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# Attic Quilts News

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## What's New at Attic Quilts

We have gotten off to a slow start this Fall. After the summer floods and the mess we created moving everything to higher ground, we are still looking for things! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help—fortunately we were high and dry but we were keeping close watch on that river and continued to pile the sand bags in front of the doors every night for some time. Road Trip in July was a success as was Expo in Madison a couple of weeks ago. I hope you were able to participate in one of these events, they provide so much fun and inspiration.

Now we are ready to finish those Christmas samples and get ready for the Holidays. We are planning some classes that are designed to be quick gift ideas—projects that can be completed in a day or less. These include a tote bag, a table topper, a purse and a wall quilt.

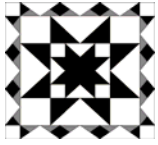
Join us and the other Downtown merchants on Friday, evening, November 7 for the start of the Holiday season. There will be food, specials and a wonderful holiday spirit.

### **New Books and Patterns:**

As usual there are so many new books and patterns that I can't begin to tell you about all of them. For those of you who missed out on Carolyn's miniature flower sampler last year, we have the patterns and a complete kit for all twelve blocks. "Vacation Houses" is a Thimbleberries pattern that is striking using fabrics in primary colors. It is also a kit.

"Bento Box" is a fat quarter, scrappy pattern. We have kitted it two ways, using Kaffe Fassett Fabrics and Paintbox fabrics. "Bamboo and Pinwheels" is a two for one pattern: Cut one quilt and make the second from the leftovers!

## Downtown Holiday Kickoff—November 7



We have two children's books: "Mother Earth's ABC" and Eric Carle's "Very Hungry Caterpillar" to go with the fabrics by the same name. "More Retro Aprons" by Cindy Taylor Oates, contains even more patterns for those aprons our Mothers and Grandmothers wore. "Instant Bargello" by Susan Kistro shows you how you can transform theme fabrics into beautiful instant bargello-style quilts. "Foolproof Machine Quilting" by Mary Mashuta shows you how to machine quilt using your walking foot, paper patterns and simple stitching. "Easy Reversible Vests" by Carol Doak is a revision of an old best seller complete with new block designs, full-sized vest patterns, and color and piecing variations on each vest. Palua Nadelstern's "Kaleidoscope Quilts" is a beautiful book with a gallery of photos of her work and detailed explanations of her design strategies and construc-

tion methods.

### **New Fabrics and Yarns**

If you haven't seen Bali Pops and you like batiks, these are for you. They are 40 pre-cut 2 1/2 inch strips of groups of batiks with names like Strawberry Fields, Chocolate Mint Chip and Butterscotch.

We just received new batiks from Hoffman including pastel 1895's. More Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler, including Shot Cottons and Midwest Modern will be arriving soon.

We now have all the Shadow Play colors from Maywood Studios and Lonni Rossi's Paint Box. More will be coming soon from Blank Textiles and Moda.

New yarns include some wonderful hand-paints in Cascade 220 and Pastaza.; Rustic, which is a wool/linen blend; Lana D'Oro, 50/50 wool/alpaca; Cascade 128, a chunky wool and Seirra Quatro, an 80/20 cotton/wool blend. New sock yarns include Heritage from Cascade, a superwash wool blend, Opal Rainforest and Opal Cotton.

### **New Notions:**

We have some non-slip rulers in new sizes, Best Press

in a new flavor, Cherry Blossom, and Yo-Yo and Pom-Pom makers from Clover in various sizes.

Creative Grids has a "Stash Buster" ruler that helps you cut your stash into 2 1/2 inch strip and 5 inch squares. The "Add Enough" ruler is for you paper piecers. You will waste a lot less fabric if you use this ruler as you piece. The "Little Gripper" is a suction cup handle for your small templates and rulers.

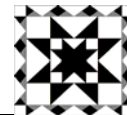
**Mystery Quilt:** We are starting a new mystery quilt from Border Creek Station. The quilt is really an attractive quilt, and can be either a lap or a queen size quilt. It is an eight month program. The patterns cost \$20 for all and you can either purchase our choice of fabrics (two choices) or use your own fabrics. On the last Thursday of the month a group is meeting to work on this quilt. They will meet from 1:00 to 4:00. Call the shop if you are interested in joining this group or solving the mystery on your own.

### **New Hours**

**Mon-Thurs: 10-5:00**

**Friday: 10-8**

**Saturday 10-4**



## WIC QUILTS

We continue to donate baby quilts to the local WIC office. So far we have donated 85 quilts and have more in progress. Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric, backing and batting and their time for these quilts.

## Classes

Our Fall class schedule is available on our web site, [atticquilts.net](http://atticquilts.net) and in the store. We are planning a variety of basic classes, including basic quilt making, rug hooking, knitting and individual quilts. We are also offering several quick and easy projects.

Don't forget that our classroom is available for you to use to pin your quilt tops. Just call ahead to be sure it is available. We do not charge for this service!

## Saturday Sampler

A new Saturday Sampler will be starting in January. More details will be available soon. This is the "\$5" quilt. We meet the first Saturday of the month with three class times available: 9:00, 9:45 and 10:30. This is a quilt that is doable by new quilters as well as more experienced quilters. Ask at the shop for more information.

**Kansas Troubles Club  
KT Stash Society  
coming  
In January  
Details available soon!**

**OPEN KNITTING  
THURSDAYS 1-3**

## More!

### Wednesday Creative Women;

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a group of women meet in our classroom to work on their projects: some knit, some quilt, some make cards, some scrapbook, etc. Come join them with a project you don't seem to get to and find out how quickly you complete it while having a good time! No charge.

### Open Knitting:

Thursdays at 1:00 knitters gather in the classroom to knit and chat. This is a great time to get some knitting done and pick up tips from other knitters. No charge.

**CHECK OUR  
SALE ROOM  
FOR LOTS OF  
BARGAINS!**



Join us for an evening  
of shopping and mer-  
rymaking as we usher  
in the

Holiday Season!

Friday Nov. 7, 2008

5:00—8:00

Throughout

Downtown Beloit

## *Let the Holiday Season Begin...*

*Like the old days...*

*Shop the Shops*

*Pub the Pubs*

*Do Dinner*

*Make Merry*

*Jingle all the way*

*Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season!*

### **Dates to Remember:**

November 7: Downtown Holiday Kickoff

December 12: Holidazzle

November 27: Thanksgiving—Closed

December 24: Closing early

December 25: Christmas—Closed

December 29-January 1—Closed for inventory  
and New Years Day