



**Tater Patch Quilts – Regular Hours**

Monday – Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4

**Holidays**

*Labor Day* – Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Closed

*Thanksgiving* – Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> closed

*Christmas* – Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & December 25<sup>th</sup> – closed

*New Years Day* – Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – closed

**Open late by Appointment**

**2010 –September – October – November- December -2010**

**Sunshine Greetings**

Thank-you! We sincerely thank each and everyone that has enjoyed utilized, socialized, created and learned with us!! As we approach our 14<sup>th</sup> year in business this September we have reflected on our trials & tribulations as we took an “IDEA” that has grown into the Quilt Shop we are today. We pride ourselves in our “Small Town” values and customer service. We hope that whenever you leave our shop it is with a smile on your face and contentment in your heart – And if it is not – Robin & Diane want to know. We realize that if not for all of you – TPQ would not be here. We continue to educate and inspire ourselves and hope we pass that on to all of you. We Love to add new products and display. Remember if you can’t find what you need be sure to ask- yes we do rearrange often. So as we venture into our next adventures we hope you’ll be here with us. You are why we smile everyday – what a joy it is to serve the **niciest** customers in the World – QUILTERS!

*Sew on!*

*Robin & Diane*

**P.S.** To all of you that happened to visit the town of Merrill during our “water crises” we thank-you for your patience and understanding. The entire town was without water due to a well/pump problem for 4 days. What a wonderful thing it is to belong to a small town – the way everyone pulled together to help each other **without** any complaining was amazing. Thank-you to the city council, local business and surrounding towns that all pulled together to help! And Thanks to all you customers that did not let a little “inconvenience change your happy attitudes!!

TPQ Staff

**We’re a “Basket Case” – Super Six Saturday Sampler**

Come join us for this year’s Saturday Sampler. Choose from 2 totally different color options “Civil War” or “Bright Floral”. This quilt is comprised of 12 – 10” Basket Blocks. You have the option of adding 5” blocks to make your project bigger. In addition to getting your block each month you will be entertained with the Craziest - Diane & Robin’s, previews and reviews of the latest and greatest when it comes to fabric, patterns, books, and notions, wonderful show & tell from our customers and if you are saying to yourself “I just can not start another project” then don’t, but come for all the fun anyway! We meet one Saturday of each Month, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Friendship Party - October 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00**

**So now you have a lot of 1/2 sq. triangles and you need a little nudge to get something done with them. Mark October 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and get to work making a quilted project with your triangles because we are going to celebrate - friends, fun, fabric and finishing. We have a party planned for Saturday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and all you have to do is show up. There will be prizes for those with finished projects (that means quilted & bound) and “1/2 ass prizes” to those who are toppers only. Please call to register**

**Christmas in the Country** – Come enjoy the “Charm of the Country” for the holidays. Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Merrill will be in the Holiday Spirit and welcoming those looking for a quaint shopping experience. Call us for the details of events and hours.

New Club coming in January –  
**Groovy Girls**

Enjoy a monthly get together where club member can learn, laugh, and be inspired by creative ideas. We will teach new techniques each month for fun little projects that will be perfect to make for gifts, or to keep yourself. There will be “social activities” where you will get the opportunity to know the other members of the club, time for you to show & tell your favorite projects and receive “exclusive” projects for club members only. Interested? – Call TPQ to get your name on the list – more details in next newsletter.

**Basic Quilt making**

We are now offering a 3-part basic quilt making class. Many of you have “graduated” from Quilters Academy 101 and are ready to tackle a real project. You may choose from 3 different patterns – Yellow Brick Road, Just can’t Cut It or 5 & Dime. You will learn how to read patterns, cut out your project in class with supervision, and construct your blocks. Learn the proper way to sew rows together, measure, cut and sew on your borders. We will also help you with the mathematics and fabric direction for your backing. You will have some design options for your settings, showing you how fun and easy a “simple” block can be. You DO NOT have to be an academy graduate to participate in this class. Class size will be limited to six students. We want you to have all the attention you deserve! See class schedule for dates.

**Artsy Fartsy Club - Coming in January 2011**

You may have noticed the arrival of paints, inks, brushes, special fabrics, stamps, embellishments, tools & notions. We have gradually been learning all we can about these products and we want to share this information with you. We will be offering demo’s & play days as we take you exploring with new techniques, new products and No Rules! We have some great guest teachers lined up along with wonderful books & DVD’s to help guide us. Come play with us. If you are interested in our group please call to add your name – we will keep you informed as the group evolves!

**On Sat sampler on Oct 9** wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness and you will be entered into a special drawing.

