

Fabric City Support Group – 2023

Everyone seems to love what we're doing so 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 each challenge prompt 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 each 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! Right now we are sewing pillowcases monthly for the Children’s Home in Sturgis in partnership with the Optimist Club. We are also in the planning stages of providing quilts to the daycare at Rural American Initiatives.

5. Secret sales. It might be a heads up on something 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 also looking at revisiting sewing parties. More details to come.....

2023 CHALLENGE PATTERNS AND PROMPTS

Each month you can earn up to two coupons.

Post **JUST ONE** picture in each folder (pattern challenge and prompt challenge)

JANUARY- Mazed pattern, uses 1 jelly roll.

Get Organized- kit up this year's pattern pack, clean out your drawers, anything to get you going on the right foot

FEBRUARY- Throwback, uses ½ yard cuts back ground and 6 of accent. This will get rid of 6 full yards!!!!

In the Bag- a bag or something that was living in a bag... need inspiration? catch our By Annie trunk-show in Jan.

MARCH- Goody Goody Gumdrop, cute runner from 1 charm pack.

Gizmo- (a gadget) – show off what you made using a great gadget or special tool- include it in the picture!!

APRIL- Hypnotized, this feature (9" finished) blocks, use small panel squares or a feature print

Operose – (Done with much involvement or labor)- lets knock that doozy off our list.

MAY- Honey Bouquet, this uses 12 FQ's and should be a quick one, maybe make a second one for charity!

Bright- bright colors, bright spot in your day, week or year, for a bright eyed person..... get creative.

JUNE- Firecracker, uses yardage. Although perfect for the fourth think about making three for a baby quilt?!

Scrappy and Happy- did you use up scraps, is it a happy pattern did you make it in your happy place?

JULY- Gallant Features Fat quarters, 6 of one color, 5 of another add some background and boom!

Patriotic- finish your firecracker (names count), patriotic colors, or a quilt for a patriotic person

AUGUST- Pumpkin Hallow, Fat Quarters, Fat eighths and/or scraps, these pumpkins are too cute.

Gift- a kit you were gifted, a gift to give at Christmas etc...

SEPTEMBER- Estrella, Yardage- this is a fun one- perfect those half square triangles.

Fall- colors, a BOM you "fell" behind on, a fabric you fell for.....

OCTOBER- Twisted, One layer cake, build on those half square triangle skills from last month

Spellbound- a project that has you under its spell, a Halloween thing....

NOVEMBER- Grand Prize, Panel with yardage- super fun setting

Gather- did you gather supplies for this, or gather the courage to do it? Is it for a gathering?

DECEMBER- Berry Smoothie, Fat Quarters and a quick sew

Yummy- Finish a challenge with a yummy name, is it yummy fabric? Did making it make you hungry?

REMEMBER that the **CHALLENGE PROMPTS** are a fun motivation to dig out a UFO that fits somehow and **GET IT DONE!!!** Be creative and tells us how it fits the theme when you post your picture.

For the **PATTERN CHALLENGE** you only need to finish the **TOP** to earn your coupon.

ANY OTHER PROJECTS SHOULD GO IN THE FINISHES ALBUM here you can post multiple finishes for a chance to win free fabrics