

# CALICO COTTAGE

MAY/JUNE 2022



## HAPPENINGS AT CALICO COTTAGE!

- **Summer Saturday Hours** starting after Memorial Day until Labor Day the shop hours on Saturday will be from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM.
- **Heartland Summer Shop Hop** - Join 5 shops celebrating summer with a fabric beach party! Check out details below.
- **Guest Teacher coming to Calico Cottage** - Save the Date September 24 for Cathy Kaufman (Certified Laura Heine Instructor) More details below.

## MORE FUN AT THE COTTAGE!

- Join us any Thursday evening anytime from 5 PM to 9 PM for "Girls Night Out", bring something to work on. Someone is always on site to offer assistance if you need some extra help or advice. We will have great conversation and maybe get some projects done.
- Illusions BOM club continues to meet on the first Friday of each month
- Julie will be on Facebook live Friday night June 10th for Happy Hour, to show you what is new at Calico Cottage.
- Quilts of Valor Sew day is June 15th from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM
- Remember the 25th of the month is "12 Months of Christmas" = free Christmas projects.
- June 28th features "Wool Club" from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM
- Sew....It's Friday, happens on June 24th join us for a "free day of sewing"
- Scrappy Saturday is on June 25th stop by to pick up your free patterns for more ideas.
- Don't forget the once-a-month Fat Quarter Friday Sale - see sale section for details.

## GETTING TO KNOW US!

By now most of you have had the opportunity to stop in and meet Julie and the staff at Calico Cottage. During the next few months, we will be featuring an employee so you get to know us just a bit better. We will be starting with Julie!



Julie Ochsner is a wife (Randy), mother of two grown children (Jacie & JD), the best mother-in-law any one could have (Eric & Tessa), a grandma of Elam with another on the way, and a second mom to most of the Adams County 4-H youth (past & present). Julie embraced the entrepreneur world from early on. In 1984 she purchased the Knit Knook, changing the business name a couple times finally settling on Julie's Xpressions. She selected the name because Xpressions allowed her to change and grow the business continually. It all started by dabbling in knitting, crocheting and needle-arts in the early years. Then branching out exploring the wholesale world with floral arrangements. Julie designed and sold floral arrangements to gift and flower shops throughout the US. She has always had a love for "oh shinny" items so beads became a natural addition to the shop. Julie has grown and expanded the business outgrowing two locations in downtown Hastings. By purchasing "the corner", we have finally settled and she says no more moves. With the retirement of Sue, Julie decided her vision for the retail store should grow and include Calico Cottage. Little did she know how much she loves, loves, loves fabric. After a few visits from the sales reps Julie has settled into her new roll as owner. Julie is a self proclaimed "Queen of the Needle!", because everyone should be a queen of something or at least a princess. Aside from family time and the responsibilities of the stores, Julie spends time working as the UNL Extension Assistant in Adams County where she works primarily in the 4-H and youth development areas. Just ask her about this she would love to tell you that story. Recently, Julie became the National Director for the Under our Wings Quilts of Valor program. So....when do you sleep Julie?

Here are a few questions we asked Julie to get to know her just a bit better.

- What is your favorite color? This is a tricky one because I really do love all colors. And I like different ones for different things. But if I were to pick just one it would be Red. Red just feels right for me, it symbolizes action, passion, energy, strength, excitement, adventure and love.
- What is your favorite season and why? I think it would have to be fall, because of the changing colors and the cooler weather.
- Are you a morning person or a night owl? Totally a "Night Owl". Since I can remember I'm the last one to go to bed, I love how quiet it is late into the night. It's my me time to unwind!
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Who grew up, I continually evolve into who I currently am and what my passion is. Doin' what I love and lovin' what I am doin'.
- What inspires you daily? The world is a pretty amazing place. I am inspired by the people in it, my family, friends and customers. They are pretty great!
- What is your favorite food? Look at me, I love it all but give me a great steak, potatoes and homegrown sweet corn, any day and I will be happy.

- Where was your best vacation? We've had a few...but they all have the same thing in common... lots of time to just relax and enjoy the sound of the ocean with my toes in the sand and family by my side. Zip-lining through the jungle is pretty fantastic too!
- What are the words you live by? Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.
- What are your top 5 favorite notions? #1 is the NEEDLE! who could live without a needle, good quality cutting tools, magnifying glasses (readers), clip on light, and Chocolate!