**Klamath Basin Vista**

Twenty quilt artists from Southern Oregon and Northern California participated in an exciting year long project to recreate three photographs by Klamath Falls photographer Jeremy Franklin in to Fabric “Art Quilts”

This project is referred to as a “Slice of Life”. Each photo was enlarged to 80” x 60” and divided into eight sections. Each quilt artist then recreated a slice from the original picture using fabric, paints, inks, yarns, thread painting and special embellishments. The end result is three stunning large wall quilts. Three scenic views from the Klamath Basin and Northern California are captured in this interesting and unusual manner.

Join us at Tater Patch Quilts for the first viewing of these Spectacular projects Saturday, October 16th.

**Darla’s “Pick of the Day”**

Stop in every Wednesday to see what Darla has picked for her “Special” sale. Along with fabric you might find a notion, book or pattern. All at a Fantastic 50% discount.

## Sew Trendy – Young Women’s Group!

Newbie’s welcome. Are you interested in expanding your sewing techniques? Want to learn easy – home dec. projects, create gifts for babies, wedding showers, house warming or hostess? These classes offer you an opportunity to develop the craft of sewing. We will be offering classes on charming projects, including pillow cases, duvet covers, aprons, children’s garments & plush softie toys to garments, including P.J. bottoms, slippers, scarves and much more. Call or email your email address to find out about up coming classes.

This group is geared for the under 40 crowd!

### Block Lottery \$3.00

Each month we are offering a different block that you can purchase, make and turn back in and one lucky Winner will get the blocks for that month. The proceeds from the purchase of the blocks will go towards a worthy cause i.e.: Project Linus, Klamath Hospice, Friends of the Children, to name a few.

## Customer Quilt Show

Here’s an opportunity for you to share your wonderful quilts that you have made. WE are planning a couple of customer quilt shows this fall. If you have a Buggy Barn Quilt or Past Retreat Quilt that you are willing to let us display please call us for the details and we will give you the drop off and pick up dates and times. Our space is limited so we will display as many as possible. These quilts will be an inspiration for the folks doing our workshops that are scheduled during the display weeks. Be sure to get by to see the quilts!! **See Page 4 for show dates**

Our dedicated staff and friends are here to offer tips, suggestions, and comments about projects, techniques, color selections and short cuts. We keep our shelves stocked with the latest wonderful fabric collections and the newest notions, gadgets, books, and patterns. If we don’t have it we can get it. We order weekly and are always happy to “Special Order” anything you may need. We hope that through our shared knowledge of the art of quilting you will be inspired to create that “special” quilt for you or the people in you life.

Quilter’s Academy – This Series of classes are designed to teach new (and seasoned) quilters how to quilt starting with the rock bottom basics and gradually adding one skill at a time so as to make the process easier. Each “year” builds on the foundation of what you have learned in the class prior.

Freshman Year - This 4 part class addresses the basic workspace, tools, equipment & fabric needed to get started. Learn the proper way to cut, press & sew your projects, what is & how to establish a ¼” seam allowance. Come find out what you might have skipped in your beginning quilt making.

Sophomore Year – Freshman year a pre-requisite – this class takes the basic skills and adds instructions for settings, sashing & border ideas. Take the skills you learned the “freshman” year and gain the

### Two on Thursday

Yes, it is true! Every Thursday we will pick two bolts of fabric that will be priced at \$2.00 a yard. Get here early, get here on Thursday! (We Do Not have ugly fabric, just unloved fabric). What can you do with \$2.00 a yard fabric? Great for a quilt, backing, maybe even a background. How about a scrap quilt or a new pillowcase, binding, dog bed, or dust rags...Whatever your imagination can dream up and What a Deal!

### Customer Service

At Tater Patch Quilts our #1 goal is to bring you the Best we can in customer service. We want to help you select the products that will make your quilt / sewing project top notch. We will also give you great advice on what choices you may have and help you thru the project with any questions or problems you might incur! We pride ourselves in a knowledgeable friendly staff and strive to help you any way we can. We want you to be successful!!

### Retreats at the Box R Ranch

Wonderful food, quaint accommodations and a beautiful landscape are just the start of your fun retreat weekend. Join us this November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Fall Retreat. The cost is \$335. This includes the food, the fun, lodging & instruction.

**Sorry we're full** – we are taking names for the waiting list!

View Project at  
[TaterPatchquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:TaterPatchquilts@yahoo.com) and click on "Retreats"

**Spring Retreat Dates** – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Quilt Consultation** – Our staff is happy to provide personalized customer service, creative energy and advice. Please call for a FREE appointment where we can have a staff member available to help with your project, whether it is choosing a pattern and fabric or trouble shooting an existing project. Need help with fabric selection? Give us a call! We are happy to assist you!

