



Quiltbug Shop Newsletter

Welcome to the Quiltbug shop at 169 Main St, Esperance NY!

We are open 10– 8 on Mondays, 10 - 5 Tuesday through Friday (later if we have classes) and 10 - 3 on Saturdays over the summer. If you aren't sure we are open, just call! Our phone number is 875-9400 or toll free 888-817-6577.

We are always glad to see friendly faces. We have lots of great fabrics - more than 1500 bolts - and a large assortment of patterns, notions and sewing supplies including batting and books.

If you are looking for something and we don't seem to have it, just ask. If we don't have it, we can try to order it for you.



New Class Series: Back to Basics

Need a little refresher? Now you can take a mini class to give you just the help you need when you need it. Each class is about two hours long and can be taken individually or in a series. For more details, see page two.

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Is it time for a retreat?

Join us Sept 26 - 28 in at the Bayside Inn in Cooperstown, NY for a No Whining event. We will show you a variety of ways to create blocks and settings that are uniquely yours. You will go

home inspired to do things you have never done in public before!



In November, we will be teaching a Mystery Quilt at Frost Valley.

Expect to learn new techniques while creating this 60"x 60" lap quilt. You will enjoy this mystery:-))



Saturday August 30

Get a jump on Labor Day savings! We will be having specials on fabric, batting, books, patterns, notions and more! Come in to the shop to get your coupon sheets anytime that week.

Brush up on your basic techniques! You don't have to take these classes in order - come to the class that offers the help you need when you need it. Classes are about two hours long. You can take each class individually for \$10, or take the entire series for \$50, but you **must** sign up in advance!

**Back
To
Basics
Class
Series**

CUTTING BASICS: Learn how to accurately rotary cut, what all those lines on your ruler are for. Try before you buy by using our rotary cutter and rulers. We will also talk about fabric quality and straight of grain. Offered:

Sat, July 19 , 2:00 - 3:00
Wed, Nov 19 , 2:00- 3:00
Mon, August 25, 5:00 - 6:00

PIECING BASICS: The importance of a 1/4" seam and how to find it. Press for success! Setting a quilt or block on point. Offered:

Sat, July 26, 2:00- 3:00
Wed, Oct 15, 2:00- 3:00
Mon, Sept 1, 5:00 - 6:00

BORDER BASICS: Borders can make or break a quilt. Do you want a straight border, a pieced border, a scalloped border, a mitered border, flanges, piping? We will show you how to add it and keep your quilt flat. Offered:

Sat, August 2, 10:30- 12:30
Wed, Oct 22, 2:00- 3:00
Mon, Sept 8 , 5:00 - 6:00

FINISHING YOUR QUILT: Decide to tie, hand quilt or machine quilt your quilt. We will give you an overview of the three methods and help you with it in class, but this is not an in-depth methodology class. Offered:

Sat, August 9, 10:30 - 2:30
Wed, Oct 29, 2:00- 3:00
Mon, Sept 15 , 5:00 - 6:00

BINDING BASICS: Learn how to make and apply both straight of grain and bias binding with crisp, clean corners. Offered:

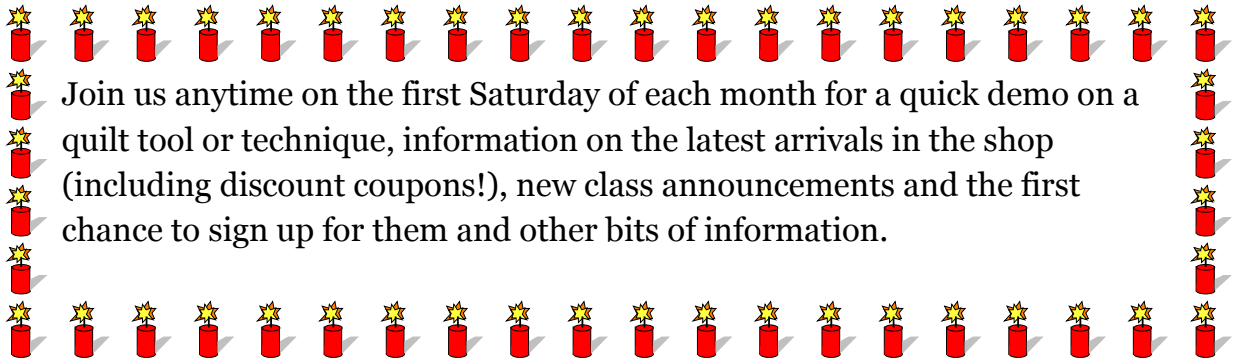
Sat, Aug 16, 10:30 - 12:30
Wed, Nov 5, 2:00- 3:00
Mon, Sept 22, 5:00 - 6:00

LABELS AND HANGING SLEEVES Tips and tricks for adding a hanging sleeve, creating and attaching a label. Offered:

Sat, Aug 23, 10:30 - 12:30
Wed, Nov 12 , 2:00- 3:00
Mon, Sept 29, 5:00 - 6:00

On the First Saturday of every Month...

