



Greetings from NH Quilters' Emporium

THE MOVE: Yes, it's true. We've moved. Maybe you've driven by Pennichuck Square in the last week or so and wondered what happened to our storefront. Maybe you actually drove in to Pennichuck Square and panicked when you didn't find us in our usual spot. I'm really sorry for frightening you. I had intended to get an email off BEFORE it happened, but better late than never, right? I know; not always.

I want to assure you all that we are still here and intend to continue to be here. We have 8 more years left on the 10 year plan. I know there have been a lot of questions so let me answer them as simply as possible. We had an opportunity to cut our rent in half. Yes, in half. That's significant with the cost of retail space being what it is. After much number crunching and deliberation the decision was made to make the move, which will insure our continued existence. Nancy Bell will continue to hold her Open Sew times at her home; you can reach Nancy at 603-465-7822 if you need directions. In the fall we will begin to think about the possibility of some occasional specialty classes.

The new shop is really nice, in fact, a lot of people have expressed that they like it better. It's cozier and for some reason it seems to be easier to see the fabrics. Those are customers words, not mine, but don't rely on hearsay, come in and check it out for yourself. We have become more efficient in the use of our space, but we still find ourselves with "stuff" we don't need. AND I need to make room for Christmas fabric! YIKES! Yup, Christmas fabric is on it's way.

THE SALE: So...."what should we do?" I thought about a sidewalk sale. I thought about an inventory reduction sale. I decided on an "ALMOST Half Price Sale"! Here's the scoop: WHEN: July 18, 19, 20 & 21st (that's Wednesday thru Saturday of this coming week) WHERE: NH Quilters' Emporium, Pennichuck Square, Route 101A Merrimack NH. (IF you're attending the Southern NH Quilt Festival say hi to Jack in the Tin Lizzie 18 booth then hop on Route 3 North to Exit 8, Right onto Rte 101A, right into Pennichuck Sq at Georgio's Restaurant after about a gazillion traffic lights.) What's on Sale? Select patterns, books and notions will be ALMOST half price. Select fabric will be 5 yards for \$25.00 or take the end of the bolt for \$5.00/yard. We're moving stuff out to make room for new! Please come & take advantage of us!

Some other items available for sale next week will be 2 cutting stations at \$25.00 each, 2 pressing stations at \$25.00 each, 2 irons at \$5.00 each, at least 4 Janome sewing machines for \$50.00 a piece, some nice wooden wall mounted quilt hangers, some 2' and some 3' available for \$25.00 each & whatever else doesn't sell at the flea market on Sunday. We do have about 8 white wire units that we had our fat quarters on. Those sell new for about \$150.00 each and we have some

available for \$50.00 each, if you know anyone who might have a use for them. Please drop me an email if you need further info. Thanks!

And now for what's new. Paris Cats from Benartex - about half my order arrived with the other half backordered, but expected sometime later this month. Paris Cats is a fun group of - you guessed it! CATS silhouetted available in lavender, blue or milk chocolate brown with some fun co-ordinates. A stripe, some ditzy prints, a couple of geometrics, a "kitty boutique" fabric with shoes, bags & fashionable kitties. A fun group. We made up a sample of the Bow Tucks Tote using some of these fabrics & it's great! Folks who have copied our sample are now getting orders from everyone they meet to make them a tote "exactly like that one"!

Susan Branch kits, labels and fabric arrived. I hadn't heard of Susan Branch so I had to go to her website to find out who she is. Here's what I can tell: She seems to be a very talented artist-type lady who designs and sells dishes - teacups, teapots, jam holders - all things tea-like. She has calendars, cookbooks, notepads all with cute little quotes on them. She's gardeny, kitcheny and has recently designed a line of gardeny, kitcheny fabric for RJR called Vineyard Seasons. As I said I did purchase some of her quilt kits, labels and a couple bolts of fabric. After seeing what she did with her fabric I wish I'd bought more. Check out her website at: www.susanbranch.com then come in and see what we can pair up with fabric to make something wonderful. Maybe some cute placemats, a table runner or topper or maybe even a tablecloth like the one on her website.

Let's see, what else. We got in some smaller lines - the Emma Collection from Blank Textiles - a nice summery floral collection. A group from The American Woman's Home Collection II - these 19th Century prints are inspired by artifacts and textiles from the personal collection of historical figure Harriet Beecher Stowe. Working closely with The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center to preserve the integrity of the patterns and colorations, Windham Fabrics has reproduced this second collection of fabrics with designs authentic to the time period. The soft florals, pretty scroll designs, and tone-on-tone patterns allow for a timeless elegance that translates into beautiful quilt, craft and home dec projects. We have another new-ish floral collection from Timeless Treasures which features beautiful large pink roses on a pistachio green background, a rose, pink & green madras plaid, green & white toile, etc. And as always, we have some new Asian panels and prints. I found a pattern that uses all those beautiful large prints & I'm in the process of making a sample right now so you can see how you can use all those Asian fabrics you've been collecting.

I got in some new patterns by Cathy Van Bruggen. Some are pieced patterns designed for 1930s reproduction fabrics and some are beautiful appliqué patterns which you can either fuse or needle turn. These appliqué patterns would be just gorgeous made up with batiks. Speaking of batiks; I know my selection is currently quite low. Don't worry, the sales rep is coming Monday so I'll be beefing up that section again real soon.

Okay, I'm tired and my brain wants to rest. I had to, had to, had to get this out to you before going home today. I wouldn't want the Sidewalk/Almost Half Price sale to come and go without you knowing

about it. Tuesday night we'll be marking fabric and putting brand new blades in our rotary cutters so we'll be ready for you.

***** IMPORTANT !!!! As a result of the move and elimination of classes our adjusted store hours are:

Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat 10:00-5:00, Thursday 10:00-7:00, Friday 10:00-6:00.

Have a great night, a fun weekend and safe travels,

Pam & Jack

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