

# THE YANKEE QUILTER

## Collection

**LIBERTY LANE  
REVEAL**  
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## Welcome to April.

We are burning that candle at both ends getting ready for the AQS Quilt Show in

Hartford. We sure hope you have made plans to visit. I hope you signed up for one of the great classes being offered.

Our Liberty Lane Mystery box has been shipped to those that ordered it, and we are so excited to move on to our next one!

My favorite season is Halloween. Yes, I consider Halloween a season! Our Next Mystery Box, "Hat Trick" is now available for pre-order. They will be ready for shipping / pickup in June! There is LIMITED quantities of this one, so do not delay!

Enjoy the magazine, we are always looking for suggestions of things to include, so feel free to share ideas with me!

Cheryl



# Tech Talk

with Brian



## • Needles: What's the point? •

What is there to know about needles?  
They're just needles, right?

### Choose the correct needle for the job.

There are many different types and styles of needles. For the best results, make sure you choose the proper needle for your project. Here's a quick overview of the most popular types:

#### **Universal**

For most wovens and knits, a good general purpose needle.

#### **Quilting (Green)**

Special taper to slightly rounded point. Designed for machine piecing and quilting, the tapered design allows easier penetration and helps eliminate skipped stitches.

#### **Embroidery (Red)**

Designed for use with embroidery threads. Embroidery needles have a special scarf and an enlarged eye to help protect embroidery thread.

#### **Microtex (Purple)**

Extra-sharp needles with a slim point. Excellent for batiks or when extra topstitching precision is required.

#### **Stretch (Yellow)**

Medium ball point, special eye and scarf. Designed specifically for elastic materials. Helps prevent skipped stitches.

#### **Jersey (Orange)**

Medium ball point. Made especially for knit fabrics to prevent damage to or break knit fibers.

#### **Metallic (Pink)**

Elongated eye. Specifically designed for metallic or other specialty threads.

#### **Topstitch (Lt. Green)**

Elongated eye. Helps create a very straight, precise line, especially when using a straight stitch plate.

#### **Leather (Brown)**

Cutting point. Designed for thick materials such as leather, artificial leather, and non-woven synthetics. Not for use on knit or woven fabrics.

#### **Hemstitch (Wing Needle)**

For light or medium fabrics, this needle makes a larger hole. Very popular with heirloom sewing and cutwork.

#### **Quick-Threading**

Universal needle with a fine slot cut into the side of the needle for easier threading—you just pull the thread down the side of the needle and it slips into the eye.

#### **Denim / Jeans (Blue)**

Medium ball point and reinforced construction. For extra-thick fabrics such as denim and extra-thick quilts. Helps reduce the risk of needle breakage and skipped stitches.

#### **Twin**

Two needles on one shaft. Sews two rows of stitches at the same time. Used with two separate threads.



## Needle Sizes

Needles come in a variety of sizes. A very common needle size is 80/12. In this example, the 80 means the shaft (or blade) is 0.8 mm in diameter, so it is a metric measurement. The 12 comes from the Singer numbering system. Needles today combine the two as a single indication.

Needles can range from 60/8 all the way to 120/19 depending on the type of needle. Not all sizes are available in all types.

## What size do I use?

Generally, use smaller needles for finer fabrics and larger needles as the fabric becomes heavier. You want the needle to glide easily through the fabric without damaging the fibers or creating a hole that is too large.

The most common piecing size is Universal 80/12.

For quilting, most people use a Quilting 90/14.

Machine embroiderers mostly use an Embroidery 75/11.

Definitely try different needle sizes and types to see what works best for you.

## What do the colors mean?

Most needles are color-coded to indicate the type and size of the needle. While most popular brands use the same colors, they are not 100% universal so make sure you check the color codes for your brand of needles.

## When should I change my needle?

Situations where you should consider changing your needle:

- If you hear a popping or snapping sound on every stitch
- If your stitch quality suddenly becomes worse
  - Machine starts making noise or seems to be fighting stitches
  - Loose stitches or loops appearing
  - Skipping stitches
- When starting a new project
- If your needle ever makes contact with anything that is not fabric:
  - Presser foot
  - Stitch plate
  - Pins or clips
  - Buttons or zippers
- Whenever the needle experiences undue stress, such as being flexed or pulled

Some machines are very sensitive to needle position. A needle may be bent slightly where it does not appear obvious, but may be enough to cause performance issues.

