

# Calico Cottage

January 2022

## Exploring the Possibilities while Embracing the Tradition!

Wow, what a whirlwind is going on at Calico Cottage! I would like to say Thank-you to Susie, Deb and the crew at the shop. The vast knowledge each of you have is greatly appreciated as I take the reins of the shop. Thank you for the wonderful shop you have created. I continue to think about the traditions that have been established and I want to continue them. However, I will explore the possibilities of making the shop reflect me. It all starts with the logo, you will continue to see the traditional house, but now it is wrapped with a contemporary fun circle. The newsletter with timely topics, classes, sales and events will be coming to you monthly. Please take time to read and plan for January happenings at Calico Cottage. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you as you continue your quilting journey.

Julie



## Happenings at Calico Cottage!

Closed - January 3rd through 5th for Inventory! Julie will reopen on January 6th. Stop by to see newly added fabric collections and sprinklings of fabric bolts to enhance on going collections. We have added over 230 "new" bolts of fabric, including wide backs and more is on the way!!!

### "Continued Traditions"

- Gift Certificates - if you have a gift certificate that expired in 2020 or 2021 - it is still good, we will still have gift certificates available for your gift giving.
- Stamp Cards - we will honor past stamp cards and continue to stamp them for regular priced merchandise. A new look for the stamp card is happening, please ask to be included in this promotion. We will keep them in a file here at the store for you. No more keeping track of that little card.
- Retreats - Sue will continue to sponsor the retreats, with some exceptions.
- Bus Tours - Sue will continue to travel, maybe Julie will join her for the fun! There are still openings for Paducah April 22 thru May 1 of 2022.
- Last Friday of the month sew day has had many names such as... "Friday Free Sew Day", or "Soup and Sew". This will continue as in the past with another new name "Sew...It's Friday," you will have the option most months to continue your sewing on Saturday. Since we are sewing upstairs, no registration is needed.
- Scrappy Saturday continues with a new pattern available on the last Saturday of the month.

- Wool Club continues to meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Quilts of Valor will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the exception of January from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Classes will be offered, continue reading below in the class schedule.

### "Here' What's New"

- All classes, clubs & special sew-ins will be offered on third floor for a more private atmosphere to create in.
- Happy Hour - January 14th from 5 PM to 6 PM. So..... what is Happy Hour? Join Julie via zoom <https://unl.zoom.us/j/98668451918> at 5:00 PM to be the first to experience what is "new" in the shop. The plan is to hold a special zoom connection once a month (on the second Friday of the month) so that customers can see what is new and ask questions live.
- 12 Months of Christmas - Guess what Julie's favorite holiday is... yep it is Christmas and giving is one of her favorite things to do. Throughout the shop on the 25th of each month we will be celebrating Christmas with free patterns. In 2022 Calico Cottage will be featuring Christmas stockings. Julie's Xpression will be featuring beaded snowflakes. Blu J will be creating Christmas cards. Plum Nelly will be featuring mug rugs/cocktail coasters. Be sure to stop by on the 25th of each month for your freebies.

### **It's a secret! But I am not very good with secret's! So.... it's a wrap! Shhhush!**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful (maybe it's not so bad) but the Sledding through the Winter pillow wrap is so delightful. It will hit the spot when those snowflakes start flying. The wrap will be revealed on the first day of Heartland Shop Hop January 20th. Stop by and pick up your free pattern and/or (kit includes pattern) for \$ 17.49. I will post a picture on the Calico Cottage Facebook of it on January 20th.

Hey, a little birdy told me the wrap is going to be an on-going series for 2022. A "new" pillow wrap will be available at Calico Cottage on the first Wednesday of each month.

*Heartland Shop Hop*  
**Sledding Through Winter**

Hours: 9:30 - 5:00  
 Mon. - Sat. Closed Sunday.

Pick up your sledding pass at any of these shops!  
 Heartland Shops:

Sew Country - Belleville, KS  
 Hidden Treasures - Mankato, KS  
 Calico Cottage - Hastings, NE  
 Sew Bee It - Hebron, NE  
 The Quilt Basket - York, NE

Sledding Themed Projects - Free Pattern  
 In-Store Drawings - Grand Drawings!  
 Each shop will have their project on display.  
 Receive a free pattern for the project.  
 Project kits will be available.

**Jan. 20 - 29, 2022**

## Classes

All classes with the exception of Barn Quilts and Embroidery Classes require a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies: mat, rulers, cutter, thread, scissors, pins, marking pencils, seam ripper, etc. Call, stop in or e-mail the store for a more detailed supply list on any specific class.



