

SEATTLE QUILT COMPANY

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SHOP HOURS

Monday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	9:30am – 5:00pm
Sunday	Closed

The latest free pattern from Seattle Quilt Company

What's Up, Cupcake?

Pick yours up today!



MORE ABOUT THREAD...

Thread Weight Guide

- 20 wt. Heavy for very visible, decorative stitching.
- 30 wt. Medium to heavy, intended to show.
- 40 wt. Standard size medium thread.
- 50 wt. for piecing, appliqué, detail stitching. Good for bobbin thread.
- 60 wt. Very fine for blending on top, appliqué, and detail stitching. Good for bobbin thread.
- 70 wt. Too fine for most applications.
- 100 wt. Mislabeled. Does not exist as sewing thread. If it says 100 wt., it is most likely a #100 thread which is equivalent to a 60 wt. thread.

Q. What is the Tex measurement?

A. Tex is one of five standards used for thread measurement and, like the other measurement standards, can be confusing. We expect all 40 wt. (or Tex 25) threads to all be identical but there are too many other factors involved. A 40 wt. cotton will not equal a 40 wt. poly. A fuzzy 40 wt. cotton thread will be much bulkier and appear heavier than a quality processed and nicely twisted 40 wt. cotton. Some companies label a #50/2-ply thread as a 50 wt. Others label a #50/3-ply thread as a 50 wt. Both are incorrect because the number (#) system is not the same as the wt. system. So what do we do? Don't pay too much attention to the numbers, whether they be wt. or Tex. Realise that the numbers may not be accurate and use them as ballpark guidelines only. Use your eyes and your

hands to choose the right thread for each work: fine thread to blend, and heavier thread to show.

GREETINGS

Welcome to the August newsletter! In case you were wondering, there wasn't a July newsletter--the shop has been so busy this last month that the July newsletter just didn't get done.

You may have seen one or two new faces around the shop lately. I hope you'll join us in welcoming our two new employees: Darienne and Mags.

As you read this, I should be headed off to Seattle for a three-week holiday, but the shop is amply staffed by Carol, Claire, Darienne and Mags for all your quilting needs.

Our Autumn 2008 Class Schedule is our biggest Class Schedule yet. I'm afraid that means the pictures are smaller than usual, but you'll be able to see the samples next time you are in the shop! We have a little bit of everything: fat quarter quilts, scrap quilts, small gift projects, Christmas and non-Christmas projects, just to name a few!

As always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ring or stop by and see us! We're always here to help.

Lisa

NEW ARRIVALS

The Hanah Collection Robert Kaufman Fabrics.

This collection of 26 fabrics from Robert Kaufman fabrics is just stunning. They are even more beautiful when you see them made up in the Archipelago quilt in the shop.



Birchwood Lane By Holly Taylor for Moda Fabrics.

Another warm and cozy collection of brushed cottons from Moda. This wide range 30 fabrics has some in Christmas colours and others that are Autumnal colours.

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST IS COMING...

Just when we finally are getting some warm weather, it's time to remind you of our second annual Christmas in August event.

We hope you can join us on Saturday 30th August to see all of our upcoming workshop samples, plus a whole load of exciting Christmas projects.

We've also stocked up on many new patterns, books and of course, Christmas fabrics.

If you aren't too keen on Christmas, we hope you'll join us anyway so we can welcome you back properly from the summer break. See the flyer in our latest class schedule for all the details.

