



Forever In Stitches^{LLC}

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Mon – Sat.. **10:00 to 5:30**
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SewSewNEWS

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

Wow! What times we live in! Wars! Politics! Political Correctness! People taking whatever they can get their hands on! That's what things look like. Like a dusty room: gloomy.

What happens when you dust? The real furniture shows through without the shallowness of the transient dust that distracts us from appreciating the real beauty. Dust covers so quickly.

What was dusty and dirty is, in fact, quite beautiful. It may not be furniture, but what has been given to us is a beautiful gift. Look at the first Thanksgiving. Look at how hard they must have "dusted" to look past their hardships to see the gift under the dust and dirt. So great a gift that we are still sharing in the bounty from that first thankful spirit.

The beauty and glory of what we have been given is beyond measure, and yet, it so often gets lost in the dust of our self-centered activities and discontent. It reminds me of a gloomy morning in Santa Cruz when a friend looked through the kitchen window into the fog and exclaimed "What a glorious day!": he was right!

This is the season of not only the thankfulness, but of the reminder of the birth of forgiveness and life. For me. For you. For us all.

May you find and recognize the countless blessings God has provided to you. May you share them with others. May we share them even with those with whom we would rather not share them.

May God's peace and joy be yours this holiday season and beyond.

Folklorica

Ruth just finished working on a new pattern for the "Folklorica" fabric line by Julie Paschkis for In The Beginning Fabrics.



Ruth's quilt includes both the border stripe and the panel. The patterns provided by the manufacturer either have the border print or the panel print, but not both. Also, the manufacturer's patterns do not use some of the bold fabric that this unique collection has to offer.

The pattern is free with the purchase of the Folklorica fabric panel or stripe .

Welcome Deb Beer

Please join us in welcoming Deb Beer as an instructor for classes at Forever In Stitches. She has many new ideas, subjects, and pricing for the classes.

Chocolate Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 14th is the day we join with Greg's Pharmacy in the annual Holiday Open House event in Bluffton.

Our theme is "Chocolate" as chocolate has been a very popular fabric color this year. So, we are going to match it with a chocolate fountain, chocolate cake, chocolate cheese cake, chocolate chip cookies, and chocolate truffles. All from our home recipes. This offer is "while supplies last".

Tanyard Creek

Ruth is wrapping up working on the new quilt for "*Tanyard Creek*" fabric by Little Quilts for Henry Glass Fabrics.



The pattern is free with the purchase of at least one yard of Tanyard Creek fabric.

Classes

Classes currently being offered are:

- Make Your 1st Quilt
- Border Print Table Runner
- Hand Quilting
- Make A Tote
- Fabric Puzzleballs

Contact the shop so that we may schedule the actual class date to better accommodate you.

Re-Vamping The Shop

Please bear with us as we reorganize our shop to accommodate a larger proportion of collections. This will be a multi-month project.

Bluffton Blaze of Lights

Save Saturday, November 28th for Bluffton's Blaze of Lights. Activities start at 4:00 and continue to 7:30 p.m. Activities include:

- Downtown Entertainment
- Food
- Blaze Parade with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus
- Visit with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus after the parade at the Senior Citizens Center.
- Lighting of the "*Ream Folk Art Light*" Display
- Lighting of the "*Gift Of Giving*" light show extravaganza
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides From Town Hall

This is preceded by house light decorating contests and business decorating contests.

Light displays will be shown every evening until 11 p.m. through January 1, 2010.

Go to <http://fisllc.com/id161.html> for more information.

Personal DVD Courses

Our current DVD course offerings are:

- The Complete Course on Binding
- Making Personal Labels
- Photo Transfer For Memory Quilts
- Digital Photo Editing

Take the class at your speed, as many times as you want, or for refreshers. Also, please feel free to ask questions of our staff in the event something needs clarification.

Each class contains a DVD, a notebook, and any specialized supplies [e.g. transfer material].

We Will Be Closed

We are open every day except observed holidays, which are as follows:

- Thanksgiving: Thursday & Friday November 26 & 27
- Christmas: Thursday through Sunday, December 24 – 27
- New Years: Thursday – Sunday, December 31 - January 3

SewSewNEWS

This newsletter is published and edited by Rick and Ruth Grihalva of [Forever In Stitches, LLC](#) to promote the art and craft of quilting. Although precautions have been taken, typographical and other errors may exist. All items are subject to change without notice. Limitations and/or restrictions may apply. **Please refer to our web-site or store for more information, details, and limitations.**

B&B Quilt

It did get done! It has been shipped! We do have pictures! [If you haven't visited our web-site or don't receive our email newsletter, then you most likely have no idea what I'm talking about!]

Ruth designed a wedding [king size bed with tucked pillows] quilt for my son Brad Grihalva and his lovely wife Bonnie Sandefur, both of Colorado Springs. Bonnie came up with the conceptual design. Ruth figured out how to make it [can you believe 57" paper piecing] and made it. I made the quilting design [featuring the square in diamond radiating theme of the central block], and the personal label.



To: Brad & Bonnie Grihalva
From: Dad & Ruth Grihalva
Wishing You Many Years Of
Love, Warmth & God's Blessings

Made By: Ruth Grihalva
October 10, 2009

Conceptual Design By: Bonnie Grihalva
Piecing Design By: Ruth Grihalva
Quilting Design By: Rick Grihalva

This is what I call a "one of a kind" quilt.

Bluffton News On-Line

For on-line news on the Bluffton metropolitan area see www.blufftonicon.com.

Extended Shop Hop

Couldn't get enough of that shop hop? Bring your shop hop passport or other identifying information to us [even if we weren't a sponsor of the shop hop] one week before, during, or one week after a shop hop and get a free Raggedy Ruth Designs™ pattern and "instant Velvet's Value Vouchers" on the spot. [Clue: "instant" means we give you the discount off of **this** purchase so you don't have to bring the voucher in for redemption next time.]

Long-Arm Delivery Guarantee

Having great, long-term employees [each one has been long-arming for over 5 ½ years at Forever In Stitches] has allowed us to maintain this incredible offer: we start providing a 5% per day discount if we do not deliver you quilt on time.

The promise time? One week!

See <http://fisllc.com/id70.html> for the information on this offer, including any limitations.