Julie's business philosophy is: The reason people pass the door, to patronize another store. Is not because the busier place, has better beads, fabric or lace, or special prices, but it lies in pleasant words and smiling eyes. The only difference, I believe, is the treatment folks receive.

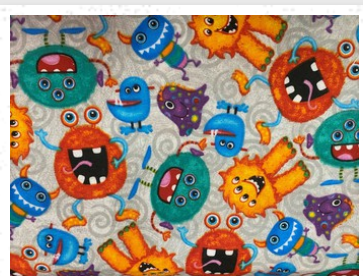
## WHAT'S NEW AT CALICO COTTAGE

### NEW ROTARY CUTTER BY CREATIVE GRIDS

The Creative Grids® 45mm rotary cutter is designed with you in mind. The sleek red metal body adds weight to the cutter so less pressure is required when cutting fabric. The cushioned, comfort grip is designed to fit your hand, reducing slips and muscle fatigue.



When the button is in the center, the guard fully protects the blade when not in use. Move the button a quarter circle to the left or right to expose the blade for right and left handed users. The exposed blade is specifically designed to extend beyond the guard to work with the Creative Grids® slotted rulers. To replace the blade, simply pull down on the tab to release it and add a new blade – a one step process.



### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND... FUNNY MONSTERS

This soft and cuddly double napped (brushed on both sides) flannel is perfect for quilting, blankets, loungewear, pajamas, and children's apparel.

### JUST IN... BABY SAFARI... HOW CUTE IS THAT!

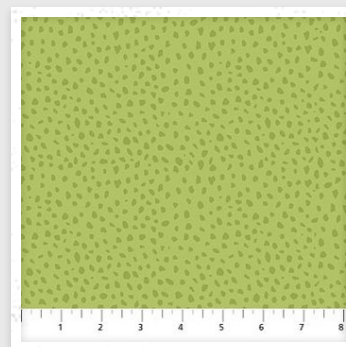
The jungle animals are larger than life in this great new Northcott collection perfect for new babies in your life. Designed by Northcott Design Director Deborah Edwards, Baby Safari is a soft set with giraffes, elephants, zebras, rhinos and of course, lions! Get ready to tame the wild



**GROWTH  
CHART &  
BIBS PANEL**



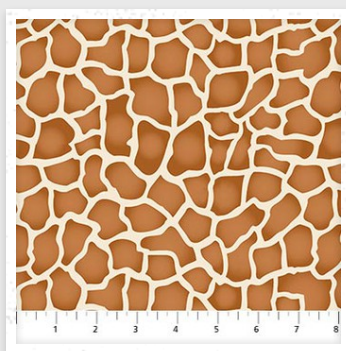
**ANIMAL  
HEXAGONS**



**MINI SPOT  
FOSSIL DOTS  
- GREEN**



**ZEBRA  
STRIPES**



**GIRAFFE  
SKIN RUST**

## **YEAR OF ART FROM IN THE BEGINNING STUDIO**

This collection is perfect for quilters who love to change their decor with the seasons. Each season has a beautiful panel print and a border print with coordinating go-withs. A pattern will be available for each season and will contain instructions for three projects: a wall hanging, table runner and pillow. Stop by Calico Cottage to see these beauties!

Summer is available now!

Autum will be available in July.

Winter will be available in September.

Spring will be available in January 2023.



## IT'S A WRAP (ORIGINAL CALICO COTTAGE PATTERNS)

And the Pillow Wrap series continues with:

June - "Summer Tweet Summer"

May - "Brings May Flowers"

April - "Not just any rabbit... it's the Easter Bunny"

March - "No Shenanigans just Clovers"

February - "Love Hearts"

January - "Sledding through the Winter"

Each month on the first Wednesday of the month a new wrap for the month will be released!

Stop by and pick up your free pattern and/or (kit includes pattern) for \$17.49.



# CLASSES

Please note our class schedule has been scaled down for the summer. But please remember we are here for you! If you need help with your project give us a call and we will set up a time with you to provide our 1 on 1 assistance with no charge.

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"

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

June 6th & 7th

Class Fee - 2' x 2' = \$45.00, 3' x 3' = \$55.00, 4' x 4' = \$65.00

Choose a two - day evening class. Find a time that fits your schedule. These classes tend to 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"

**No Class in June or July!**

Select a panel (any panel of your choice) this is what you will work on during the classes, **August 18th**, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, and 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 call and let us know that you will be attending
- Please bring scissors, embroidery floss, specialty threads, beads, a hoop & needles to the class.

