



**It's Never Too Late! December Demos & Make It—
Take It**

Santa's elves are still working—and so are we! Join us this month to make a few last minute projects!

Easy Striped Table Runner: If you haven't seen this easy runner or are fearful of the cutting, here's the day for you. Lois Clow will *cut your runner strips for you on Saturday, December 6th* from 10:30 –5:30 pm. You must *make an appointment with us*, so space is limited. Bring your fabric *and your ruler (you must purchase or have purchased the Creative Grids 60 Degree Ruler to take advantage of this session).*

You may also wish to cut your strips while Lois watches—whatever works for you. The point is to finish your runner for the holidays!

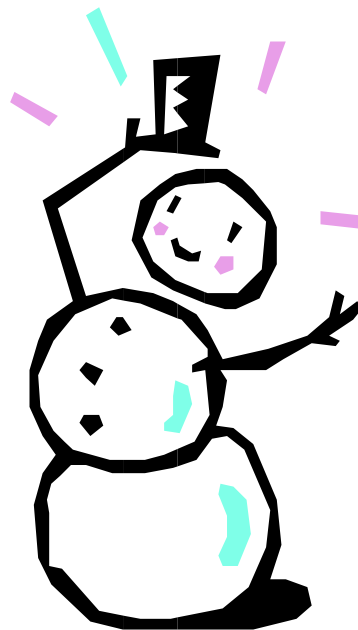
No-Sew Fabric Gift Bags: Sandy Pickett will be back with one

more demo before the holidays on *Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 am.* This bag is perfect for gifts and a great way to use up holiday fabrics you won't put in a quilt. It's a no-sew project, so bring along a friend who doesn't sew! *Folded Fabric Ornament Ball:* Sandy, our shop and our Ornament Tree benefiting Advocates For Homeless Families will be featured in the December issue of Fre-

derick Magazine. Sandy is shown demonstrating these lovely Ornament Balls. You can make one on *Saturday, December 13* at one of *two sessions: 1-2 pm or 3-4 pm.* You must *sign up in advance!* Seating is limited in each session. Sign up requires the purchase of your ornament kit for \$10.00. Once you've made one, you're going to want to make more!

Other Quick Projects: Be sure to consider these fast projects for wonderful hand-crafted gifts this year:

- Gingerbread Garland*
- Decorated Tea Towels*
- Projects From Panels*
- Perfect Pouches*
- Quilt-As-You-Go Braid Runners*
- Quilt-As-You-Go Placemats*
- Fabric Books For Children*



December Calendar

December 6:

Easy Striped

Table Runner

10:30 am–5:30pm

December 7:

Handcrafted Jewelry Show

12:30-5pm

December 10:

Janne's Skill Boosters Group

11 am

December 11:

Nov-Dec Meal For 4th Thursday Potluck Group

December 13:

No-Sew Fabric Gift Bag

10:30 am

Folded Fabric Ornament

1-2 pm and 3-4 pm

December 14:

Thimbleberries Club

Holiday Dessert

1-4:30 pm

We will be CLOSED from 3 pm on December 24 through December 31.



Get In On The Fun For 2009!

It's time to sign up for great activities that will keep you sewing in 2009!

Join our Thimbleberries Club and spend one Saturday morning each month with one of the most motivational groups around! Meet new people, share in everyone's enthusiasm for all kinds of stitching and learn new skills. Applique and Skill Boosters groups are free to Club members.

Join an Applique Group and begin—or add to your skills—in the world of hand applique. Week day and weekend sessions available. \$5 per session for non-Thimbleberries Club members.

Join a Skill Boosters Group and improve your piecing skills over the next year. This is the perfect group for the new(er) quilter who is still having some problems with construction

techniques. \$5 per session for non-TB Club members. Week day and weekend session available.

Join our Thimbleberries Block of the Month and build your skills with 12" and 6" pieced blocks. (This is not recommended for beginners). We will be offering help sessions, too. (You do NOT have to be a member of the Thimbleberries Club to make this quilt.)

Everyone Loves Gifts Of Food!

We have great cookbooks from *Gooseberry Patch* with lots of fun and tasty ideas for gifts of food this year. This year's 10th Anniversary Christmas book is particularly nice, offering ideas for craft gifts and decorations as well as menus for every part of the holiday season. We recommend it highly!

You can also give a bit of Frederick with a copy of local au-

thor Nancy Luse's book *More Than The Meal* for just \$10. Pair it with a gift of McCutcheon's jam, fudge from our neighbors, Frederick Fudge and Ice Cream or wine from Frederick Cellars.

You might combine your food gift with a decorated tea towel in a pretty basket, or add a pot-holder/apron set to a layered mix gift (see *Layered Oatmeal-*

Chip Cookie Mix in *Farmhouse Christmas*). We have the perfect piece of "baking" fabric for an apron and potholder—it also has a border stripe for a towel! How about making *Kitty Cat Treats* and *Homemade Doggie Bones* (Cozy Country Christmas) for favorite pet friends and sending along the cookbook for their owner? A perfect family gift!