## More Information

The Official SCHMETZ Needle Guide is available on the Schmetz Needle website.

• [click here](#) •

# QUILT & SEEK Challenge

Find the hidden quilt block in this month's catalog and unlock a special reward.

## HOW TO PLAY

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Browse the catalog and watch for the hidden quilt block.

When you spot it, click the block to reveal your exclusive savings.

Take a screenshot of your winning coupon and bring it in or use it online.



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**\$999.99**  
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off MSRP!

### Harriet



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# Patriotic Parade

ONE-DAY EVENT



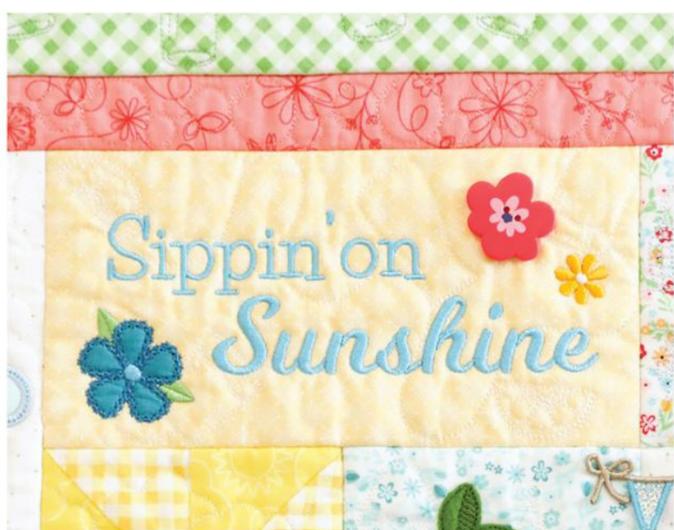
Three cheers for the  
★ Patriotic Parade! ★

SAVE YOUR SEAT

# Sippin' on Sunshine

## FEATURE QUILT

Life is a picnic with Sippin' on Sunshine, a 40" x 40" quilt filled with bright colors, playful appliqué, textured details, and cheerful summer motifs.



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- Feature Quilt
- Fabric Kit 40"x40"
- Embellishment Kit
- Needle minder

# April Classes at Yankee Quilter

Fresh Ideas for Spring Sewing



## Paper Piecing

Instructor: Charlie MacDonald

April 17<sup>th</sup> • \$36 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER



## Pizza & Piecing

Monthly Sewing Party! Bring any UFO.

April 17<sup>th</sup> • \$25 • 5:00 - 10:00

REGISTER



## Vase of Flowers

Art of Paper Quilling

April 18<sup>th</sup> • \$49 • 1:30 - 4:00

Instructor: Marcy Kaplan

- Learn the ancient art of paper quilling
- Create a fun heart design
- All supplies included: paper, tools, shadow box
- Choose your own colors
- Learn the on-edge quilling technique

REGISTER



## Baskets of Plenty

Join Carol for our Wool Block of the Month

April 19<sup>th</sup> • \$36 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER



## Flock of Birds | Migrating Geese

Join Becky for Tucker Technique • Design #3

April 25<sup>th</sup> • \$48 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER

# May Classes at Yankee Quilter

Stitch Something New



## Bella Quilt Coat

Join Christine for Sleeve & Prep • Class 1 of 2

May 2<sup>nd</sup> • \$48 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER



## Baskets of Plenty

Join Carol for our Wool Block of the Month

May 3<sup>rd</sup> • \$36 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER



## Paper Piecing

Instructor: Charlie MacDonald

May 8<sup>th</sup> • \$36 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER



## Pizza & Piecing

Monthly Sewing Party! Bring any UFO.

