

Saturday Sampler 2025

Message from Carrie – Jan. 3, 2025

Hi Friends!

Welcome to the 2025 Saturday Sampler! I am so excited that you are all here with me on this year long quilting adventure! I hope you will be joining us in person, but for those that can't, we have ZOOM, our emailed tutorial and a recording of the class so you can hopefully feel like you are there with us. In class, we have show-and-tell, we go over new items in the store, teach the block construction for that month, we have door prizes, special challenges and more! We will have a few special guests and demos for you too! If you see a fabric that you love in one of our videos, we do have an online store. It has some of our fabrics - but not all. [CLICK HERE to shop online](#). We can ship to you or you can pick up in the store. (You get FREE shipping with orders \$75 or more)

How about I introduce myself to you? My name is Carrie. I am the Fabric and Yarn department manager at Ben Franklin Crafts here in Monroe, WA. I have been with the company for 15 years and have loved to watch our Quilter's Corner change and grow over that time. My first quilt ever was a Saturday Sampler quilt. This class is how I learned how to quilt. It will always have a special place in my heart. I have 2 kids, 19 and 16, a husband, a dog, 3 cats and 2 fish. Teri is my partner at Saturday Sampler. She has a husband, 3 kids and 2 grandkids. All of our correspondence with you will come from me via the Ben Franklin email. If you need to contact me directly, my email address is quilterscorner@bfranklincrafts.com. My phone number is 360-794-6745 ext. 1121. We have a Quilter's Corner Facebook Group that you can join to share projects and ideas and cheer each other on! You can join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/308682128669576>.

Well, that was a lot of housekeeping stuff! Let's talk about the quilts! I am in love with them! Both of them! I love the softness and sweetness of Quilter's Patch. I also love the bright Star Studded. I can't pick a favorite!

With the Quilter's Patch pattern, we are going to learn a lot! There is a lot of precise piecing and little pieces. Take your time, use a stiletto for the little pieces and turn your stitch length down to about 2. The pattern calls for a ton of fabric with a lot of overage. I am not preparing full kits for this one. I made fabric bundles with every color represented. You have the option of moving your colors around, deciding what you want in each spot. The fabric in your bundle will get you started on your quilt and will let you incorporate other fabrics in. I will have these fabrics held for the duration of the quilt. So if you need more, they will be available.

The Star Studded pattern is fun! We ease into the quilt with a star this month and then jump into fun techniques next month. The original fabrics for this quilt are so pretty and are perfect for this pattern. Charisma Horton did an amazing job designing the fabric and quilt. We also have re-colored this quilt in Stonehenge fabrics by Northcott. They are beautiful and I can't wait to see how it turns out!



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In the store, we have some really fun new fabrics. We have our Tim Holtz Palette line in Pink, Red and Orange, new Moda, Wilmington and my absolute favorite right now is Heather Ross "By Hand". Stop in and see the new fabrics. We also have some great classes for January and more coming in February. [The class calendar is here.](#)

I am so happy to be able to share this year with you and that you are a part of my community. Thanks for hanging out with us!

Love Ya,

Carrie



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