THE BOT SQUAD
NEWSLETTER

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Update on the blog and FasTrax design.

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From the Team

The team is adding items to our newsletter each issue. This is the page to find what they have to say.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Monthly Notions Events - Beginning in April 2010

Have you ever looked at a new tool, foot, or even a ruler and wondered how it worked? Or have you said to yourself: "I am sure I need this but why?" Each month, we will be hosting a Webinar specifically to teach about new products, notions, and feet. In April, we will be teaching about mitered binding and topstitching feet for bindings.

These classes will be scheduled the last Wednesday of the month at 9 pm EST. Sign-ups will be available on myQBOT.com under the 'Events' heading, so stay tuned! As this class grows and demand increases, we will be adding more sessions for both day and night sessions.

Ask Angela,

We were sitting while drinking a cup of our favorite blend when we had an idea for a new column to add to the newsletter. "Ask Angela." So we are putting the word out to get your input. If you have quilting questions please email denise@myqbot.com be sure to add "Ask Angela" in the subject line. You may have seen Angela answering questions on the Yahoo chat groups too.

Quarterly Projects

Many of you have asked about projects that can keep you learning. We have just completed our first QBOT project. We will be sending it the the members of the BOT Squad. This project will include written instructions with step by step images and one online instructional class for questions. Any of the designs that we use will be available for download at a special price for the BOT Squad member at http://www.myqbot.com/pages/joinbotsquad.html. If you have not signed up on the BOT Squad, be sure to sign up today. Don't miss out.

Happy Quilting,

Denise

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The Blog

Our blog is going well. We have been posting something new each week. To follow the blog, there is a sign up area on the righthand side of the blog page. This will be where we post pictures of quilts that you have completed on QBOT. If possible, send us your pictures so that we can share what you are doing with your QBOT with others. We will also post images from events that we have going on with QBOT and quilting.

Fastrax Designs

The Fastrax designs are free designs available to download at www.myqbot.com under the 'Designs' link. We will periodically add designs to this section. With each design we have included the PDF file for the template. Have fun with the free designs and be sure to send us images of your creations.

Carol's tip of the day:
Keep Your Quilts Square

To ensure your quilts are 'square', do not sew long border strips onto the sides of your quilt. Instead, measure your quilt down the vertical center, then cut two strips this length. Repeat in the horizontal direction for the top & bottom strips.

Simply Sew Kits

Quilt Kits - These precision-cut quilt kits have all the fabrics you'll need to complete a quilt top (binding, backing and batting sold separately). With all the components pre-cut, you'll be able to go straight to your sewing machine and simply...sew!

Join The Bot Squad

There are many reasons to join The BOT Squad. So many of you have asked "Why should you join The Bot Squad?"

Here are the reasons:
I.   The first to get the information about updates, classes and newsletter.
II. Complimentary quarterly project is sent out to members.
III. Free monthly quilting design (Beginning March 2010).
IV. Email link is sent to you for the free on-line Webinars.
V.   Event notification where Denise will be traveling with QBOT.
VI. First to know about new products and Simply Sew Kits.

QBOT Event at Luella's Quilt Basket 2009

(We do not sell or release your information when joining The BOT Squad.)
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QBOT   FROM THE TEAM

From Karen's Kitchen

Pineapple cake

1-3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs

2 cups flour and 2 tsp soda sifted together

1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple

Beat sugar, eggs – add flour & soda,

Dump in whole can of pineapple.

Pour into UNGREASED 9 x 13 pan

Bake 35 minutes in 350 deg. Oven.

Frosting :

2 - 3oz packages cream cheese

2 cups powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla

½ stick butter or margarine

Beat above and put on when cake is still warm.

This is one of my favorite cakes!

QBOT Consumer Classes

QBOT quilting is easy and fun!

Join us to learn more about quilting with automation. This class is designed to teach you edge to edge, nesting and using templates. You will also have the ability to ask questions in the chat section during the on-line class. Be sure to sign up today to reserve your space in class.

Register for a session now by clicking a date below:

Tue, Mar 16, 2010 9:00 - 10:00am EDT

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Mon, Apr 5, 2010 9:00 - 10:00am EDT

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Webinar System Requirements

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PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista, 7

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4

Ask Angela,

How do you stitch a design out with no changes?

If you have a pattern that you have designed in the software that is already to the correct size and you just want to 'GO,' you can zoom through the scaling process by choosing the same point for the upper right and lower left points during the scaling operation. It goes something like this:

1. Choose the design

2. Move the carriage to the lower left of the block

3. Choose 'Start'

4. Select 2 point scaling, press 'GO' (v2.07)

5. At the 'place on right-upper menu,' press 'GO' (do not move the carriage from the lower left of the block to do this.)

6. Do not move the carriage

7. At the 'place on left-lower menu,' press 'GO'

8. Keep proportion? - Yes

9. QBOT scales the file to 100%

10. Press 'GO' to move the start point

QBOT will move to the start point. Then you can fine tune using the arrow keys. You will get into a rhythm with this method of just pressing the 'GO' button to cycle through the menus. I do it all the time. This saves the time of choosing the area, but remember this only is useful if you know that your 100% scaled block or edge to edge will exactly fit your block or your quilt.

Thanks for asking,

Angela