

# X-Block Retreats

**Fri & Sat (9/12 & 13)**

(Wait list only)

**Sunday, 9/14, 1-7pm**

**\$40**

Join the creator of X-Blocks for a six hour quilting retreat. Due to popular demand, we've opened a new retreat on Sunday. We have a wait list for the Friday afternoon/evening session and Saturday day session. Call the store to get your name on the sign-up list today: 785-243-4044. Be prepared for a great time!

## Country Cousins

114 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Concordia, KS 66901  
785-243-4044

[www.CountryCousinsFabric.com](http://www.CountryCousinsFabric.com)

Hours

M-F 10 - 6

Thurs 10 - 8

Sat 10 - 5



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In honor of National Sewing Month, Country Cousins is unveiling a new program for our customers...Personal Lessons called "So You Want to Sew". One class, "Let's Get Acquainted...With Your Sewing Machine" will teach you all about your sewing machine: how to thread it, how to set tension, how to wind the bobbin, and more. Just call at least a week in advance to set up the time and bring your sewing machine, machine manual, and thread. If you have kids who want to learn how to sew, sign them up and be sure they each have a sewing machine with them. Cost is \$15 for a one-on-one, two-hour lesson. Once you've completed this class, you're ready for the next step, whether it's quilting or sewing.

### Ways to get involved with sewing:

- Teach a family member or friend how to sew
- Volunteer your time with Girl Scouts or 4-H, teaching youth how to sew
- Give a gift certificate for a friend to take the "So You Want to Sew" class
- Join the American Sewing Guild. You can find info at [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)
- Register for a class at Country Cousins and take a friend with you
- Sew more often. If you can't seem to find the time, make an appointment with yourself by scheduling it on your calendar

For more information about National Sewing Month, go to [www.nationalsewingmonth.org](http://www.nationalsewingmonth.org).

# CLASS SCHEDULE

Please sign up for your class **early** and pick up a supply list at Country Cousins!

## September '08

### Sep 12/13/14 – X-Block Retreats

Various times Patricia Pepe \$40  
Fri/Sat/Sun Some quilting experience required

Join Patricia Pepe, nationally known quilter and designer of the X-Blocks system, for a six hour retreat. You'll have plenty of time to cut your fabric, sew it into nine patch blocks, cut it again with the X-Blocks templates, and then design your quilt pattern. Patterns and templates are available for purchase. If you'd like to select your fabric that day, come a few minutes early. Meal is provided. Friday and Saturday have waiting lists and Sunday's retreat (1-7pm) has just been added. Call immediately to make your reservation and bring a friend!

### Sep 18 – Raggy Jacket

5:30 - 8:30 pm Peggi Barrett \$15  
Thursday Basic sewing skills required

Choose 5-7 (or more) of our beautiful flannels to make your one-of-a-kind jacket. Perfect for cooler fall evenings, it is simple to sew, but you'll need to do some work ahead of class. See instructor for details. Pattern purchase is required.

### Sep 22 – Skirting the Issue

4 - 7 pm Peggi Barrett \$15  
Monday For beginners and all levels

This is an easy beginner's project. You'll make a no-pattern elastic-waist skirt using only 3 measurements for success. Come early for help in choosing your fabric and notions. If you've taken "Let's Get Acquainted...", this is the next step!

### Sep 29 – PJ Pants to Go!

4 - 7 pm Peggi Barrett \$15  
Monday For beginners and all levels

This is an advanced beginner project. Learn how to make an elastic or drawstring waist and match a pattern to your own measurements. Come early for assistance in choosing your fabric and notions. Book purchase required in addition to fee.

**Idea: Check in with the City of Courtland about the Art Quilts by Brian Grove on display in September.**

## October '08

### Oct 4 – Halloween Table Topper

1 - 4 pm Heidi Hittle \$15  
Saturday Basic sewing skills required

Join our instructor in making something that you'll be proud to use on your dinner table for many Halloween holidays to come. Using a Halloween panel and coordinating fabrics, this quilt top can be completed during the class time.

### Oct 9 – Stacked Posies Quilt - Part 1

6 - 9 pm Betty Suther \$15  
Thursday Some sewing experience required

This is a new twist on the stack-n-whack idea and you'll end up with a gorgeous quilt when you're done. In this first class, you'll learn how to cut your fabric and then get all your fabric cut out and ready for sewing. The 1<sup>st</sup> class is required; the 2<sup>nd</sup> class is highly recommended. Pattern purchase required.

### Oct 20 – Chalkcloth Placemats

4 - 6 pm Peggi Barrett \$10  
Monday For beginners with some experience

These mats can be used at home or while you're traveling. A quick gift idea, too! This is a great start-to-sew project; you may choose your own fabrics or purchase a kit.

### Oct 23 – Stacked Posies Quilt - Part 2

6 - 9 pm Betty Suther \$15  
Thursday Some sewing experience required

In this second class, you'll take the fabric you've previously cut out and learn how to use the pattern you've purchased. A few hours of sewing with instructor guidelines, and you'll be amazed at your quilting creation! Note: Must take Part 1 first.

### Oct 25 – Charm Pack Tote Bag

1 - 4 pm Heidi Hittle \$15  
Saturday Basic sewing skills required

When you see the sample hanging in the store, we're sure you will take this class. Purchase 1-2 coordinating charm packs, the pattern, and a little extra yardage and you're set to go! It makes a perfect tote bag for you, or you can give it as a gift.

