

DESIGN WALL DIGEST

Quilts begin here...

My Current Classes

I continually meet with new instructors to offer unique & beautiful techniques to expand your quilting skills.

- Priceless Postcards

Val Hazelton will bring her exceptional creativity and attention to detail to bring you instruction on creating your very own quilted postcards. Turn those bits and bobs into a creative tradable, collectible, or mailed message to a special person in your life.

February 14th and/or 15th;
1pm-4pm. Class fee \$50.

- Free-motion Machine Quilting for Beginners

I'm excited to welcome Inez Drummond who is skilled in transforming those ready to begin free-motion quilting, to those who look forward to doing more free-motion quilting. February 29th;
10am-5pm. Class fee \$65.

Happy Sew Year!

I hope our new decade has been treating you well thus far. We are lucky enough to count an extra day this year as it is also a leap year, so that means more joy, more creativity, more projects, and a little more time to work on all them!



I'm looking forward to the activities planned to keep the art & craft of quilting accessible to everyone. January 18th was the first Aurifil Thread Club Sew-in Day where members learned new skills, had some laughs, and finished all the strip piecing of the first block pattern for the year. New colours and new blocks each month makes for a year of quilty, thready, fun!

Trying something new keeps us fresh and in that spirit, the first all-male quilt retreat is being hosted at Design Wall on February 1st.

"He" Treat Retreat - February 1st

Design Wall is proud to create a welcoming space for the first-ever all-male "he" treat retreat on Saturday, February 01, 2020.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, I invite you to call, pop in, or email simone@designwall.ca to confirm attendance. Bring your projects, start a project, and expect lots of creativity. Only four spots remain!



DIY - Mid-arm Quilting

I continue to offer Do-It-Yourself mid-arm quilting as an option to complete those tops you've spent so much time creating. I wanted to share some tips if you are considering this method of completing your quilt:

- Call ahead for a booking time. Be prepared to begin your day early to ensure you can complete your project.
- A practice piece is highly recommended - a donation quilt, a smaller piece, or a sizeable scrap helps you get the feel for the machine.
- Wear comfortable shoes, bring a snack, and don't be afraid to take the necessary breaks so you don't feel it the next day.
- Consider your pattern & the size of the quilt. A thread-heavy pattern is not discouraged; however, with a larger quilt, it lengthens the time you are standing. Sometimes a "panto" is best saved for a subsequent quilt after you've worked with the machine.

The most common question I'm asked is, "how long does it take?" & my only answer can be, "it depends on the size of the quilt, the intricacy of the pattern & how smoothly it all goes". A lap-sized quilt with an all-over pattern usually takes 2-3 hours after preparation & loading.

My rate continues to be \$5/hr & I am happy to assist with all aspects of your experience.

Unfortunate Events

Since December 31st, 20+ businesses have been broken into along Portage Ave., from Rutland St., west. If you have seen anything suspicious in the area, please report the activity to Winnipeg City Police, who are investigating these & other incidents. Much appreciation.



New Year - New Stock!

My loading doors practically need to be changed to revolving doors - the stock keeps a comin'! I just received the entire *Reverie* collection from Shell Rummel of Free Spirit - one look the gorgeous orchid blooms makes Spring that much closer.

In addition, Tim Holtz's new collection *Memoranda 3* is as beautiful as all his previous works, so don't walk — RUN in and get yours today!

Designers from Moda, Andover, Robert Kaufman, Art Gallery Fabrics, and designers such as Guisy Guise, Tula Pink, Kaffe Fassett, and more all lined up for another great year at Design Wall!

Questions?

If I do not answer my phone during the day, please be assured I have clients in the store who are getting my attention. Always remember my website designwall.ca has all my hours (and any expected closures), product, classes, and newsletters. It's a great place to start if you cannot make it into the shop & I'm with other clients. I will be back in touch with you as soon as I'm free (and that might be after hours)!

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