May 8<sup>th</sup> • \$25 • 5:00 - 10:00

REGISTER



## Blue Labrinth Quilt

Modern twist on classic Log Cabin

May 9<sup>th</sup> • \$48 • 10:00 - 4:00

Instructor: Sabrina Lavieri

- Interlaced squares, creating an overlapping illusion.
- Skill Level: Intermediate
- Requirements: Pattern Required

REGISTER

# May Classes at Yankee Quilter

## Sewing Skills for Every Maker



### Peaceful Garden

Machine Embroidery Block of the Month

May 29<sup>th</sup> • \$30 • 10:00 - 1:00  
or 5:00 - 8:00

REGISTER



### Bella Quilt Coat

Join Christine for Finishing. 2 Class of 2

May 30<sup>th</sup> • \$48 • 10:00 - 4:00

REGISTER

### Open Sewing with support

Weekly Sessions

Tues–Thurs • Multiple Times  
9:30–12 • 2:00–4:30 • 6:00–8:30

\$18 per session

- Bring any sewing project
- Work at your own pace
- Help available as needed

REGISTER

### Machine Embroidery UFO with Lynn

Monthly Sessions

Work at your own pace  
1:00–4:00

\$20 per session

- Bring any embroidery project
- Guidance from Lynn
- All skill levels welcome

REGISTER



### Know your Seger

Flat Lock and Prairie Points, Class #4

May 31<sup>st</sup> • \$36 • 10:00 - 2:00

- Builds on Class #3 (Flat Lock & Prairie Points)
- Fabric: 1/2 yd (3 fabrics), 1/4 yd accent
- Thread: Serger + embroidery (match fabrics)
- Supplies: Ribbon/yarn, fusible web, pins
- Optional: Batting + backing (16" x 40")
- Pre-cut required

REGISTER

# June Classes at Yankee Quilter

Where Creativity Comes Together



## June Lighthouse

Art of Paper Quilling

June 6 <sup>th</sup>	• \$49 •	10:00-12:30 or 1:30 - 4:00
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Instructor: Marcy Kaplan

- Learn Paper Quilling and create a Heart!
- Marcy combines teaching with her passion for Paper Quilling.
- Supplies and tools provided.
- Choose your colors and use the on-edge quilling technique.

REGISTER



## Panel Market Tote

Instructor: Denise Crudele

June 13 <sup>th</sup>	• \$48 •	10:00 - 4:00
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REGISTER



## Cube 60

Tucker Technique Series

June 14 <sup>th</sup>	• \$36 •	10:00 - 2:00
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REGISTER



## Patriotic Parade

Kimberbell | One-Day Event

June 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am - 4:00pm
\$109 In-Store	\$119 Virtual

Projects:

Redwork Table Round | Patriotic Posy  
Starry Blossom 1 | Starry Blossom 2  
Summer Slice Stuffie

- Choose in-store or virtual when registering
- Virtual includes \$10 shipping (credited if picked up locally)

REGISTER

# NATIONAL SERGER MONTH SALE

April 1 – May 31, 2026

**PFAFF**  
Perfection starts here.™

## Sergers Starting at \$899 + FREE Gifts with Select Models

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April 1 – May 31, 2026

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\$167 Value

Coverstitch Feet Kit



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\$1,299



MSRP \$1,849

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April 8-11, 2026

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## SHOW SPECIALS YOU CAN'T MISS

- Exclusive pricing on select machines
- Limited classroom models available
- Pre-order before they're gone

Pricing too low to publish — see us at the booth 1307

[Plan Your Visit](#)



