feedback on how I can make my store a better place.

Remember since February is the month of love (not just romance), try to be loving in all your encounters with the world and together we will make it a much better place to live.

Until I see you, take care and happy sewing....peace love joy!

What's New ?
This month's feature:
Skinny Quilts
Come in and ask about our Skinny Quilts. You'll love them!



**Sale !
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Fabulous Fat Quarter Frenzie

February 8th to February 17th

Receive 25% off any fat quarter of your choice.

Buy 10 at 25% off and get one free!

Drop in and check out our wide selection of fat quarters. Add to your collection or start one. It's so easy!

If you need inspiration, check out our wide variety of books and patterns.

Store Hours:

**Wednesday—Friday
 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.**

**2nd Saturday of each month
 9 a.m. till 12 noon.**

Birthday Club

Country Quilting wants to celebrate your birthday with you!

Register your birthday (prior to your special day) either by email, phone call or drop in and receive 15% off of your purchase during your birthday week.

(Valid for one visit only)

Enjoy your day!



Homespun Happenings at Country Quilting!

Attention mystery quilters! Mark June 16th, 2012 on your calendars and keep working on your mystery quilts. This is our Quilters Romance Mystery Quilt Reveal Party. Everyone who has been working tirelessly on their quilts are asked to bring your mystery quilts (finished or not) to this awesome event. Special guest, Sherri Hisey from Border Creek Station Pattern Co. will be joining us to inspire and cheer us on to continue to create patchwork wonders. As usual we have wonderful homemade goodies and refreshments available for your enjoyment.

Not a Mystery Quilter? Fear not! You are more than welcome to join us on June 16th Mystery Quilt Reveal Party. Come and enjoy all the mystery quilts that will be on display. You just may be inspired to get in on the action the next time we have a mystery quilt challenge.

Class Corner

Have we got classes for you! What makes us unique is that we will tailor any class to work with your schedule. BUT if you bring friends it starts to get interesting!



So here's how it works!

- * Book a private class for yourself- class fee is \$45 plus pattern and supplies
- * Book a class and bring one friend, and you get 6 fat quarters of your choice FREE!
- * Book a class and bring 2 friends, your class fee is \$45 and you get 15% off of all class supplies (excluding patterns/books).
- * Book a class and bring 3 friends, your class fee is \$45 and you get your next class FREE! (excluding pattern/book and supplies)

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Quilter Recipe Corner

Chocolate Double (Hot) Cross Buns

For Quilter's Double Cross

- 1 1/2 cups warm milk
- 2 - 8g packets of dry yeast
- pinch of salt
- 5 cups plain flour
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 60g butter, melted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup water
- 60g cooking chocolate (for cross on top of buns)

Combine milk, yeast, salt and a pinch of sugar in a bowl. Whisk together until combined. Cover with plastic. Place in a warm place for 5 to 10 minutes or until the top becomes frothy.

Sift flour, cocoa, and cinnamon together into a large bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of sugar (the remainder of sugar will be used in the glaze), yeast mixture, butter and egg. Stir with a wooden spoon until dough almost comes together. Mix to a soft dough with your hands. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 10 minutes or until dough is smooth. Place into a lightly oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Set aside in a warm place for up to 1 1/2 hours or until the dough doubles in bulk.

Punch dough down to its original size with your fist. Add chocolate chips and knead until well combined. Divide dough into 12 even portions and shape into balls. Place into a lamington pan (or use cookie sheet) lined with baking paper about 1cm apart. Cover with plastic wrap. Set aside in a warm place for 30 minutes or until buns double in size.

To make glaze: Heat water and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Brush warm glaze over warm buns.

Chocolate cross: Melt cooking chocolate in the microwave in a small bowl on low heat and then spoon into a Ziploc bag. Snip off a small corner of the bag and pipe a cross on the top of each bun.

Preheat oven to 200 C. Bake buns for approximately 20 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre of one of the buns comes out clean.

Buns can be served warm or at room temperature.



Quotes to Make Quilts By...



Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.

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