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Country Quilt Co Chit Chatter

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Let us help you create something really fabulous.

Get Ready for the festive season

Something to think about

- ✂ Sometimes subtle hints get lost in translation— be kind to others and make it obvious what you are on about!
- ✂ Zip lock bags are your friend. Fill them with small projects and hide them everywhere—in the car, under the lounge, in your hand bag, in the beach/golf/visiting bags—you never know when you will have a moment to yourself!
- ✂ When is the last time you changed the needle in your sewing machine?

An interesting thing happened to me the other day - I was diplomatically challenged by one of my most charming customers! She has been emailing me newsletters for a while now with no message—just the attached newsletter. When I asked her what she was up to, she pointed out that if I didn't send her my own newsletter then she would send me some of hers. Thank you Vicki—point taken.

The Country Quilt Co is all about relaxing. Relax when you visit the shop or when you browse through the website. Relax when you order on line - it is safe and secure. Ultimately, relax and create something fabulous!

Please call in to the shop or call me if you have any questions about your projects, products that you are unsure how to use or if you are looking for a bit of inspiration. I love a good chat!

for gift giving and receiving along with instructions on how your loved ones can actually purchase your special item of interest. The best part of this sneaky tactic is that you can let the crowd know what you would like and you will get a surprise when you open your beautifully wrapped present on Christmas morning. Get ready to declare "it is exactly what I wanted!" Send yourself a present from Santa—you now you deserve it!

I have started positioning my little emergency bags of 'things' around the place for the holidays. You know what I mean—the zip lock bag that has a stitchery in it, the nice new threads, the needle threader (for those times where the sunshine is too bright or that tiny little eye in the needle is smaller than it used to be), another bag that has the prepared pieces of beautiful fabric and papers for English paper piecing, and maybe another new little something that I have been keen to start for ages. I know the importance of these emergency-spare-moment-bags, so, I have pre-prepared a few for you. Prices start from \$12 and can go as high as \$450. Let me do the preparation for your emergency sewing project. A girl cannot be without something fabulous to make when there is an opportunity for self indulgence of the creative kind. These kits are a great gift idea to introduce children to our relaxing past-time.

Become a Super Stitcher. Call in and get a membership card and whenever you buy books published by Martingale and Company or That Patchwork Place get your card stamped. Collect 9 stamps and you get a free book from the publisher. Easy Peasy and hassle free.

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The new range of patterns from designers such as Wildcraft Farm, Leanne's House, Cinderberry Stitches and Birdhouse are all on line now. To make your life easier—all patterns online are available as kits.

Just about everyone loves a surprise; so, cats and kittens, to help you get ready for that age old question 'what do you want for Christmas' I have prepared a wish list for you to leave around the house. Great ideas



Jolly Santa

Pre-printed pattern \$20

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Everyone Loves bargain

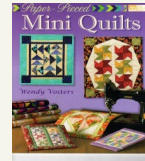
You can start your Super Stitcher cards with these great new releases from Martingale and That Patchwork Place.

Great for you or as a gift, the new 2011 calendar has 12 quilts and a pattern booklet for \$19.95.

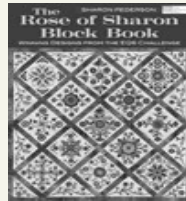


Paper Pieced Mini Quilts is also a favourite of mine. Sadly, when I made a sample for the shop I couldn't stop at just one, and now we have three! Great for using up your stash and making the most adorable little gifts you have ever

seen. The projects take a few hours and are a real talking point! \$32.95



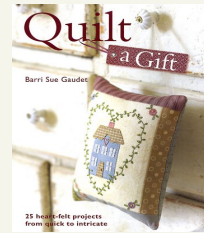
A serious favourite of mine is the Rose Of Sharon. Appliqué with a difference, it is seriously beautiful. Only \$34.95 and worth every



cent! We have something special planned for this little lovely early in the New Year, so stay tuned for

more info.

A brilliant example of value for money is the latest book



from Bareroots. There are 25 beautiful projects suitable for all skill levels and you even get an estimate of how long each project will take. You will get a lot of use out of this book. \$37.95

There is sure to be a [book](#) to take your fancy on our website—have a look.

Get the children in your life to make their own piece of art, seal it with a fabric medium and then make up a special quilt for them using their own work.

Threads and things

We now stock the full range of gorgeous hand dyed stranded cottons by Cottage Garden Threads. These threads are lovely to stitch with and the finished work really is beautiful.

We also have stranded DMC floss and Threadworks over-dyed threads.

New to the shop, is the most delicious hand dyed silk

ribbons that you have ever seen! To be perfectly honest with you, the main reason that I got these ribbons was because I needed to have the display ring—it is just too pretty! Ribbons are available in 4 different sizes 2mm, 4mm, 7mm and 13mm and prices range from \$3.95, \$4.40, \$5.50 and \$7.70 respectively.