New!


 Join us anytime on the first Saturday of each month for a quick demo on a quilt tool or technique, information on the latest arrivals in the shop (including discount coupons!), new class announcements and the first chance to sign up for them and other bits of information.



Class Policies

Payment is required upon registration. You will be given a supply list at that time. Our class schedule including descriptions, pictures and supply lists is also available on line at <http://quiltbug.com/classes.htm>

Refunds will be made up to one week prior to class. If we need to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment or bad weather refunds will be made. We do not give refunds for any other reason. However, if the roads are bad, don't risk it. If we hold the class despite the inclement weather, we will give you credit towards another class. You must call and let us know at the time.

Class on Demand...

Our teachers often wish that they knew what you most want to learn. So if you see something in the shop or have a particular quilting skill that you really want to learn, talk to your quilting friends, gather a group together of at least three people and we will attempt to set up a class for you as soon as possible. Take us up on this opportunity to create the class that you would like to see us offer!



August Classes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Waffle Time	2 Back 2 Basics
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 WW Back 2 Basics
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Back 2 Basics
17	18	19	20	21 Blackbird Pie	22	23 B2B Cat Nap
24	25 Back 2 Basics	26	27	28	29 BBC X Quilt	30 Labor Day Sale

Did you know?



We have a Ladies Night

Join us as we sit and chat while working on our favorite project. Bring your knitting, embroidery, quilting or whatever you are working on for a night of friendship and advice from the group. Come anytime from 5:30 - 8:00 Monday nights. No charge.

Back to Basics (see page 2)

- * Cutting Basics, August 25, 5:00 - 6:00
- * Border Basics, August 2, 10:30 - 12:30
- * Finishing your quilt, August 9, 10:30 - 12:30
- * Binding Basics, August 16, 10:30 - 12:30
- * Labels & Hanging Sleeves, August 23, 10:30 - 12:30



Waffle Time Everything tastes better when served on a homemade table runner! A fun and easy table runner in two sizes. (18" x 18" or 18" x 42".) Class fee of \$15 includes pattern. Friday, August 1, 1:30 - 5:00

Wonder Wallet This wonder wallet is quick and easy to make. It's loaded with pockets for all of your cards, coins and cash and doesn't require a zipper. It fits neatly into a fanny pack, jacket pocket or small purse. It will take you less than an hour to make this in class. \$15 includes pattern, fabric and all supplies. Saturday, August 9, 12:30 - 2:00PM

Cat Nap Miniature Quilt Do you enjoy paper piecing? Join Sherry in this paper piecing class to make a 9" x 11" miniature quilt, perfect for anyone who shares a home with a cat. \$20 includes pattern and fabric. Saturday, August 23, 1:30 - 5:00PM.



Blackbird Pie

Join Stephanie as she shows you how to fussy cut a focus fabric and build a quilt around it. Bring your favorite just-can't-cut-it fabric and a lunch as you are going to be too excited to go home! Thursday, August 21, 10:00 - 3:30. or Tuesday, Sept 30: 10:00 - 3:30 \$20 includes pattern.

September Classes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Back 2 Basics	2	3 Do you EQ?	4	5 Boot Camp	6 Trumpet Calls
7	8 Back 2 Basics	9	10 Tote Bag	11	12 Boot Camp	Scrap Sak Table Grace
14	15 Back 2 Basics	16	17	18	19 Boot Camp	20 Bargello
21	22 Back 2 Basics	23	24	25	26 Boot Camp	27 Machine Quilting
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About our Birthday Club?

20% off all non sale items you purchase for yourself within three days of your birthday. Friends can help you choose, but no purchases for them, please.

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- * Finishing your quilt, Sept 15, 5:00 - 6:00
- * Binding Basics, Sept 22, 5:00 - 6:00
- * Labels & Hanging Sleeves, Sept 29, 5:00 - 6:00



Beginner Boot Camp. This class for the confident beginner will take you through selecting fabrics, proper rotary cutting methods, making a perfect 1/4" seam, creating your own design (including setting a quilt on point), paper piecing, appliqué, finishing the quilt (including binding). \$45 plus book. You must have access to a working sewing machine to do the homework. Five consecutive classes held on Fridays, Aug 29-Sept 6. 10 - 1 PM

Brain Waves

Join Tamara as she shows you how to use the X tool to make this clever quilt. It's easier than it looks! \$20 August 29, 1:30 - 5:00.



Do You EQ?

