

Hi There!

I don't know about you but our home is full of the hustle and bustle of Christmas... Trying to finish off Christmas projects and decorating and baking and pre-Christmas parties and making a list – as if checking it once wasn't enough - I have to go and re-check it?!?!? ☺



Grab yourself a nice hot chocolate or hot apple cider, sit down and breeaaaath deeeeply. Here are a few web links and tips and tricks that I hope will help you relax.

Cute, cute, toooooo cute!!!

Free Christmas Table Runner Pattern: [Christmas in the Cabin](#):

http://www.quiltersnewsletter.com/articles/Free_Christmas_Table_Runner_Pattern_Christmas_in_the_Cabin_Quilters_Newsletter_December_January_2014?bc=c

I thought I had already posted this but I looked up my previous e-Newsletters and can't remember if I did or didn't. Anyhow, I thought this was good 'nuff to re-post...

When photocopying, how to [Resize Quilt Blocks](#):

<http://blog.shopmartingale.com/quilting-sewing/quilt-math-how-to-reduce-and-enlarge-quilt-blocks/>

Some people call this the "Birthing Method".

[A Quilt Without Binding](#) (Tutorial)

<http://www.redpepperquilts.com/2011/09/quilt-without-binding-tutorial.html>

Moda Bake Shop is an excellent spot to get free "recipes". Here's another way to make "stars"!

[Hallie's Hexi Stars](#):

http://www.bloglovin.com/frame?blog=585442&group=0&frame_type=b&link=aHR0cDovL3d3dy5tb2RhYmFrZXNob3AuY29tLw&frame=1&click=0&user=0

I think this might be my New Year's Resolution! I have needles upstairs and downstairs and on every pincushion, needle kit and every sewing tin you can imagine! Are they new – I tried them for a few stitches and they weren't the right "feel" - are they barely used, over the hill used and should be thrown out???? Here's a great solution to filing and then finding that right needle, for your project.

[Finding a Needle.... In or Out of a Haystack](#):

<http://weallsew.com/2013/09/04/finding-a-needle-in-or-out-of-a-haystack/>

[Sew 'n Wild Oaks Blog](#) has a collection of EXCELLENT tutorials... Stuff I've learned, did and then, shoved this information into the recesses of my brain, only to forget about it. If you haven't learned any of these tricks, try 'em out. They're really, really cool!

<http://sewnwildoaks.blogspot.ca/p/virtual-classroom.html>

My tip on making $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles? If you use the technique of slapping 2 squares together, drawing a pencil line from 1 corner to the other and then, sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on each side of that drawn line? You know what I mean?

Well, last week, I realized that if I want a 4-1/2 inch square half square triangle, then I need to cut my 2 squares at 5 inches. Always add ½ an inch. Once sewn together - square 'em off to 4-1/2 ". Easy smeasy.

Trying to remember which of our e-Newsletters had that incredible pattern or tip but you can't find it anymore? Go to our main web page and click on "Archived e-Newsletters".

<http://3aquilting.no-ip.biz/>

In the right hand column, I've written short notes on each e-Newsletter... to help you find what you're looking for.

Are you following Bonnie Hunter's latest Mystery Quilt?

The 2nd part to her Annual mystery quilt, called "Celtic Solstice" has been posted on her blog!

<http://quiltville.blogspot.ca/p/celtic-solstice-mystery.html>

Here is a portion of an email that I received from Marilyn Upton, from the Marco Polo Quilt Guild (MPQG):

"Hello everyone!

I would like to say how pleased I am with the response for the Christmas show at the Imperial Theatre. We have 38 pieces in the show - a record!

The show should be up until late January. If you are attending a performance at the Imperial in December or January, you will have the opportunity to see the show.

During the day you can visit the theatre to see the show too."

Marilyn is referring to 38 quilt pieces that are hung up, at the Imperial Theatre in uptown Saint John, till the end of January. If you get a chance, drop in at the Imperial Theatre. If you're just there to see the hung pieces – its FREE!

Gilbert and I went to see them today and they truly are spectacular, if I do say so myself!

Since last month's e-Newsletter, some of you have asked about the [Irish 3 Block pattern](#).

<http://les3a.no-ip.com/ROSA/3a/free%20stuff/Irish%203%20Blocks/Irish%203%20Block.htm>

No, its not a Block of The Month and its "FREE"! And, once again, its Easy Smeasy!

Nice project to start up for St. Patty's Day, actually. ☺

Making those dreadful quilt sleeves. Am I the only one that HATES making them?!??

Any-whooooo.... Here's a tip that I've recently learned and will share with you....

<http://www.robich.blogspot.ca/2013/11/todays-tip.html>

Marco Polo Quilt Guild upcoming classes:

January 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 3h30 p.m. - Free Motion Quilting by **Judy LeClue**

January 25th from 9h30 a.m. to 3h30 p.m. - Strategies for Choosing Quilting Designs Jan.25th by **Susan Johnson**

Please contact Mary Arseneau, at 652-7973, if you wish to take these classes and/or you have questions.

And finally, Gilbert and I gladly welcome this opportunity to wish you all the BESTEST and MERRIEST Christmas, ever!!!



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