Class is for Beginning Level to Experienced Embroiders - Everyone will learn something new!

## SALES!!

- National Sewing Machine Day Celebrate with 15% off sewing machine needles!
- Fat Quarter Friday on June 17th - Take a chance and draw for your discount on the fat quarters. You may draw prior to shopping for the fat quarters. There will be some great deals on the "fats".
- Flannel Friday it's not too early to stock up for Fall sewing - All Flannel fabrics are 20% off on June 24
- "Manic Monday" June 27th - Stock up on Fabric Buy 2 yards and get the 3rd yard Free off the same bolt.



## LUGGAGE SALE TAGS!

Yes, we have the luggage tags for sale! They work like the shop hop bags, the only difference is that they are a tag not a bag. They can be purchased at any participating shop for \$10.00. Then use the tag on the 20th of the month for a 20% discount off regular price merchandise.

## HEARTLAND SHOP HOP

It's a Summer Beach Party! July 7th through July 16th 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM / NO Sunday Hours  
Shop participating shops for beach theme projects, free patterns, in-store drawings & register for the grand prize drawings at:

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

## QUILTING ACROSS NEBRASKA 2022

Did someone say...Road Trip! Join the Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops on a journey across Nebraska throughout the rest of the year. Visit any of the participating shops to get your stamp for a chance to win a Gift Certificate. Checkout <http://nebraskaquiltshops.com>

## SAVE THESE DATES!

### Upcoming events & classes:

- July 7th - 16th, Summer Beach Party - Heartland Shop Hop
- July 11th & 12th, Barn Quilt Class with Rickie
- July 12th, Enter Open Class at the Adams County Fair
- July 13th - 17th, Check out the exhibits at the Adams County Fair
- July 25th, Christmas in July Preview Party & Sale

### Quilt Shows & Events

- Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail, in communities of Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, Bristol and Wakarusa in Elkhart County Indiana. May 30 - September 15. 1,000,000+ glorious blooms in super-sized Quilt Gardens, plus hand-painted Quilt Murals. Free Event.
- Nimble Thimble Quilt Show, Plainsman Museum - Aurora, June 23, 24 & 25, 9AM - 4PM, \$5.00 Admission
- Omaha Quilt Guild Show, Embassy Suites in LaVista, NE, June 23rd, 24th & 25th, 9AM - 4PM
- Annual Quilt Show & Auction, Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, July 9th
- Threads Across Nebraska, Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, October 7th & 8th

### Quilt Nebraska - State Convention, Birds of a feather flock together!

- July 21st - 24th at Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE
- National Teachers - Kathy Delaney & Reeze Hanson
- 19 Regional Teachers featured in 26 classes/lectures
- Final registration deadline - June 26th

### Upcoming Retreats

Sue's Quilt Retreat at Calico Cottage Oct 21, 22 & 23 has several spaces available stop in to register.

Julie is adding another retreat with Sue at Calico Cottage this fall November 11th & 12th let us know if you are interested.

***Remember to Stop by the Calico Cottage Nebraska Facebook Page regularly!***

## REGISTER NOW, FOR GUEST INSTRUCTOR!

- Who - Cathy Kaufman, Fabric Artist, Certified Instructor
- What - Fabric Collage Workshop, Featuring Laura Heine Techniques/Class - Teeny Tiny Collage Patterns (about 16"x20")
- Where - Calico Cottage
- When - September 23rd (Hastings Quilt Guild) or September 24th (Anyone can attend either day)
- Fee - \$90 per day (you may attend both sessions or either one) plus the pattern and your supplies

Stop in at Calico Cottage to select the pattern you will be working on and pick up your supply list



## REGISTER NOW FOR FALL!

*Block of the Month*

*"Wing & A Prayer design"*

*October 2022 – September 2023*

*Available on the Last Wednesday of the month,*

*Also featuring a free sew along that day.*

*Down-payment \$26.50*

*Due at sign-up*

*Kit Each month \$26.50*

*only 7 registrations available so don't wait*

## COME TO SHOP!

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

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

Regular Saturdays; 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday; Closed

Julie, and her Calico Cottage Piecemaker's - Diane, Lorinda, Ann, Carla, Deb, Eileen, Jo & Sharon will be happy to assist you!




## CALICO COTTAGE

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