Do you own Electric Quilt but haven't quite got around to working with it? Considering EQ6 for your Christmas Wish List? This class will familiarize you with the basics. Bring your laptop with EQ installed or use one of ours. Special one-day discount on software. \$35 Wednesday, Sept 3, 4:30 - 7:30



A Trumpet Calls

Learn how to place your pieces on foundation fabric, then covering the seams with bias tape and quilting for best effect. \$15 plus pattern. Saturday, Sept 6, 1:30 - 4:30PM

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This calendar can be found on line at <http://quiltbug.com/>



Let's Do Lunch Tote Bag

Join Tamara as she shows you how to make this tote from the Let's do Lunch book. \$15 plus book. Sept 10, 1 - 4PM

Table Graces Learn an ingenious new mitering technique while making this easy to piece placemat and tablecloth set. This pattern for placemats, mitered, lined napkins and mitered tablecloth is a real winner! \$10 plus Table Graces pattern. Sept 13, 2 - 4PM



Scrap Sak! The ideal accessory put by your sewing machine for your pins and your schnibbles. Make two, one for home and one for class! Sept 13 , 10- 12PM



Bargello Quilt

In this all day class you will learn how to piece, cut apart and repiece the strips that make the Bargello quilt. This is a fun technique and we will have a great time. You'll be amazed by the results!!! \$35. Sept 20

Machine Quilting Class Lower your feed dogs and raise your creativity in this hands-on class. You will learn the basics and beyond for machine quilting using your home sewing machine and the proper tools. \$35. Wednesday, Sept 27, 5:00 - 8:00

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15% OFF

ANY FABRIC WITH ROSES IN IT

Must be used in the Quiltbug shop
during the month of August

Effective August 2, 2008

Expires August 30, 2008

Keep this coupon!

It's good for

10% off

On the *First Saturday* Featured Item

Can only be used in the Quiltbug shop

On the first Saturday of the month after attending the demo

Choosing and Using Borders on your quilt

The perfect border can often make the difference between an ordinary quilt and an extraordinary quilt. A border can surround the interior blocks of a quilt bringing them to an abrupt halt or it can gently encourage those blocks to fill out the quilt and finish it.

An exciting border can bring life to a plain quilt top, making the border the focal point of the quilt. Likewise, a very busy or heavily pieced quilt top can be calmed with a plain border. The choice you make will influence the final effect of the quilt.

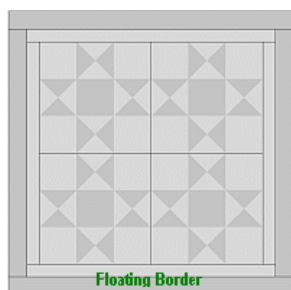
Choosing the border style

Decide on the type of border you want to accent the central design. Remember that you can mix and match borders to create a design, emphasize a theme, or to increase the size of a quilt. Quilts with multiple borders look best if the smallest border is on the inside, but this isn't a hard and fast rule. If you are adding applique to the border, consider doing it after the borders are sewn together as a dimensional element.

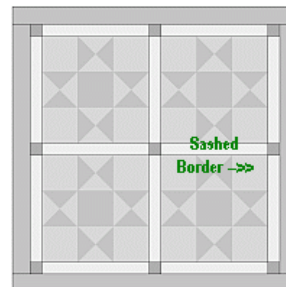
A straight border can be easily calculated and added to a quilt top to make it larger. A straight border is usually one piece of fabric which may be seamed to make it long enough to fit the quilt. If you have more than one straight border, make sure they are visually different in color or scale. Quilts with clipped or angled corners often have straight borders.



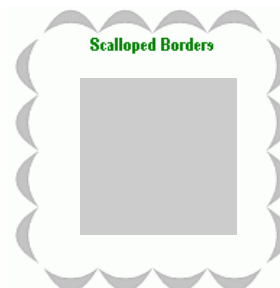
A floating border is a straight border made of the same fabric as the interior blocks, thus "floating" the interior quilt top away from the outer border.



A sashed border is a border which is made in the same style as the sashing. The dark squares at the intersections of the sashing strips are called cornerstones.



A scalloped border is applied the same way as a straight border but adds more interest to the edge of the quilt. Quilts with rounded corners often have scalloped borders.



A pieced border is made of blocks which compliment the interior design. This border will look best if the size of these blocks is the same size or slightly smaller than the blocks of the interior quilt. The size of the pieced border blocks should be calculated to fit the size of the interior quilt top if possible. A coping strip of one of the other border styles can be added to make everything come out even or to separate the interior quilt top from the pieced border.

A mitered border can frame the center of a quilt top, much like a painting in a frame. Using a border print for a mitered border emphasizes the framing effect.

A dimensional border such as piping or a flange is usually inserted between two other borders and adds no additional size to the quilt.

There is no requirement that a quilt have a border! Your quilt may look best without one.

For more information on choosing and using borders - including video demonstrations - visit

<http://quiltbug.com/articles/borders.htm>