

Tiny STITCHES

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Monday-Saturday 9:30-5:30 Sunday 1-5



Spring 2009

Happy Spring!

It looks like spring has finally arrived (after several false starts), and the Earth is once again becoming green and "new". This time of year really puts me in the mood to go in search of all that is new in quilting. New patterns, new fabric, new techniques, and a new way of looking at the possibilities for the shop. Soon we will be attending Spring Market, (May 13-17), and I've signed up for several classes so that I can become a better shop owner and learn as much as I can while we're in Pittsburgh.

Many of you know that I've had the opportunity over the past few months to learn about something completely new to me – playing the violin. I received a violin from my husband for Christmas this past year after expressing a desire to learn how to play. This gift also came with lessons, so, in January, off I went each Wednesday afternoon on my way home from the shop to learn how to play this screeching piece of equipment.

The first lesson went pretty well. I managed to talk my way through half of the 30 minute period asking questions and "entertaining" the teacher. But by the second week it was apparent that I was actually going to have to perform and, ugh, practice. After several weeks though, a funny thing happened...I actually began to enjoy practicing, and the pieces I played began to sound like a recognizable tune! Wow! What a great feeling! It didn't happen the first time or the second, but if I kept practicing, the new notes became easier and I felt more accomplished with each week.

I can certainly draw a parallel from my own learning experience to beginning quilters. When I listen to Melinda's Beginning Quilting students I can hear them echoing the same feelings of uncertainty that I had when I began my lessons. Their worry is that their seams won't line up or that they may miss cut...again, or that they just won't be good at quilting. But through perseverance and practice they become better and better. They return for the next quilting class challenge and the next and before you know it, they're experiencing success in learning to quilt. Practice truly does lead to proficiency!

Please look at our class schedule this quarter and see if you can identify an area of learning in the quilting or sewing world that you would like to tackle. Maybe you've always wanted to learn to appliqué or paper piece. Perhaps you want to improve your binding technique or want to learn to quilt your own quilt. At Tiny Stitches we have the expertise to guide you along your quilting journey. With a little practice and guidance the feeling of accomplishment you'll experience is just beyond words! Let us be a part of your learning curve in the Summer of 2009! We'll guide you every step of the way,

Maetha and the Tiny Stitches Staff

Save this Date – Saturday, May 9, 1-4 pm

Annual Mother-Daughter Sew-In

Bring your daughters and your sewing machines and come on down to Tiny Stitches for our annual Mother's Day 2009 celebration. You'll be treated to a light lunch and tea while you make our featured tea towel apron just in time for Mom's big day. Only \$10 per person. Apron kit available for \$9.99

Featured Teacher – Sharon Ahmed

We are pleased to feature Sharon Ahmed this quarter as our star teacher here at Tiny Stitches. Though you may know her as our art quilting teacher, Sharon has many talents that she shares with Tiny Stitches. She conducts our International Mystery Series the third Friday of each month, teaches project classes, and assists customers in the shop. She is quite a busy lady as she also works at Georgia Tech.

Sharon began quilting while living in Tokyo and started teaching quilting in the early 90's. As her quilting evolved, Sharon began specializing in art quilting and painting. She studied art at Kennesaw State University and has been featured in British Patchwork & Quilting Magazine.

Sharon lives near our shop in Marietta with her amazing and supportive husband, Nasar. She is most proud of her two wonderful (and handsome) sons, Jamie, 19 and Kyle 16. Please come in and take a class from Sharon. Her beautiful smile and supportive personality will guide you through any project! Check our posted schedule to take a class from Sharon.

"Quilting in the Garden-2009"

**Tiny Stitches' Annual Customer Quilt Show
May 4 – June 30**

We hope you'll participate in our second annual customer quilt show. This event gives us the opportunity to feature your wall hangings, completed projects and quilts in our shop for all to see! It's easy to participate. Simply pick up a registration form (or download one from the website), complete it and select a two -week period you would like for us to display your project. Return your form to the store, bring in your project and we'll do the rest.

