



Design Wall Digest

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A Great Big Thank You

Design Wall opened its doors on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

There is no doubt, I have tremendous gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the entire community while forming and now opening Design Wall; my friends & fellow quilters who helped on opening day and leading up to opening day, quilters and future-quilters alike who visited (and who continue to visit), and kind, welcoming neighbours. I am so happy to be part of such an incredible community of talented & supportive people. I look forward to being a source of inspiration & seeing your incredible creations. This Digest is

intended to share noteworthy happenings & features at Design Wall and the quilt community. One-page updaters will be shared as necessary to keep you all in the loop (or sewing circle, as it were)!

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CLASS OFFERINGS

At long last, a few classes & dates have been set.

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REASONS TO VISIT DESIGN WALL

Reasons to make Design Wall a destination

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PRODUCT LINES

New arrivals, quality product offerings & little surprises

Class Offerings

Incredible instructors have stepped forward to offer a range of classes. Visit "Upcoming Classes" at Design Wall for any additions as they are coordinated.

Begin to Quilt - Tula Pink Beginner Class (Marj Moore)

August 22, 29 & September 5 (6-9pm)

This class offers a Tula Pink kit and the incredible opportunity to complete a baby quilt from cutting to binding. Do you know someone who has always wanted to start quilting (maybe it's you) or who you'd love to suggest the gift of quilt-making? Well, here's your chance. Marj Moore is a skilled instructor, former quilt-shop owner, and quilt judge (but isn't judge-y), and has agreed to teach for Design Wall this first offering of beginner quilting. Class fee \$60, kit \$50 (batting & backing extra).



You will bring a sewing machine (that you're comfortable operating), any rulers or rotary cutters you may have (the shop has a limited selection of tools to lend or sell for the class).

Love Your Featherweight - Instruction on Featherweight Maintenance (Brenda Suderman)

Wednesday, August 21 (6-8pm)



Brenda shares her love & respect for the highly-appreciated Singer Featherweight machine you use, treasure, or have tucked away in the attic. The basics of oiling, cleaning, and general maintenance is the focus of this class with a high emphasis of "respect for the Featherweight" at no extra charge. Class fee \$50 (two-hour class).

Participants will bring their Featherweight (221 or 222), cleaning brushes (cotton swabs), screwdrivers, magnetic bowl (available at Princess Auto), and phone (with video capability). Some limited supplies for ongoing maintenance will be available at Design Wall.

Paper-Piece Yourself to a Courier Bag - Beginner (Susan Cote)

August 1st, 8th & 15th (2-hours each evening 6-8pm) or
August 19th (6-hours day class from 11am-5pm)



Susan Cote will provide you with the basic for paper-piecing to create a beautiful lined bag suitable for general hauling or to take your tablet with you wherever you go. Class fee \$50 (if you wish to bring your own supplies), or \$75 with kit fabric (and time) to complete this project.

Participants will bring their own sewing machine, thread, Add-A-Quarter ruler, and fabric supplies (if not purchasing the kit) that will be provided to participants. Add-A-Quarter rulers are available for purchase at Design Wall.

Quilt with Rulers Series - all skill levels (Judy Stupak)

Judy has compiled a series of classes to get you excited about using rulers. Get all your quilting projects done faster and with better results using your regular domestic sewing machine.

Classes do not have to be taken in any particular order.

Design Wall has a unique line of rulers on order to be available if you require rulers or wish to add to your collection. You are welcome to bring and use your current ruler collection.



Intro to Ruler Quilting

Thursday, October 10th (day class 1–8pm)

If you want to start at the beginning, then this class is for you. Participants will practice simple designs in order to get comfortable using rulers on a 30” sandwiched practice piece. Participants will bring personal sewing machine (with comfort operating and basic free-motion experience), with the appropriate ruler foot.

Drafting Designs for Ruler Quilting

Thursday, October 3rd (evening class 5-9pm)

This is your chance to be creative & play! Judy will guide you as you come up with your own designs using a straight ruler, an arc ruler, and any other rulers in your collection. No machine is required for this class as the focal point is designing on paper to eventually create your project in thread.

Class fees are \$60 each with a kit fee to be determined, if required. An addition \$5 supply fee will apply in the Drafting class for paper fees.

Wondering?



Would you be interested in taking a “demo” class that shares various techniques to complete a project like this?

Wonky Houses.... tentatively being offered by Marj Moore on:

Wednesday, September 11th (1-3pm)
and/or Tuesday, September 17th
(10-12am). Class fee: \$25.

Let me know by messaging me through designwall.ca or call 204-897-8458 to confirm your interest.

2 Good Reasons To Visit Design Wall

Design Wall's focus is to advance the art & craft of quilt-making. Here are two ways Design Wall is committed to doing just that.

DYI MID-ARM QUILTING

\$2/hour

1. Design Wall offers \$2/hour do-it-yourself mid-arm quilting on a 10-foot rack. Bring your thread and your quilt top (batting and backing may be something you have or can be purchased at Design Wall), and after loading the machine, use the stitch-regulated machine to free-motion your way to another completed quilt. This machine and rack also offer the ability to complete your design by pantograph, so feel free to bring in your own design to complete your project.

DROP-IN SEWING

\$1/hour/person

2. By yourself or with a crowd, \$1/hour (per person) drop-in sewing is the perfect get-away and sew yourself into perfect bliss. Tables for sandwiching, a large cutting table, and ironing stations are available. Coffee maker, microwave, and small refrigerator are in the shop, so if you'd like to make a day of it, you can bring your lunch or order in. Design Wall can accommodate groups up to 10.

Product Line Highlights

Design Wall focuses on unique, quality products for exceptional creations.

Quality Fabric

Nobody likes a name-dropper but if I said, Moda, Hoffman, Free Spirit, Bella, Lewis & Irene, and Kaufman Fabrics and designer lines offered by Kaufman, you'd know what that means; and designers as Zen Chic, Kate & Birdie (Winnipeg-based), Tula Pink, Tim Holtz, and more. Find collections, pre-cuts, yardage in a wide range of colours, patterns, and genres with new stock arriving on an ongoing basis. Watch designwall.ca for new items as they arrive.

Aurifil Thread

After much research & customer feedback, Design Wall offers Aurifil thread (other offerings are expected to follow); available in a wide variety of popular colours in 50, 40, 80 & 12 weights.

I love this part - Aurifil is highly customer-centric & if you do not see a weight, colour, or spool size you need, **I can bring it in in any quantity you require** - a special project or your daily quilting needs - no order is too small or insignificant. Design Wall will ensure you have what you need!