

ESTHER'S FABRICS



January/February 2010

What day is it?

As I type this...I can not believe it is January-2010. I can believe that the newsletter is late...but not that it is January-2010. Wow! My 6th anniversary at the helm of Esther's came and went with nigh a sound (this is good)...the Holidays came and went with happiness and a contented sigh...and no snow (this is good)...and our Annual Clearance Sale started and is going strong (this is GREAT)! The only thing better, pray tell? All of the stunning, dare I say AWESOME, fabric that I see everyday in my office waiting to come out! January 18th is going to be a fun day for me as we re-set the floor and charge into 2010.

What's coming? New Amy Butler Love, New Anna Marie Horner Voile's and Flannel's that are beyond words, Denyse Schmidt's Hope Valley, several collections of Moda, Andover, and more. I have also been researching some new Organic Fashion sources that I am excited about. I finally feel like there are truly Organic options out there, not just the 'green-washing' that has been happening so often within the fabric industry. I am planning a trip to 'The Source' (hello NEO!), a National fabric show in Vegas, to find all things new and exciting - I can't wait to see what there is to see!

Classes are full up, with lots of exciting possibilities! Beginning Quilting, WoolPets Needle Felting, Beginning Sewing, Embroidery 101, Serger 101, Weaving and more. New this time... Open Sew. Come join me Monday mornings for help, guidance, and a fair share of laughter as we tackle our sewing problems together! I can't think of a better way to spend 3 hours, or to start your week off right! What's in the works for next time? Free Motion Quilting, Printing on Fabric, a skirt class or two - and more!

So - I have been having a personal dilemma in my sewing room - and I feel that a few of you will be able to relate. I will have a brilliant idea (as you all know, when anyone has any type of idea that leads to sewing...it is brilliant)...and head to my sewing room to take control and create my next masterpiece. What happens when I open the door? I see half-finished projects...that fabric from 3 years ago that I am going to make into something...someday...right? My last brilliant idea is on my chair, ½ done and looking not so brilliant, I might add. Frustrating? Endlessly. So we have been talking here at the shop - How can we combat this creative drain in our lives? Enter **Resolution Solution!** Starting February 1st, you have 1 week to bring all of your "has been's" and "never will be's" into the shop. How about that pile of "what was I thinking?" - we all have one (be honest) - Yep - bring that too! Half finished projects (we'll take 'em), yardage that is just dragging your stash down (bring it), things that are clogging your creative pores (get them out)! Bring it all to Esther's - where we will release it back into the world to do good! We have a network of community charities that are waiting for everything that no longer serves you, so they can transform it into things that will make others happy. Quilts, sensory blankets, scarfs, and hats, to name a few. You will be helping fund teaching classes for those who can't afford them, or perhaps you will be helping to rehabilitate women at Purdy Prison. All of this can be accomplished by simply clearing away the clutter that stops you from fully utilizing your creative genius. I have started this in my space already - and it feels GREAT! Now for the **bonus** - for every donation you bring to the store...we will give you a special gift (which you will *really* like) as our way of saying THANK YOU for giving back!

Once we clear away the clutter...who knows what we will be able to accomplish!!!! I think I can even manage my resolution....No Store bought clothes for me in 2010! I will make everything *new* I wear!

Here is to another year of creative genius, brilliant ideas, and finely tuned sewing machines!

Happy Sewing - Jenn, Margret, Anne, Ann VI, Allison, Nancy and Stacia! Oh...and Esther too!

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ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

**Ends Sunday Jan 17th at 5pm.
Savings move to include most of the store
Jan 16th & 17th!**

RESOLUTION SOLUTION

**February 1st - February 7th
Donate your creative clutter!
New Year - New Creative You!**

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Annual Clearance SALE going strong! Don't miss your last few days to save! Final days, Jan. 16th and 17th, including savings STOREWIDE!</p>						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Beginning Sewing 6p-10p			Weaving 10am-2pm	Beginning Sewing 10a-2p	Last 2 days of the SALE
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SALE ends today at 5pm!	<i>New stuff GALORE!</i>			WoolPets Needlefelting 6p-9p		Serger101 10a-1p
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						Beg. Quilt Making 1 of 3 10a-1p
31	<u>CLASS POLICIES</u>					
Beginning Sewing 1p-5p	<p>When signing up for a class, we ask that you pay in full to reserve your spot. We ask that you give the instructor at least 72 hours notice when canceling your class to receive a refund. When signing up for a class, please be sure to get a class supply list, and then come prepared for the class. We are more than happy to help you with this. Most classes require a minimum of 2 people.</p> <p>If a class is cancelled for any reason – your money will be refunded. <i>Private classes can also be arranged.</i> <i>Simply talk to the instructor of the class you are interested in taking.</i></p>					