Special Activities This Month: Win A Notions Basket and Support The Food Bank

Visit with us this month and register to win a basket of notions that will give you a great start on a new year of sewing! When you come to see us, please join us in supporting the

local Food Bank by bringing a gift of canned food or paper products. We'll deliver them to the Frederick Food Bank before the holidays.





There's Lots To See & Do In Our Neighborhood This Season

We don't have enough space to tell you about everything that's going on in downtown Frederick this season, but suffice it to say that the decorations are up and it's a beautiful place to experience the holiday spirit —so come visit! You can get full event details at www.downtownfrederick.org, www.fredericktourism.org and www.everedysquare.com. Santa arrives on *Frosty Friday*,

November 28 at 7 pm after a day of music, carriage rides, breakfast with the Grinch and much more!

We do want you to mark your calendars for two special events in our shop this month: On *Sunday, December 7th*, *Ann and Cathy Schombert* will be back with their *handcrafted jewelry*. The girls in my family don't think it's Christmas with-

out a set of earrings made by Ann and Cathy! Stop by for unique and beautiful gifts. Please remember our *Ornament Tree* benefiting Advocates for Homeless Families when you are purchasing ornaments this year. Thanks to everyone who has donated ornaments so far— and it's not too late to donate for those still working on ornaments.

Our Annual Coupon That Isn't For YOU To Use!

Give This To Your Santa To Use In Shopping With Us FOR YOU!

Dear Santa:

Here's my shopping list for Needles & Pins at 310 E Church St. in Frederick. If you want to call in advance with your list, (301-695-7199 or 1-877-695-7199) they'll make sure they have what you want when you arrive (how easy is that?).

Love, _____

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

P.S. They mail gift certificates, too.

December Coupon

15%* Off 1 Yard Of Regularly-Priced Fabric
(*20% for Creative Rewards Members)

Coupon Valid December 1—23, 2008. In-store sales only. One per customer household.



Needles & Pins

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Online Store:

ebay.com/needles-n-pins-

frederick

M,T,W: 10-5

Th,F,S: 10-8

Sun: 12-5

Fridays In Dec: Open Til 9 pm

Parking Note:

In addition to our regular free parking at Everedy Square/ Shab Row, Frederick's Parking Decks are FREE on Saturdays in December from 8 am—6 pm. Metered Parking Downtown is also FREE on December Saturdays!

Dear Friends,

I was listening to NPR's Weekend Edition Saturday when I heard Scott Simon's interview with Eric Wilhelm of Make Magazine for the show's series on green and economical gifts for the holidays. Eric noted how "gifts you make are really special" and "people show them off." How true! Make Magazine's website (which is geared to gadgets and tech stuff) does note that "making things is part of being human" and, I would add, often makes us happier humans!

I hope 2008 was a good sewing year for you: that you enjoyed your work, learned something along the way and enjoyed seeing your project in use, whether it was hanging on the wall or being carried around by a toddler.

All of us enter this holiday season with many mixed emotions: joy for the reason we celebrate our religious holidays, some trepidation for the future. Let's remember that through the worst times of the last two centuries, American women have sewed and quilted. We've inherited a strong legacy that lights the way for the future. Let's keep it moving forward.

New Items To See Now & After The Holidays...

We'll be closed from 3 pm December 24th through December 31st for inventory and cleaning. When we re-open on January 1st with our annual kick-off to a new year, we'll have new models on display and ideas for making the most of your winter sewing time.

Right now, we have some fun new projects for you to see:

Changing Seasons is a cute welcome banner from Cotton Ginny's that spans the fall and Christmas holidays;

Days Til Santa Countdown is a neat item from this year's Art

To Heart book, *12 Days of Christmas*. A special metal rack displays the days as you count them down.

Starlight Table Topper & Tree Skirt from the book *Holiday Wrappings* is an easy tree skirt if you need one fast.

We've cut apart a *Dear Santa* panel from *Clothworks* and made pot holders, door hangers and a small wallhanging—several cute gifts from one panel!

Seasonal Placemats from GE Designs is another quilt-as-you-go project that makes a quick gift.

After the holidays, we're look-

ing forward to showing off several new pieces, including our *Sugar Drops Quilt* from Fig Tree Quilts, a new quilt from *Gathering Friends'* book *Imagination*, *Midnight Star* from the holiday book *Comfort & Joy* (but not made for the holidays), several small reproduction quilts, wall hangings and banners from *Country Threads* (something to celebrate the inauguration!) and we're looking ahead to celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, Valentine's Day and much more! Look for new Woolfelt projects, new bags, table runners and ways to use your scraps and stash. Happy Holidays!