

Fabric City Support Group--2021

We have updated a couple things this year! We are continuing with the Challenge patterns--these are picked for variety and stash-busting ability, but they are also great projects for new fabrics and many of them work great for scraps! We are also going back to UFO/project prompts again (no more UFO post). We will be using an album for this--just like the challenge album and YES, you can earn a 2nd coupon! YEP! 2 coupons!

Ground rules:

1. It is about encouraging, supporting, being kind and having fun. If your posts and comments do not support these goals then you will be removed.
2. This group is for sewing, not for selling.
3. We do look at the requests to join the group and if there is not sewing or something that could link you to The Sewing Center we will most likely decline the request.
4. WE CAN CHANGE OUR MINDS AT ANY TIME. Yep. If something is not working or coming together like we want, we will try something different!
5. Please note that most of the managing and posting for this group is not done in the store, and we all have other jobs. We do our best, but sometimes we are late to post or miss something. Please let us know if something needs to be updated or fixed.
6. You must be on Facebook. Sorry...we don't have any other way to make this work.
7. **If you want to participate, then we want you too as well.** We are here to help. If you can't find the group, not sure about how to do albums...whatever is holding you back please let us know and we will help!
8. For those loyal customers who wish to participate but are not local please DO! We would love to see what you are making. If you want to use your coupon please call to make arrangements. You will be responsible for all shipping costs.

Here are a few of the things we will be doing:

1. All finished projects can be posted into an album on Facebook. We will draw for FREE fabric from all of the finished projects. Please only post 1 photo of your project in the album. We love to see the back, a photo with the recipient, and all of the other details but that is best done on the group wall. Staff and teachers can enter as well. We will have 2 winners each month. Each will win a 2 yard cut of cotton of their choosing.

2. Challenge Patterns. The challenge is to dig into and use up (eek!) that fabric stash you have built up. Each month will feature a pattern and if you complete the top and post a photo of the project in the correct Facebook album you will receive a coupon on \$10 off a \$30 purchase. The coupons are good for 3 months--Jan coupons are good Feb, March, and April. We will do our best to have the coupon list up and at the till by the 5th of the month, but please note this is a manual process and also, sometimes...life. The pack of 12 patterns is available at The Sewing Center for a discounted price of \$20. We have curated this collection to help you dig into every corner of your stash and use it up! Pre-cuts, Fat quarters, 1/2yards, full yards, and panels are all featured and many projects can be tweaked to utilize your scraps.

Like always make this work for you- make pillows instead of full quilts, table runners – whatever works with your stash and your needs. Not particularly fond of a pattern? Use that fabric that makes you wonder “what was I thinking” and make a top for charity!

3. UFO/Project Prompts. Each month we will put out a prompt. Complete a project that meets the prompt and post it. These need to be COMPLETED projects--no quilt tops or progress on projects. Add them to the album to earn 1 coupon for \$10 off your \$30 purchase (same details and rules on the coupon as with the Challenge Patterns).

4. Charity Sewing. Each quarter we will have a sewing project that you can donate to. Finished projects and/or supplies can be dropped off at the Sewing Center and we will handle getting them delivered.

5. Group Sew Alongs. We have plans to introduce fun patterns to help manage your scraps and learn new skills. Virtual

6. Secret sales. It might be a heads up on one happening at the store, an extra day to shop a sale, or a special sale just for this group. There will not be a schedule for this.

We are not currently planning any sewing parties. We hope this is something we can revisit this year, but for now it is off the table.

CHALLENGE PATTERNS and PROMPTS

JANUARY - Random Shuffle. $\frac{3}{4}$ (2) yards and 6 FQ for nice size lap quilt--super easy start to our year!

Homebound. Finish a binding or a project started in quarantine. Use what you have to finish a project.

FEBRUARY - Hillside Charm. Pull that panel for this charming quilt bordered with 5 inch squares.

True Love. Use your favorite fabric, finish your favorite project in the pile, make something for a loved one.

MARCH - Grandmother. Bold and BIG! This quilt uses 10 inch squares and yardage.

Handle It. Finish that bag, fix that border, finish that project you promised to do--just HANDLE IT!

APRIL - Bloom. Just a few 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ strips are needed for this one! This would also be a CUTE quilt or placemats.

So Challenging. Do you have a few quilts from the Challenge Patterns that need to be finished??? So do we.

MAY - June Bug. The perfect picnic quilt! Layer cakes and background are needed for this one.

Tying the Knot. Finish that wedding gift, finish a hand sewing project.

JUNE - Martina. Grab those 1 yard cuts. You will need 5 (including binding) to make this fun faux bargello!

Under the Stars. Make that RV quilt, finish the star quilt, or use up your celestial/galaxy fabric.

JULY - Blissful. Make this charming runner with just charm squares and a $\frac{1}{2}$ yard!

Christmas in July. Finish that holiday quilt or get a head start on one for this year.

AUGUST - Westerland. Can't wait to see this one made up--it wins the ugliest cover contest. It uses a panel, $\frac{1}{2}$ yards (or FQS) and fabric for sashing and border

Vacation Time. Make that tote for your trip, use the fabric/kit you bought on vacation!

SEPTEMBER - Cascade. A pack of charms and some background make up this fast/kid friendly quilt!

Changing Colors. Finish a fall project, use that fabric that's not "your colors." Create a bold and fun project outside of your box!

OCTOBER - Early Dawn. Play with scale on this pattern that uses yardage.

It's So Frightful. Conquer that step you are scared of, learn a new skill, or make something for Halloween.

NOVEMBER - Pathways. Choose yardage or FQs to make this stunning 2 color quilt!

Stuff It, Baste It, and Serve It. Finish that quilt top, make something for the table, stuff that toy.

DECEMBER - Flora. Charm squares, leftover 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ strips or scraps will be perfect for this cute runner.

Wrap It Up. Finish those gifts, making reusable wrapping paper or just finish that lingering project.