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
RESOLUTION SOLUTION FEB 1st – FEB 7th	1 OPEN SEW 9:30-12:30	2	3 Beg. Quilt Making 1 of 3 10a-1p	4	5	6 Beg. Quilt Making 2 of 3 10a-1p
7 RESOLUTION SOLUTION Last day for donations!	8 OPEN SEW 9:30-12:30	9 Embroidery 101 10a-12:30p	10 Beg. Quilt Making 2 of 3 10a-1p	11	12	13 Beg. Quilt Making 3 of 3 10a-1p
14	15 OPEN SEW 9:30-12:30	16	17 Beg. Quilt Making 3 of 3 10a-1p	18	19	20 WoolPets Needle felting 10a-1p
21 Beginning Sewing 1p-5p	22 Beginning Sewing 6pm-10pm	23 Sergers 101 10a-1pm	24 Weaving 10am-2pm	25 Beginning Sewing 10a-2p	26	27 Weaving 10am-2pm
28						

Does your CREATIVITY need a JOLT?

Let us help JUMPSTART your machine!

***OPEN SEW – Mondays in February, hosted by Jenn**

***Resolution Solution -
Help your community while reviving your creative genius!**



don't forget...

**Annual
CLEARANCE SALE
ends SUN 1/17
5:00pm**

**Resolution Solution
Feb 1st - 7th!
Out with the old -
in with the new!**

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ALPHABETICAL CLASS LISTINGS

Beginning Quilt Making – Taught by Marybeth O’Halloran. This class is designed for anyone who would like to make their first quilt top. In this 3 part class, you will learn about fabric selection, cutting, and quilt construction following a fundamental quilt pattern. Come see the sample and take the plunge! It is a great class! SUPPLY LIST - *3 SESSION* **Max Students: 3- \$65.00**

Beginning Sewing – Taught by Jenn. This class is designed for someone who has never sewn before. Basic sewing techniques and machine handling skills will be covered as we make a simple bag, including putting in a zipper. SUPPLY LIST – pattern is included in class fee. This class is great for anyone age 10 and up. If you have an aspiring sewist under 10, please speak to the instructor. **Max Students: 3- \$40.00**

Embroidery101 – Taught by Margret. You have all seen her working away on shop samples, now come and learn a thing or two from this master hand-work artist! Everything you need will be supplied in the class! Age 8 and up. **Max Students: 6- \$30.00**

Open Sew – Hosted by Jenn. Bring a project, or several, and spend 3 hours “gettin’ er done!” There’ll be help if you need it, refreshments and fun! Let us help you finish up those gifts!
Max. Students: 4 - \$10.00

Serger 101 – Taught by Johanna. Be Honest...are you afraid of your Serger? Well, then this class is for you! Let Johanna start you down the road to peace and friendship with this integral part of your sewing arsenal! Believe me – this is time well spent! Bring your machine, your manual and neutral thread - Everything else is supplied! **Max Students: 3- \$35.00**

Weaving – Taught by Caroline Browne. Come and learn this amazing hand loom technique from artist Caroline Browne! Looms will be provided for use in class, where you will finish one small project! If..actually when you fall in love with weaving, these inexpensive looms are available for purchase so you can take one home!. This class is sure to fill up fast! SUPPLY LIST.

Min. 2 students – so bring a friend! **Max Students: 6- \$45.00**

Wool Pets Needle Felting – Taught by Laurie Sharp. In this 3 hour class, you will begin your needle felting career by making a needle felted bird. You will need to buy a supply kit from the instructor (\$10 fee) the day of the class. From there – the sky is the limit!

Min. 3 students – so bring a friend! **Max Students: 6 - \$35.00**

Psst...Don’t forget our Annual Sale ***ends***
Sunday January 17th at 5 pm!

Then...we look forward to seeing you during
Resolution Solution –
February 1st – 7th