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Stewart's News

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STORE CLOSINGS

Stewart's will be **closed** the following date to celebrate the holidays:

May 26—Memorial Day Weekend
July 4—Independence Day

WINTER HOURS

September 6—May 29

Sunday:
Closed

Monday:
Closed

Tuesday—Friday:
9 am—5 pm

Saturday:
10 am—4 pm

*H*ello!

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We have stocked it full of lots of new classes and fun!

We started a new club called "Variety Club". This club promises to be an interesting one, from crafts to sewing (or not) we will explore the world of DIY...best of all it's FREE!

We also have stocked out showroom with new models of machines and sergers so come in soon and check out what is new!

Happy sewing to you all as we settle into winter...

Jana 



SPECIAL HOURS/DATES

- **Decatur Quilt Fest:** Decatur Civic Center March 30-31 come and see us there!
- **Closed:** Saturday May 26th (Memorial Day) Hours change after Memorial Day)
- **Regular winter hours:** 9-5 Tues-Fri 10-4 Sat



**anniversary
sale**

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13TH - 14TH**



Celebrate our 49th year with savings...more details to come!

Watch for postcards in the mail.....

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS—FEBRUARY—MAY

Ellisimo User Class

Friday, February 3, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Instructor: Jana Wrigley & Paula Hovey

Do you have a new Ellisimo and are not sure how to use a lot of the features or the new upgrades? Join Jana and Paula as they walk you through this great machine.

Class Fee: \$30.00 (no charge if you purchased your Ellisimo machine from Stewarts)

Ruffled Serger Quilt

Friday, March 2, 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Instructor: Jana Wrigley

This darling 36" x 45" quilt is completely constructed on your 4-thread serger, complete with ruffles. Great for a beginner.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Spicy Spiral Table Runner

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Boo Koen

Come and join Boo and make this "s" shaped table runner.

Class Fee: \$30.00

T-Shirt Quilt

Friday, March 16, 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Instructor: Paula Hovey

Do you have t-shirts that you don't know what to do with? Join Paula as she shows you how to prepare your t-shirts and construct your quilt.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Quilted Jacket on a Sweatshirt

Saturday, March 17 AND Saturday, April 7, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Betty Scott

Day 1: You will deconstruct a sweatshirt and modify it for a good fit. Betty will help you check the fit. Homework: Make strip set for Day 2

Day 2: Cut, assemble, and quilt the jacket, the sweatshirt becomes the batting.

Class Fee: \$60.00

X-Rated

Saturday, March 24, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Patsy Behl

Easy-Easy-Easy!!! All you have to do is cut out the pieces, lay them out, and start sewing! Learn the trick of how to make the piano key border fit perfectly, along with a couple of other techniques to help you "raise the bar" in your blocks.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Easy Striped Table Runner

Friday, April 6, 10:00 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Paula Hovey

This is the easiest table runner ever. Use a piece of border print fabric and a ruler to make a great runner.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Counterpoint

Saturday, April 14, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Mary Traxler

This is a pattern that looks complicated, but is very easy to do. Beginning quilters could do this. You can use up your stash for a scrappy look, or make it monochromatic with variations of one color theme. Either way it will be a great quilt.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Big Camp Shirt

Friday, April 20, 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Instructor: Jana Wrigley

Come join Jana as she makes this super comfy camp shirt from Taylor Made Designs. A great class to learn basic garment construction.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Square Dance

Saturday, April 21, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Patsy Behl

Grab a honey bun, a jelly roll, and some background fabric and you're on your way to making this ultra scrappy quilt.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Serging 101

Friday, May 4, 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Instructor: Jana Wrigley

Learn how to thread your serger and make it work.

Class Fee: \$10.00

Patsy's Catch Up Class

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Patsy Behl

If you have ever taken a class from Patsy and still need help finishing your project, this is your day. Tell the girls at the shop what project you are working on so Patsy can bring her class sample and instructions.

