

Fabric City Support Group – 2022

We had SEW much fun in 2021 that we are sticking with the same plan! Album 1 will be for 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 will also have an album for UFO/challenge prompts again. We will have a 3rd album for any finish for the month. Posting in the albums for all challenge prompts earns you a coupon –(so each month you have an opportunity for two \$10 off your \$30 purchase coupons). Posting in the album for any finish gives you a chance to win 2 yards of fabric!

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. Please do not share live sales of other shops to the group.
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. Filling out the questions really helps us.
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. 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.
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.

A note on finding the albums and reviews: Facebook likes to move things around (a lot :). I have been and will continue to share the new albums to the page and then mark them as an announcement. Go to announcements and click on the picture or the name of the album—it should take you right there. I also mark the current month's review as an announcement. The other way to find the albums is to go to "More," "Media," and finally "Albums." The announcements can also be found under "Features."

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

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 11 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, 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 or turn the table runners into a quilt. Make them bigger, make them smaller. 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. We will continue to seek out opportunities for this group! Might now we are sewing pillowcases monthly for the Children’s Home in Sturgis in partnership with the Optimist Club.

5. 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 - Make Up Month. Pull out a past Challenge Pattern you didn't get done or remake your favorite!

Clean It Up. Set yourself up for a year of sewing success by starting with a clean space.

FEBRUARY - First Night. Grab a layer cake or maybe some FQ and make a great quilt! 48x68.

Happy Heart. Use your favorite color, finish something for your favorite person, or sew what makes you happy!

MARCH - Square Box. 12 fat quarters (OR SCRAPS) and 3 yds of background make this quilt really pop! 54x72

Lucky. Bust out the fabric or kit you won! Play bobbin chicken and win! Use the fabric you got a great deal on!

APRIL - Dapper. Just a few 2 ½ strips are needed for this one! CUTE quilt or placemats as well. 16x48

April Showers. Sew something in blue, finish that sad/hard project, make a shower curtain!

MAY - Quilter's Palette. Pull out your favorite panel and make it shine! 45x60

May Flowers. Use your favorite floral, finish your Grandma's Flower blocks, sew something to put you in the garden mood!

JUNE - Cinnamon Stix. Reach for the theme or border fabric and turn it into a fabulous quilt! 46x63

Teeny Tiny. What is the smallest project in your UFO pile? Cross that off.

JULY - Lattice. Just a little yardage makes this great runner—make a few and turn it into a quilt! 12x56

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

AUGUST - Duffy. Get ready for a new baby with this cute quilt using ½ yards! 36x48

Over it. Just do it. Pick up that project you are so over— get it off the list and out of the sewing room.

SEPTEMBER - Bookend. Back to school with this fast and fun 2 ½ strip quilt! 56x68

Old Fashioned. Use vintage fabric, breathe new life into an old project, or use an "old" favorite of a pattern.

OCTOBER - Yesterday. ⅓ yards make this a fast and fun quilt. I can't wait to see these combinations! 55x70

Pets. Cats and quilters-it's a thing! Use that animal fabric, make something for an animal loving friend, or maybe for your pet.

NOVEMBER - Coffee Break. Grab a charm pack and create a cool runner! 26x61

Top it Off. Finish that quilt top. Finish that binding.

DECEMBER - Winter Branches. 1½ strips or scraps make this runner stunning! I think a quilt would be amazing!

Secret Sewing. Finish those gifts and enjoy gifting them (on time! lol!)