A great thread conditioner is Thread Heaven. It extends the lifetime of thread and the finished items that you have made, protects against UV damage, mould and mildew and reduces tangling whilst you are stitching. Only \$6.95 a block (that lasts for an age!)

The world of gadgets...

I love new gadgets. I like to see what people have come up with to make my sewing time more fun and productive. A few of the latest gizmo's are ...

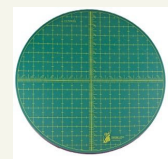
✂ [The Design Mat](#)—This revolutionary mat grips the table and your fabrics, it's great as a lay-out work area and is brilliant to write or trace on. \$17.50

✂ [Clearly Perfect Angles](#)— Create 45 Degree angles without pins, paper or pencils. This sheet will fit all types of sewing machine and is amazing! I have been using mine for



over a month and just love it. \$18.70

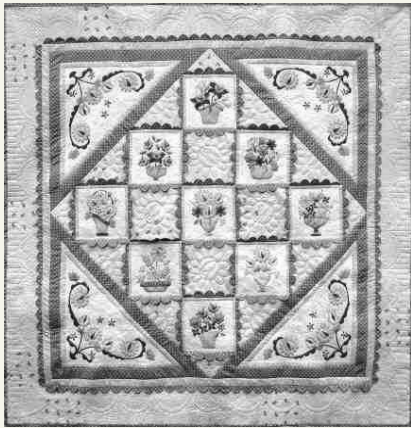
✂ Not so new, but used each time I sit at my machine is the [rotating cutting mat](#). Perfect for small, fiddly cutting and best used with a small rotary cutter—making my Dear Jane blocks has never been so easy! \$54.95



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A taste for Colourque



Neenies Garden is here. This amazing quilt looks as though you have spent hours doing needle-turn appliqué and agonizing over

fabric selections to make it look just perfect. No it isn't smoke and mirrors; it is coloured pencils.

Fantastic! If you have ever held a pencil and coloured in a picture, then you can do this. Truly!

Neenies Garden is an 11 part block of the month program. It is \$44 per month and includes everything you will need to complete the top of the quilt. To ease you in to the whole idea, I have some great little [colourque taster kits](#) for you to learn on. Each kit has an iron-on transfer

design, fabric, several pencils and fabric medium. The kits cost \$25. Other designs are available separately for \$10.50 each. The completed designs can be used in any number of small projects. Be warned though...this is very relaxing and you will struggle to stop for normal activities like eating, sleeping and day-time jobs.



The wish list... Here is how to use it to your best advantage!

1. Print off page 4 of this newsletter.
2. Use a **red pen** or a **coloured** pencil and fill in your name in the spaces provided.
3. In order of preference, place a number beside each item on the list.
4. Add a few more items that can be purchased on line at www.countryquiltco.com.au
5. Make several more copies of your list to leave in obvious places around the house— on pillows, in the fridge, on favourite chairs, stuck to the tv and/or computer screens, email to family and friends, personally deliver a copy into the hands of someone who loves you.
6. In 2 days, repeat step 5.
7. Next time you sit down for a meal, mention how tirelessly you have worked to make this delicious feast. Next sentence, "Have you seen that wonderful wish list that Suzanne has prepared for us?"

Follow these steps, and it will work like a charm. You will be smothered in beautifully wrapped gifts that you want and your family will think it was all their idea. Everyone is happy!

A special treat for you from the Country Quilt Co and Wildcraft Farm.

This stitchery will brighten your day whilst you stitch and then again when you give it to one of your friends— do it because you can!

Special thanks to Janet Rowe from [Wildcraft Farm](#) for letting me share this pattern with you.



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Wish List

To the people who love me and who would like to find the perfect gift for me, _____, this Christmas without me knowing what it is or asking me to be specific or to wrap it for myself...

World Peace

Fresh food and water for everyone

Health and happiness for my family, friends and people I don't even know.

Lower interest rates

For all (or any) of the other things listed below, please call **Suzanne at the Country Quilt Co on 0732947000**. She will talk you through the easy process of choosing what I want, gift wrapping it for you and surprising me on Christmas morning with something I really want. In anticipation of a lovely gift, Thank You my darlings.

[Super Stitcher books](#)

From \$19.95

[Jolly Santa](#)

\$20

[Neenies Garden](#)

\$44/month for 11 months

[Emergency Bags](#)

From \$12.00

Silk Ribbon

From \$3.95

[Design Mat](#)

\$17.50

[Clearly Perfect Angles](#)

\$18.70

[Rotary Cutting Mat](#)

\$54.95

[Colourque Taster Kit](#)

\$25.00

[Emergency bags](#)

From \$12

[Gift Certificates](#)

From \$10

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