Class Fee: \$10.00

Convergence Quilt—The Ricky Tims' Version

Friday, May 11, 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Instructor: Mary Traxler

This is a popular technique perfected by Ricky Tims. You need only one bright and colorful fabric or four compatible fabrics to complete this quilt. The skill level is intermediate.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Merry, Merry Snowman Block of the Month

Second Saturday of the Month (for 10 months) starting

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Marianne Snowden & Paula Hovey

Come join Marianne and Paula on a 10-month journey to make this cute holiday quilt. You will have a choice of either hand appliqué, taught by Marianne, or machine appliqué, taught by Paula. Quilt size is 62" x 66"

Class Fee: \$100.00 (Kit available which includes pattern)

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS—MAY, JUNE

Studio Plus (Designer's Gallery)

Friday, May 18, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Instructor: Paula Hovey

Do you have Studio Plus or Designer's Gallery and are not sure how to use it? Join Paula as she walks you through this Baby-Lock software.

Class Fee: \$10.00

Tulips

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Sharon Jack

These are flowers that don't need to be watered or weeded. This is a great springtime wall hanging. It is a fun and easy paper pieced project. Choose your background and flower pot fabrics, then pick your favorite color for tulips and green for leaves from your scrap bin.

Class Fee: \$30.00

Free Motion Quilting

Friday, June 1, 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Instructor: Jana Wrigley

Always wanted to be creative when quilting your quilts? Come and learn the techniques of free motion quilting. This is a fun and informative class that you don't want to miss!

Class Fee: \$25.00 (kit included)

Farmer's Wife Block of the Month

Starting Saturday, June 2, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Marianne Snowden

Monthly sew along making ten 6 1/2" Farmer's Wife Sampler Blocks. We will be using Marti Michell Templates to complete this quilt. Quilt size is 83" x 103".

Class Fee: \$100.00 (kit available)

Happy Trails

Saturday, June 16, 10:30 am—3:30 pm

Instructor: Paula Hovey

Giant daisies on a rick rack trail make up this cheerful quilt. Machine appliqué and strip piecing.

Class Fee: \$30.00

SUPPLIES FOR CLASSES:

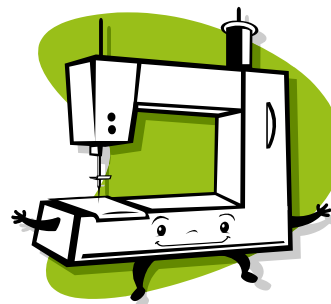
Sewing Supplies: Machine, rotary cutter, ruler, marking pencils or chalk markers, pins, scissors (fabric and paper), thread to match fabric, bobbins for machine, seam ripper.

For Embroidery Classes: sewing supplies (listed above), pre-wound bobbins or bobbins wound with embroidery bobbin thread, embroidery arm, embroidery hoops, stabilizer, appliqué scissors, embroidery thread for selected design, and 505 spray.

CLASS POLICIES:

- **Classes MUST be paid for at time of registration.**
- **Classroom opens 30 minutes prior to class time.**

Stewart's and its educators reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment. Those registering for full classes will be placed on a waiting list on "first come" basis. Freelance Educators are paid directly with cash or check. If you wish to use a credit card for an educator, other than a Stewart's staff member, you will be charged a \$2 processing fee. Classes cancelled by Stewart's or an educator will result in a full refund. Refunds will only be given to student 1 week or more prior to student canceling his/her class.



VARIETY CLUB

Variety is the spice of life! Enjoy this free club where we will demo different crafts, some sewing, and some not. Bring your show and tell and we'll have free drawings each month.

We will meet the first Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm, or the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am.

Call and sign up today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13 & 14—Anniversary Sale

Watch our website for more details about our annual Anniversary Sale and help us celebrate our years of supplying you with the BEST sewing items around by getting great discounts on fabrics, books, threads, and more!

July—East Central Illinois Shop Hop

Details coming soon!