**THE YANKEE QUILTER  
THE LIBERTY LANE MYSTERY BOX  
HAS ARRIVED  
AND WE COULDN'T LOVE IT MORE!**

**THE QUILT PATTERN: LIBERTY LANE**



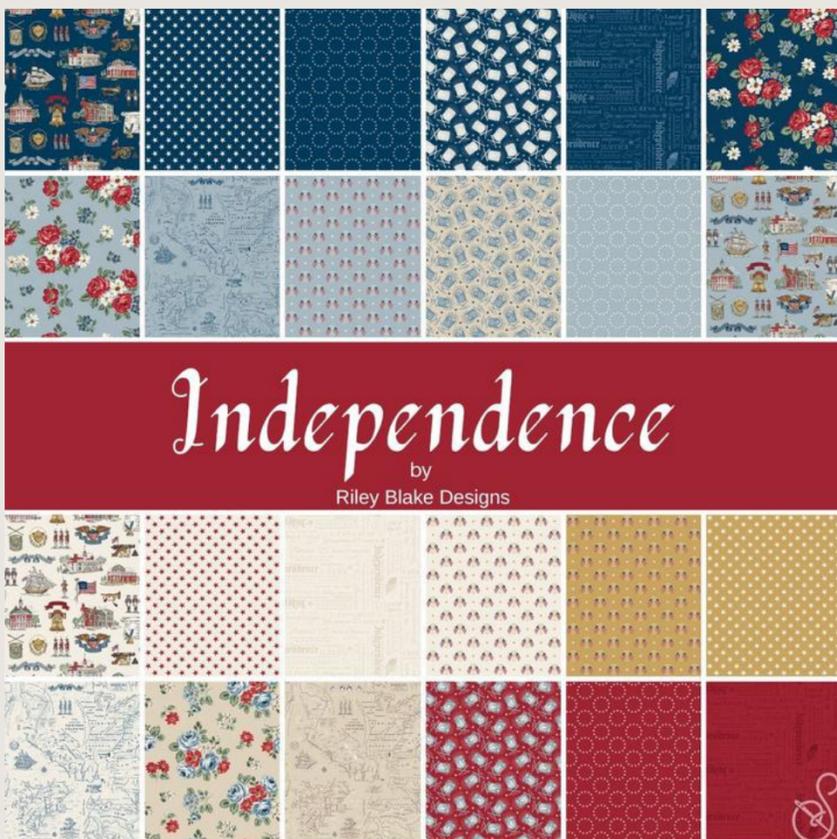
When determining what to use for a quilt pattern, I wanted to make sure that you didn't already have it! With so many great patterns on the market, how can I guarantee that? Easy, call a friend.

Kate Colleran has been designing quilt patterns for several years. She started with tote bags, and now she has a whole array of patterns. Kate is also a fabric designer!

Check out Kate's other projects —>

*Kate Colleran*  
Designs, LLC

**The Fabrics: Independence by Riley Blake Designers**



This box collection came together effortlessly, with each fabric thoughtfully coordinated to create a cohesive, patriotic look perfect for the Liberty Lane design.

**Still available while supplies last**

# THE YANKEE QUILTER LIBERTY LANE MYSTERY BOX

## What's Inside the Box? ohh....



This commemorative box includes curated fabrics, tools, and exclusive extras—everything you need for the Liberty Lane project.

## There's So Much More!

### Included in Your Box:

- Coordinated fabric bundle
- Exclusive project pattern
- Aurifil thread
- Thread snips
- Leather rotary cutter sheath
- 1776 commemorative charm

### Bonus Projects Included

- Zippered Pouch
- Bonus Block Project



## DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GET THE LIBERTY LANE MYSTERY BOX.

Limited quantities remain; once they're gone, they're gone.

[Shop Now](#)



*Don't let Brian grab the last one*

# HAT TRICK MYSTERY BOX

Coming June 2026

A little mystery... a little magic...  
and a project you'll love all season long.



## What to Expect

- Seasonal décor quilt project
- Coordinated fabrics + fun extras
- A mystery reveal along the way

## Choose Your Box

- With Backing
- Without Backing

Pre-Orders Now Open

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# FRESH INSPIRATION



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Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee  
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Patriotic Party! Punch  
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Trail Bench Pillow

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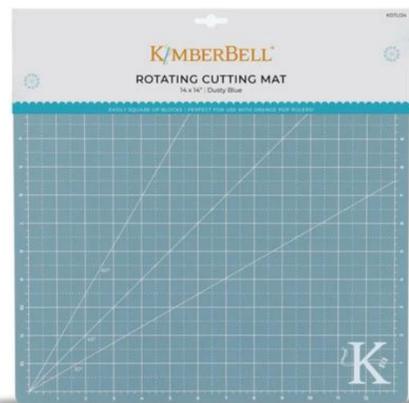
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04/15/2026

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