### "Barn Quilts" with Rickie

Evening Classes on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

January 3rd & 4th

April 4th & 5th

May 2nd & 3rd

Class Fee - 2' x 2' = \$35.00, 4' x 4' = \$50

Choose a two - day evening class. Find a time that fits your schedule. These classes can fill quickly so sign up early. Wear your painting clothes and learn the technique on plywood. The class fee includes wood, paint and all the materials. Instructor, Rickie Crandell, suggests that you bring a book or something to do while the paint is drying. You might also bring a hair dryer to speed up the process. If

you're painting a 4' x 4', make sure it will fit in your vehicle so you can take it home after it dries.

## Exploring Embroidery and Embellishments - "Free Class with Julie"

Select a panel (any panel of your choice) this is what you will work on during the classes.

January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th. Each class will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Please note you do not need to attend all the classes but you do need to register 10 days in advance for each class.
- Please bring scissors, embroidery floss, speciality threads, beads, a hoop & needles to the class.
- You will need to have an embroidery foundation fabric added to the back of you panel. We will talk about this the first class, you may purchase it then or bring it along to add.

## Sisterhood with Eileen

January 26th

10 AM to 4:00 PM

Class Fee - \$15.00

Kits will be available (\$46.50), or you will need 10 assorted fat quarters and 1 yard of contrasting fabric.

Project Description:

- 50" x 64" lap robe.
- Beginning to Advanced Beginner Level
- Learn to make a scrappy throw using only 10 fat quarters and 1 yard of background fabric.
- Experiment with cutting and sewing scrappy 1/2 square triangles easily.
- Staggered sashing will be used to put your blocks together
- Create your binding using the remaining scraps.



Must pre register for class and kit by January 19th



## An Illusions Sew Along - Block of the Month starting in February!

The Illusions Quilt, designed by Scott Flanagan, is bound to appeal to just about anyone who loves to sew beautiful designs with lovely fabric and color. The new 2022 release from Scott and Banyan Batiks is designed as a block-of-the-month type of project. So, whether you are an experienced quilter with several projects in the works or a new quilter just getting your toes wet, the pacing of the project may be just perfect for you.

Calico Cottage is all in on this project providing the kits, supplies, and support with a year-long sew along. Lorinda Bailey, our resident

quilting expert will be our fearless leader and facilitator for the project. Our sew along will occur on the first Friday of each month at 10:00 am beginning February 1st. Lorinda will be sharing tips and covering the different options for the quilt.

Last week I talked to Lorinda about the Illusions Quilt and our upcoming sew along. Quilters, by their nature, are creative people and I asked her what drew her to this particular project. She said, "The blocks are so unique. The two row borders inside each block makes the pattern a Wow!

The kit and pattern are designed to be a queen spread or king topper (88" x 112"). There is also an option to divide the blocks and make two twins or a throw.

I asked Lorinda what skill level a quilter would need to successfully complete the quilt. She replied, "A comfortable beginner would enjoy this pattern. It was written with a variety of techniques and options for simpler piecing. It's always great to try something new, and it's only one block. Quilters, this quilt isn't hard, but it will take a little more time than just strip piecing."

With the right tools, 3 hours should be enough time to complete a block." She also recommends reading through the pattern before beginning. You can save time by being prepared.

The kit includes:

- Illusions Pattern
- Fabric to complete the Quilt Top
- Inner Border Fabric
- Outer Border and Binding Fabric.
- Exclusive Wide Backing Fabric
- The opportunity to join in a year-long Sew Along with the Calico Cottage Staff which includes a monthly Friday (first Friday) Sewing Day from 10 AM to 4 PM

Cost is a one-time registration fee of \$25 non-refundable & a monthly fee of \$26.50.

We look forward to sewing along with you in 2022!

## Sales!!

- Fat Quarter Friday on January 21st - Buy 3 Fat Quarters at regular price and get the 4th one at 1/2 price.
- Check out our web site for a "special word" on January 20th through January 22nd come in and mention the word to receive 50% off an item of your choice.

## Save these Dates!

### Grand Re-Opening Extravaganza

- February 10th - 12th

### Upcoming classes:

- February 1st - BOM Illusions Sew Along
- February 8th - Dresden Plate Foundation Paper Piecing

- February 23rd - A Surprise Quilt with Eileen

## Kansas/Nebraska Shop Hop

- April 1st - May 31st

## Come to Shop!

Monday through Friday; 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday; 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday; Closed


Summer Saturdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day); closing at 3:00 PM


Julie, and her Calico Cottage Crew - Lorinda, Carla, Deb, Eileen & Jo will be happy to assist you!




## Calico Cottage

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