### **Workshop Extravaganza**

Sometimes the best way to make progress on our projects is to set aside some time, set up your area and get to sewing. That's exactly what we have in mind for our workshops. Each workshop will be dedicated to making progress on your Buggy Barn, past Retreat and Garment projects. Come for one day or several – whatever your life allows. You can keep your area set up from day to day so you are sure to get a lot done. In addition to the workshop we will be having a Customer Quilt Show highlighting their works of Art! See class schedule for times

**Buggy Barn Quilt Show** – October 22<sup>nd</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Buggy Barn Workshop** – Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Past Retreat Quilt Show** – September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Past Retreat Workshops** – Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Garment Workshop** – Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

This workshop is geared towards the beginning garment maker. Pick your own pattern (with our guidance) and we'll help you fit, cut and sew it. Take the fear out of garment sewing once and for all!

### Quilt -cations

**Need a little break with your friends to get away and do some quilting? Then you need to schedule a Quilt-cation – We offer small groups a chance to book our classroom to come and sew. Come for a day or for an extended weekend. We can even teach a class if you want us to! Our calendar fills fast so call today for all the details (541) 798-5955.**

## Class Policies

Please read and understand the following before registering for a class

1. Class fees must be paid **IN FULL** at the time of registration. Class fees are for instruction only and do not include materials for class.
2. Supply lists will be given at the time of registration
3. Class minimum is 3 students and space is reserved on first-come first-serve basis
4. Students are required to bring a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies to each class
5. Each Student must have a **LEGAL** copy of the pattern or book
6. If help is needed in the selection of class materials, please do so prior to class.
7. Class will start on time, so please arrive **at least 15 minutes early** and be set up and ready to start.
8. If you must bring your cell phone to class please be considerate of others and put it on vibrate/silent prior to class.
9. If class does not fill or you cancel at least one week in advance, you will receive a credit. Sorry no credits can be given after one week before class.

**COMING SOON – “WARM TATER”  
BATTING BY WARM & NATURAL.  
SPECIFICALLY MADE TO USE IN THE  
MICROWAVE TATER OR TORTILLA  
WARMER. PATTERNS ARE  
AVAILABLE – THESE ARE GREAT  
GIFTS!!**

### Wool, Wool and More Wool

If you haven't had a chance to see our wool selection you are going to be amazed. We have a rainbow of colors for all your wool projects. We also have books, patterns, and threads to make yours as ewe-nique as you. (Pardon the pun) Be sure and check our selection often as we are always adding new items.

Need to know how much Backing Fabric for your quilt?

Use our Formula

$(\text{Length} + 4 \text{ inches}) \times (\text{width} + 4 \text{ inches}) = ? \text{ Divided by } 1296$



### Tater Tips

- ❖ Old Potatoes cook much faster than new potatoes
- ❖ Store potatoes in a cool place and break off sprouts as they grow to prolong storage life.
- ❖ There is practically no fat in a potato
- ❖ 1 small potato contains about 120 calories
- ❖ Sweet potatoes increase your energy and are high in Vitamins A and C
- ❖ Conserve nutrients by boiling potatoes in their skins

### Quick Potato Rolls

¾ cup warm milk	1 pkg. yeast
½ cup mashed potatoes	6 T. soft shortening
2T sugar	2 to 2 ¼ cup sifted flour
1 t. salt	

Mix together milk and potatoes, add yeast, and stir until dissolved. Add dry ingredients and mix until easy to handle. Shape into desired shapes and let rise until double (45 – 60 minutes). Bake until golden brown at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 1 ½ dozen rolls.

- ❖ Measure leftover mashed potatoes into 1 cup portions & freeze for later use in recipes.



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**RETURN POLICY**

We are unable to take returns of Fabrics, books,  
and patterns.

**Open Sew Opportunities**

**Time to Sew** – every Wednesday is set aside for Open Sew with Robin & Diane. Bring a project of your choice and a snack to share. This is uninterrupted quilting time and a chance to make new friends. No formal teaching, but lots of help if you need it. Sew, chat & snack the day away!!

**Third Tuesday** – Set aside the 3rd Tuesday of each month to hang out at Tater Patch and get help finishing your projects. Margie & MaryAnn will be your Hostesses with the Mostest. They will even fix your lunch. Please pre-register so that they know how many to plan on.

**FYI – The following Wednesdays – 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/27, 11/3, 11/24, 12/1 The classroom will not be available for “Time to Sew” due to class scheduling.**



**Potato Festival**



October 16<sup>th</sup>, is “harvest” time in the Klamath Basin – join the town of Merrill as we celebrate the fruits of our labor. We will be “harvesting” our own Special crop- pick a “Prize Spud” with your purchase to receive a bounty of discounts, specials and prizes! Stop in & visit. Be sure to enter the drawing for a wonderful “Gift Basket” (no purchase necessary.)