Please remember that your projects need to have been completed as a result of some interaction with Tiny Stitches; a class offered at the shop, past Saturday Sampler, fabric purchased at the shop, etc. Remember that we are especially interested in the story behind your project. Also, be sure to let us know if you used any of our fabric from Super "Bolt" Sunday as we will be recognizing those quilts in a special way this year. We hope to see you "in the garden".

Our New Second Saturday Sampler Begins in June!

We began introducing our first 2009 Saturday Sampler Program during the month of December, 2008. It's now time to begin a new **Second Saturday Sampler**. This program will run from **June 2009 until May, 2010**. We'll be introducing our **two new choices** on the first or third Saturday in May. Last year's choices, Prairie Paisley and black and white, will finish in May. At that time we will be showing you our ideas for completing these quilts and offer you the opportunity to order a finishing kit. We will also show you our two new blocks and color choices to enable you to make your selection for the new program beginning in June.

Interested in joining us? Never participated in a Saturday Sampler before? This is the way our program works – Come to Tiny Stitches on the first or third Saturday of this month. Listen to a short demonstration of a technique or tool that can be used to make the featured block at one of the following times: 8:30 a.m., 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 or 10:30.

At this first class you may buy a fabric kit for \$6.00, which includes a pattern and fabric for the block in whichever color way you select from our choices.

Go home and make the block. Bring it to the following month's class and you get your next kit free! For example: June is your first month. You bring June's finished block to the class in July and get your July block free.

There are a few conditions: To get your free kit you have to come on the first or third Saturday and stay through a session (choose one from 8:30-10:30). Please do not ask us to make exceptions to this rule. If you can't come on either the first or third Saturday, you can buy that month's kit for \$6.00 while supplies last, or you may buy just the pattern for \$1.75 and use your stash.

If you choose to do both blocks from our program, **only one block can be offered to you free of charge.** You must pay \$6.00 each month for one of the blocks.

Hurry - come and join the fun! Supplies are limited for these two choices. Don't forget to bring your current projects to share with our group. You'll be eligible to choose a door prize just for sharing!

2009 Block of the Month Programs

Call us to select your favorite and participate. Details available in the shop and on the website. (Space is limited in all programs.)

"My True Love Quilt"

From the book: **12 Days of Christmas** by Nancy Halvorsen

12-month block of the month program -begins in January 2009-blocks available for pick up on or after the second Saturday of each month

"Calendar Quilt" from WillowBerry Lane

Created from the "Return to Romance" collection by Maywood Studios

12-month, block of the month program begins February, 2009-space still available

Thimbleberries Quarterly Quilt Project 2009

Begins February, 2009

Features rich brown and aqua - traditional color way
Spaces still available

"Dazzling Dogs"

12- month, block of the month program (currently in progress)

"Chain Gang"

12 month block of the month program from Quakertown Quilts (Currently in progress)

Coming later this summer - our paper-pieced block of the month - Purse-a-nality!

Sylvia's Bridal Sampler from Elm Creek Quilts

By Jennifer Chiaverini

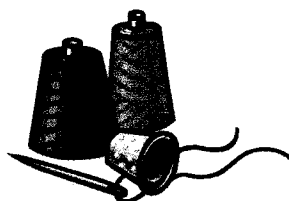
The latest pattern book from our Elm Creek friends features the sampler we started working on last year. This beautiful quilt has 140 traditional 6 ½" blocks joined together to make a quilt for fictional character, Sylvia Compton. We were especially excited to find that **Jennifer composed a paragraph in the introduction all about Tiny Stitches and our Elm Creek Club!** It isn't too late to join us to begin your own quilt.! Just come the first Sunday in each month at 1:30 and find out what it is all about!

Book is available for **\$28.95** at the shop.



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May We Recommend....Books, Fabric, Notions at Tiny Stitches



The Lost Quilter

By Jennifer Chiaverini

This book is the latest fictional find in the Elm Creek Series. Through this latest work the continuing Elm Creek characters discover clues which enable Sylvia to discover the fate of the

long-lost quilter, Joanna. **\$24.00**