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What's new with QBOT?

QBOT Classes

Many of our wonderful QBOT owners have been emailing asking for more advanced classes with QBOT. We have been working on our QBOT Club. Thank you for the suggestions that have been sent in over the past few months about new online classes.

QBOT Club will begin in June! Each month this club will hold 2 classes for advanced quilting with frames, machines, and QBOT. The first class will consist of "10 ways to record with QBOT." If you are a member of the QBOT Club you will receive a QBOT quilting design each month, a mini-project and the online class. You may sign up for both times or just one. It is up to you. See page 4 for more details about the club. Webinars are held each month. There are 2 Webinars that have the same content held on the same day each month. We are changing the time to be at 3pm and 9pm EDT. During this class we teach basic QBOT quilting techniques. As these classes are growing fast, we will be adding more times to the schedule.

Our Quarterly Quilting Fundamentals Webinars are online classes where we teach quilting techniques and tools of the trade. This is a projectbased class. Each class is FREE with the purchase of the kit to make the project. During the first class we will be constructing our projects from a laser cut kit. In the second class we prepare the project to load on the frame. If you do not have a frame you, will be doing this with your sewing machine and free motion or QBOT Quilting Channel Learn more about quilting with QBOT on YouTube. New videos are on the way!

embroidery unit. The third class and last class of the session is where we perform the final stages to project completion.

If you have questions about QBOT, the classes, or quilting, please contact me at <u>denise@myqbot.com</u> and we will help you or direct you to the right person.

Happy Quilting,

Denise



Book Review:

The Lovers Knot by Claire O'Donohue is the first novel in a series of quilt mystery stories. This novel centers on a quilt shop located in the Hudson River town of Archer's Rest. It deals with women's friendships and quilting. It is a pleasant, even gentle read – except for the cheating boyfriend and the murder. Booked review by Karen

Project Central

We'd like to highlight 2 of our hot sellers:

Versa-Wallet, \$8.99

This cute Make It/Take It flew off our shelves at a recent quilt show in Massachusetts. Kit includes all fabrics, ribbon, batting, button, and full-color instructions to complete kit. Several colorways available.



Streak o'Lightning, \$39.99

Our featured Building Blocks quilt kit is available in several colorways, but our batik Sea Life colorway will bring you anything but the blues!

You can construct these blocks in a weekend! Add borders or go borderless...it's sure to be a hit.

Kit includes laser cut, notched block components for (96) 6" finished blocks. Border kit sold separately as yardage.







BOT Squad Exclusive:

Free Project: *Casserole Dish Cover* coming soon via e-mail to BOT Squad members. Watch for it! It's perfect for your next potluck, and will go perfectly with Shelley's Mac & Cheese...

Learn to cook Mac & Cheese with Shelley

¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
2 cups skim milk, warmed
½ cup whipping cream
2 teaspoons Tabasco
12 oz. shredded sharp cheddar
2 cups elbow macaroni OR cellantani noodles
Plain breadcrumbs



- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. On the back burner, cook noodles according to package directions, until al dente.
- 3. In a large sauce pan, over medium heat, melt butter.
- 4. Add flour to melted butter, creating a roux.
- 5. Stirring constantly, very slowly add the warm milk. (This step should take several minutes.) Resist the temptation to add the milk all at once, this step is the "creamy step," so take your time!
- 6. When all the milk has been incorporated, add the whipping cream and Tabasco.
- 7. Stirring constantly, add the shredded cheddar until melted.
- 8. Remove from heat. Combine cheese sauce with cooked/drained noodles. (You can use either of the pans you've used or a separate bowl.)
- 9. Pour into a 9" x 13" casserole dish. Top with a thin layer of bread crumbs.
- 10. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

A Few Words from You!



"Tools are very important to get a quilters job done right. That's why I own a QBOT!"

From Marie, a happy QBOT owner with a Tin Lizzie 18 on a Hinterberg Frame.

CORINA'S CORNER

Learn to quilt with Corina! Our newest team member would like to invite you to learn how to quilt with her. Her mother is a sewer, and we are sure that she is excited to see that Corina is learning how to quilt. They will be attending their first quilt show together at the Stevenson Center in Rosemont, IL this month.

In conjunction with Corina's journey in the Miss Illinois pageant, she and Shelley have created a wonderful project to benefit the Children's Miracle Network:

The Springtime Pillow. This kit, available in four colorways, includes all materials necessary to construct the pillow slips shown at right. (pillow form sold separately) The batik fabrics have been laser cut, along with Steam-a-Seam templates for appliqueing the flower components. This quick and easy project can be constructed in minutes! A perfect idea for a Mother's Day gift!?!

LiTen Up Technologies, Inc. is donating 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these kits to the Children's Miracle Network. They can be found at <u>www.myQBOT.com</u> through the "<u>Quilt Kits</u>" (projects) link.



Ask Angela!

What brand of SD cards work the best with QBOT?

There are many different brands of SD cards on the market. Some of these have been found to be unreliable/counterfeit, with a mixture of parts on the inside. These "nonstandard" parts will not work in QBOT, although will generally work just fine in the other appliances such as computers, digital cameras, and PDAs. Many times, these are listed at bargain prices that seem too good to be true. Beware.

What size can I use?

We suggest purchasing from a reliable source, such as big box electronic stores, Radio Shack, Best Buy, etc. Brand name SD cards, 2GB or less, such as SanDisk, Lexar, Dane-Elec, and Kingston work best.

How do I use the SD card with my computer when I do not have an SD slot?

If you do not have an SD card slot on your computer, you need to purchase an SD card reader. This is an adapter that uses your computer's USB slot.

If you are unable to purchase a brand-name SD card or SD card reader in



your neighborhood, visit <u>www.myQBOT.com</u> and purchase through our "Parts and Accessories" page.

WEBINARS

DATE	LINK
Tue, May 25, 2010 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/ 302242545
Tue, May 25, 2010 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EDT	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/ 505213152
Tue, Jun 22, 2010 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/ 232296361
Tue, Jun 22, 2010 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM EDT	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/ 284806680

On-Line Class make learning easy and fun.

QBOT Club

Beginning in June, the QBOT Club is coming to a computer near you!

With paid annual membership fee of \$49.95, you will have access to many "member's only" exclusives:

Attend monthly online QBOT classes. Designed to address areas of interest for the advanced QBOT Quilter, these classes will take place once a month with 2 times available for live broadcast participation. Although the general content will be the same for both time slots, live participant input will vary. Your club membership allows you to participate in one or both. Should you miss a scheduled live broadcast, you will have access to the recorded session for up to 3 weeks after the broadcast.

Download exclusive quilting designs. Each month, you will receive information for downloading an exclusive QBOT quilting design. These will be compatible with QBOT version 1 and version 2 and can be saved to your computer/SD card. **Download fun project instructions.** Each month, you will receive information for downloading a fun project to construct. These will be neat ideas for using your scraps on hand.

Shop exclusive sales on kits, fabrics and handy notions. Club members will have special access to inventory blow-out sales, monthly scrap bags, and pre-release notification on kits and laser-cut fabric bundles. Additionally, members can participate in spotlight notions sales. Each month's special will be different, with limited purchase timeframe (some examples include sales for "1-week only"; "holiday weekend"; "24-hour Tuesday"; and "Lucky 13" to name a few.

Free shipping on kit orders over

\$100. Kit purchases made online through our shopping cart system totaling \$100 before tax and shipping are eligible for a shipping charge refund. The refund will be processed through Paypal – our shopping cart system host – directly to your account. Available on purchases of regularly-priced kits only, sorry, Sale Items and non-kit orders not applicable.