## Personal Lessons

- ✓ Learn to use your sewing machine
- ✓ Learn to sew a skirt...pajama pants...etc.
- ✓ Learn to quilt: rotary cutting...sewing seams...basic blocks...ironing
- ✓ Learn how to read and use a pattern (for clothing or quilting)
- ✓ Learn embroidery
- ✓ Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank)

Please call at least one week in advance to schedule your time with a teacher. The sky's the limit with what you want to learn. \$15 per lesson for two hours of 1-on-1 instruction. Tell us what you need to know and we'll find a time that works for you. Morning, afternoon, evening and weekend options available.

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|                                       | 1<br>Labor Day                       | 2  | 3  | 4                                    | 5  | 6                                      |
|                                       |                                      |    |  |                                      | 12<br>1 - 7 pm<br>X-Blocks<br>Retreat  | 13<br>10 - 4 pm<br>X-Blocks<br>Retreat |
| 14<br>1 - 7 pm<br>X-Blocks<br>Retreat | 15                                   | 16 | 17   | 18<br>5:30 - 8:30 pm<br>Raggy Jacket | 19   | 20                                     |
| 21                                    | 22<br>4 - 7 pm<br>Skirting the Issue | 23 | 24   | 25                                   | 26   | 27<br>FALL<br>FEST                     |
| 28                                    | 29<br>4 - 7 pm<br>PJ Pants to Go!    | 30 | <u>Tip of the Month:</u><br>An old, hard-sided glasses case makes a great portable sewing kit. It will hold a small pair of scissors, a small spool of thread, pins, and more. |                                      | <b>September 2008</b><br><b>Country Cousins</b><br>114 W 6 St, Concordia, KS 66901<br>785-243-4044<br>www.CountryCousinsFabric.com |  |

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| <b>October 2008</b><br><b>Country Cousins</b><br>114 W 6 St, Concordia, KS 66901<br>785-243-4044<br>www.CountryCousinsFabric.com |   |  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4<br>1 - 4 pm<br>Halloween Table<br>Topper |
| 5  | 6   | 7<br>7 pm<br>Taste of Home<br>Cooking School | 8  | 9<br>6 - 9 pm<br>Stacked Posies<br>(Part 1)  | 10   | 11   |
| 12   | 13  | 14   | 15 | 16   | 17   | 18   |
| 19   | 20<br>4 - 6 pm<br>Chalkcloth<br>Placemats | 21   | 22 | 23<br>6 - 9 pm<br>Stacked Posies<br>(Part 2) | 24   | 25<br>1 - 4 pm<br>Charm Pack Tote<br>Bag   |
| 26   | 27  | 28   | 29 | 30   | 31<br>Trick-or-Treat in<br>downtown<br>Concordia!<br><br>Halloween |  |
| <b>Coming Soon...French Braid Quilt Class by Ann Houtchens</b>   |   |  |    |  |  |  |

## The Outback

(no...not the restaurant!)

If you haven't been in The Outback recently, we invite you to take a look. There are 20+ bolts of fleece, over 200 bolts of flannel, more fat quarters than you can shake a stick at and some great sale fabrics abound. This "back room" changes regularly and also includes some remnants and fabrics priced for whole-bolt purchase. Come and check it out! We're sure you'll find something you can't live without and to stash in your stash!

## Sept / Oct Coupon 20% off one item

Good from 9/2/08 to 10/31/08

Good on any regular priced item at Essentials or Country Cousins..  
Not good with any other discounts. One per person.

*Taste of Home*  
**Cooking School**



Tuesday, October 7, 2008 - 7pm  
Cloud County Community College  
Arley Bryant Gymnasium  
Concordia, KS  
\$10 each

Essentials is the Exclusive Ticket Outlet for the upcoming Taste of Home (TOH) Cooking School! Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend this great event! Essentials is Country Cousins' sister store and stocks kitchen gadgets and Taste of Home Cookbooks, along with health food and gifts. If you'd like to pre-order and pre-pay for TOH Cookbooks, we're offering 25% off until September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are on sale now at Essentials!

## Ga\$ Price\$ Got You Down?

Our Shipping charges are usually less than two gallons of fuel (in some cases a lot less). Stop driving around and call us instead! We'll even have it hand-delivered right to your door! Think of all the time and money you'll Save.

## Dream Green!



Coming soon! We'll be carrying **batting which is made from recycled plastic 2-liter bottles!**

Dream Green has been carded, crosslapped and needlepunched for uniformity, strength, and resiliency. There is no scrim or resins yet you can stitch up to 12" apart! Utilizing eco-efficient recycling, Quilters Dream has developed a wonderful quilt batting that truly accomplishes the meaning of "green." Each pound of Dream Green Batting keeps 10 plastic bottles out of our landfills. For more information, a flyer is available at <http://quiltersdreambatting.com/images/dream-green-flyer.jpg>. We'll carry a variety of sizes!

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# SALE

## 30% off

 all Black & White

fabrics for the entire month of September! Buy some fabric crayons and have fun embellishing it!

## \$9.99

 Fiskars Shears,  
Regularly \$16.99. If you've needed some new shears, now is the time. Limited supply available.

## Free Patterns

Next time you stop by Country Cousins, look carefully for the free patterns we have available throughout the store. Who says it's too good to be true if it's free? We certainly don't! Enjoy the freebies!