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# Country Quilt Co Chit Chatter

Let us help you create something really fabulous.

## Something to think about

- ✂ When was the last time that you looked in your bottom drawer? Go and see what treasures you have hidden from yourself!
- ✂ Use your scraps to make miniature quilts. They make adorable little pot holders, wall hangings or place mats.

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I love this time of year. It is still relatively warm during the day and then seriously cool at night. Perfect to curl up on the lounge and stitch to my hearts content (or my eyes droop shut too much for me to see any more). Sewing or sleeping; I am happy either way.

New things are starting to arrive in the shop. The most beautiful flannel from Maywood Studio—**Winter Palace** will be here in the next week. This pretty collection reflects both rustic and modern influences and still remains classic in the way that it looks. Wildcraft Farm have released some delightful stitchery kit in a cards—perfect for the stitcher in us all and fabulous as gifts for your crafty chums. Too delicious to miss out on, so call in to the shop and have a look.

Some fun new classes have been added to the regular things that we do. Have a look at the [Christmas Tree Skirt](#). It looks tricky but once you get into it this is a very rewarding project to make. All of a sudden it starts to take shape and you think “aren’t I the clever one!” I really enjoyed making the sample. Other

classes that you might like are listed on page 3 of this newsletter or online under [classes](#)

Keep an ear out for my dulcet tones over the airwaves. We have a new advertisement happening on River 94.9 starting in July. Heaps of fun to make and kind of uncomfortable for me to listen to. My voice doesn’t sound that squeaky in my head, so I am thinking that perhaps they filled the sound booth with helium gas to make me sound like a chipmunk. Funny guys; real funny...

Come in and get your fix of beautiful fabrics, inspiring patterns and feel good projects—I would really love to see you and share in the sewing fun that is winter in Queensland.

Toodles for now,  
Suzanne



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## A good read...

This is the time of year that many Designers release some of their really yummy new things. Annie Downs from Hatched and



Patched has released her latest book—'Some Kind of Wonderful'. As you would expect it is amazing! The three quilts in this book are just lovely and a total of 16 projects will have you happily making things for the rest of the year. \$32.95

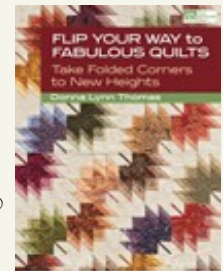
At the same time, Natalie Lymer from Cinder-



berry Stitches has released her gorgeous new book 'Cotton Floss'. It has 12 new projects in it and each one is in Natalie's elegant and very pretty style. \$30 plus postage. That is only \$2.50 per pattern!

The latest releases from That

Patchwork Place include several really good stash busters. [Flip Your Way to Fabulous Quilts](#), [Strip Smart Quilts](#) and [Quilting Those Flirty 30's](#) include more than 40 projects between them that will turn your stash into a work of art. Each book is priced at only \$32.95 and don't forget you can use your Super Stitcher card to get free books.



### [Country Quilt Co Club Card.](#)

Enjoy the benefits of being a CQC Club member...

- ✕ 10% discount on purchases.
- ✕ Members only specials
- ✕ Discounted classes.
- ✕ Your own wishlist
- ✕ A gift on your birthday.

**The card is valid for 12 months and costs only \$60.**

The card will start from the 1st of July—just in time for Christmas in July and starting those wonderful winter projects to keep you entertained during the cooler months.

## Flood update

As with all disasters, the actual event is now a memory but the after effects are still very real for so many people. Houses are starting to be rebuilt. Some families have returned to their homes, some still live in caravans. Too many insurance companies rejected flood claims so the rebuilding is taking a bit longer than hoped.

On the up side though—through the fund raising efforts of many of you, we have been able to give away more than 40 quilts, 50+ stash rebuilders and 40+ complete projects kits, 40 of the 50 little sewing bags that we made here at the shop have found new homes and more than \$5,000 has been given to families to get the rebuilding of their lives on track. The flood relief stitcheries continue to be sent back and are still being turned into gorgeous quilts.

To say Thankyou for supporting the Country Quilt Co to help our community, I would like to give you a small gift—a Country Quilt Co card. Your card is valid for 6 months and will entitle you to many discounts and special membership treats. Hop on line and register today and start to enjoy your membership rewards/thankyous straight away.

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## Classes for the next few months

### From Start 2 Finish

Great sampler class for students new to the addiction that is patchwork and quilting. Over 10 weeks you will learn how to choose colours that work for you, piecing, quilting and finishing techniques.

\$250 for the class + fabric

Date: Wednesday, June 15th, 2011

Time: 6—8:30pm

### Mariners Compass

This is a classic design to learn the fun of foundation piecing.

\$50 for the class + fabric *or*

\$80 for class only (pattern to be purchased)

Date: Saturday, June 25th 2011

Time: 12md—5pm



### Christmas Tree Skirt

Impress family and friends with this wonderful creation! It looks trickier than it is, but you must be able to sew an accurate 1/4" seam and bring your 1/4" foot.

2 day weekend class

\$60 + kit *or*

\$100 for class only (book must be purchased)

Date: Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July, 2011.

Time: 1-5pm both days.



### Chenille Pillow

Turn your practice piece into a funky pillow—a great accessory for your quilts.

\$40 + kit *or*

\$60 class only (pattern to be purchased)

Date: Saturday, 2nd July 2011

Time: 1—4pm



### Christmas Stocking

Make a traditional stocking for the newest member of the family, or one for each kid at heart in your life.

\$30 + kit *or*

\$50 for class only (pattern to be purchased)

Date: Saturday 9th July, 2011

Time: 12:30—4:30pm

### Stepping Stones

Great for a beginner, and fun for the more experienced sewer to create something really fabulous! Straight



sewing - no tricky bits. Make a table runner in the class and then the sky is the limit (so to speak). Essential is a 1/4" foot and a sewing machine that is in good working order.

1 day class

Time: 10am - 4pm Sunday 3rd July 2011

Cost: \$40 + kit *or*

\$80 for class only (pattern to be purchased)

### Tumbling Blocks

My personal favourite class....

I loved making this sample!

Not for the feint hearted, but

certainly worth a little bit of effort

and concentration. You must be able to stitch an accurate 1/4" seam and a 1/4" foot is essential.

2 day weekend class

\$100 + kit *or*

\$150 for the class only.

Date: Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July, 2011

Time: 12md—5pm both days.

### Dragon Flight

Quilt as you go stash buster.

Great for all skill levels.

3 x 3 hour lessons over 3 months.

\$30 per lesson + kit

Dates: Fridays 8th July, 12th August and 9th Sept

Time: 9:30—12:30pm



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## In case you need a reason to buy fabric...

- ✘ It insulates/sound proofs the cupboard where it is kept.
- ✘ It keeps the economy moving. It is our duty to support the cotton farmers, textile mills and local patchwork shops.
- ✘ It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
- ✘ It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, you'll never have to feed it, change it, wipe it's nose or walk it.
- ✘ Because you are worth it.
- ✘ There is always one special fabric that will make the rest 'work' really well together.
- ✘ Like dust, it's good for protecting preciously empty spaces in the house. Like the ironing board, the laundry basket, and/or the dining room table.
- ✘ It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
- ✘ Because it is on sale.
- ✘ Because you are worth it.
- ✘ Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all of your shopping expeditions!
- ✘ I'm participating in a contest - the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
- ✘ It makes me feel good, and damn it...

because YOU are worth it!

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