

● List of Workshops ●

● Coming in 2012

Amish With A Twist

Inspired by classic Amish quilts, *Amish With A Twist* is a versatile program designed especially for the beginning quilter. This fifteen part workshop focuses on the basics, with eleven lessons on the basic shapes common to quilting and four lessons on basic quiltmaking. Upon completion of all 15 lessons, you'll have a stunning Amish inspired 89" x 106" quilt!

But there's a twist! Each lesson has an added twist, an extension lesson that shows how to take the basics to the next level with another project. Additional projects range from table runners, to wall hangings, to throw quilts.

Workshop A--half day: Pick one lesson. We'll make the basic block and begin the accompanying "twist" project.

Workshop B—full day: Pick two lessons: one for the morning, the other for the afternoon. We'll make the basic block and begin one of the accompanying "twist" projects.

Workshop C—full day: Focus on the project quilt. We'll make one or more basic blocks from lessons #1-12, the block frames from lesson #13, discuss quilt assembly, and learn the basics of hand applique using the starch and freezer paper method.



● Machine Quilting

Machine Quilting Basics—all day

In this basic workshop, you'll learn the aspects needed to master machine quilting. Nancy will start with a discussion on machine quilting supplies, including thread, needles and notions. First, students will practice the basic techniques of straight line quilting using a walking foot. Students will then progress to the basics of free motion machine quilting on small practice samples. Nancy will show many quilted examples as part of this workshop.

There's Not Just One Way to Stipple—all day

Tired of the plain stipple? In this class a variety of free motion quilting designs will be explored for background areas on your quilt and for overall surface designs. We'll cover traditional stippling as well as many great alternatives—some fun and funky, others timeless and elegant. The skills and patterns you learn in this class can be used for machine quilting on your domestic machine, a mid arm machine, or even a long arm machine. Students will make a small quilt sampler to showcase the various stitches and threads. If you are looking for ways to make your machine quilting different from the crowd, this will inspire you.

Fabulous Feathers—all day

This workshop will take you from drawing your own feathers to free motion quilting with ease. Nancy will show you how to create a variety of different feathers—from traditional feathers to Victorian feathers to all-over feather meandering. Students will begin a “feather sketchbook” and practice on a small quilt sampler to showcase various feathers. The skills and patterns you learn in this class can be used for machine quilting on your domestic machine, a mid arm machine, or even a long arm machine.

● Machine Appliqué

Machine Appliqué Technique Sampler—all day

Market Blossoms pattern

Have you always wanted to know how to do invisible machine appliqué that has the look of hand appliqué? In this workshop, you'll learn the basics of invisible machine appliqué. Using the *Market Blossoms* patterns, students will complete the center block for the 36” square wall-hanging shown.



● Color and Design



No Waste Appliqué—half-day or all day

Applique with no waste? That's right. Using fusible appliqué and cutting precisely and carefully, you'll create not one but two raw-edge appliqué blocks at once. Nancy will provide some basic shapes—including the bird she used for her quilt, *Don't Count Your Chickens*--for you to use for your appliqué blocks, or you can easily create your own. Nancy will also discuss how to modify motifs, how to assemble your quilt, and various quilting ideas. You'll be surprised just how fast you can create a quilt using the “no waste” method.

Color Play—all day

Color Play is a hands-on approach to learning about color. You'll begin with one color and then explore virtually every color combination that can be made with that color. By the end of the workshop, you'll feel comfortable using the language of color and Joen Wolfren's *3-in-1 Color Tool*. You'll need lots of different fabrics for this workshop, so bring a good selection and be willing to share.

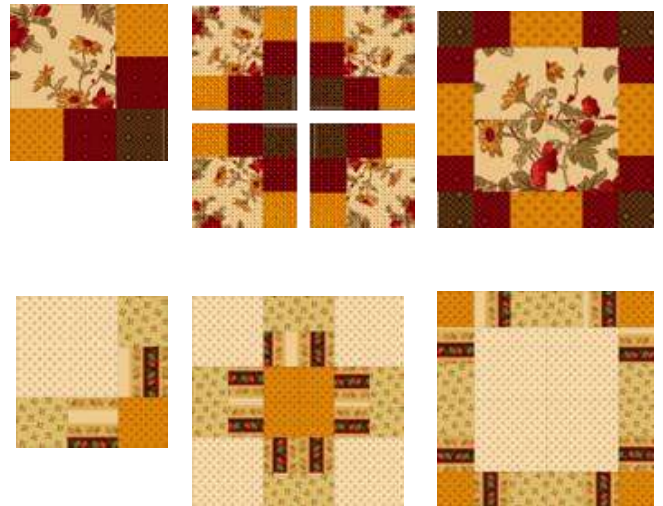
We will be creating actual blocks in different color combinations, but sewing together your blocks during the workshop is optional. However, if you don't sew in class, bring paper or flannel to keep your blocks on so that you can sew them together at home. Also, if you are struggling with fabric selection for a particular project, bring it so that you can directly apply the **Color Play** concepts.



One Simple Block, Limitless Looks—half-day or all day

A simple block can often result in design magic! In this workshop, you'll discover the versatility of a single block design.

Nancy will share her expert tips on how to get more from a single block design, and have you playing with a variety of block ideas using your own fabrics. Students will create actual blocks by experimenting with color and fabric placement, but sewing together your blocks during the workshop is optional. However, if you don't sew in class, bring paper or flannel to keep your blocks on so that you can sew them together at home.



Ring of Stars (new)—full day

Stitch these scrappy blocks together and watch the stars come out. The amazing secondary pattern of sparkling, starry cream circles emerges during quilt top assembly . . . what a fun part of the quilting process! The kit for this quilt features the *Inkwell* fabric collection by Judie Rothermel for Marcus Fabrics. All triangle patches are rotary cut from strips using the Tri-Recs tools from EZ Quilting by Wrights, making construction much faster than you might think. Our pattern instructions include directions for using the Tri-Recs tool as well as directions for traditional cutting/sewing techniques.

Quilt Dimensions: 68 1/2" x 92 1/2"

Skill Level: Intermediate



● Technique

Paper Piecing Mariner's Compass (new)—full day *Windrose* pattern

Show off your sewing skill by paper piecing this classic mariner's compass quilt in either reproduction fabrics or any other fabrics of your choice. Even if you are a beginning quilter, you can make this mariner's compass quilt.

The class will focus on making the 38½" wall-hanging, but more ambitious quiltmakers might want to try the 9-block bed sized version!

Quilt Dimensions: 38 ½" square or 93" square

Skill Level: Beginner-Advanced



Akimbo (new)—half day or full day

Combine a great collection of fabrics with a single background fabric, simple piecing, and a simple twist and you have *Akimbo*!

The pattern has directions and fabric requirements for the quilt shown as well as for twin and queen sized quilts. Piecing directions are for 2 ½"-strip piecing, and the quilt shown can be assembled with one jelly-roll of approximately 40 strips and 2 yards of background fabric. You won't stop at just one quilt!

Finished quilt size: 54" x 68"

Skill Level: Beginner-Advanced



● **Nancy's Original Patterns**—half-day or all day

Let Nancy walk you step by step through fabric selection and assembly of any of her quilt patterns. To see the patterns available, visit <http://nancyrinkdesigns.com/quilt-patterns.html>

Kits available for some patterns. Check online for availability.