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# STITCHIN' TIMES

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## Christmas in July Schedule of Events

### Saturday, July 19th, 2008:

1. Doors Open at 10:00 am
2. Door Prizes will be given out every 2 hours  
(sign up as you come in)
3. Beyond Embroidery - 11:30am - Free Interactive Seminar - Come discover the secrets to fool-proof embroidery! B-Sew Inn Educator, Sue Hall, will show you everything from the basic tools for embroidery to the tips & tricks of hooping fabric perfectly every time. You'll be able to explore how embroidery is great for personalizing your quilts, plus see quick and easy gift ideas for the holiday season. Whether you are considering adding embroidery to your creative adventures, or if you're already an embroidery lover, this interactive seminar will be loads of fun!
4. Sparkling Feet - 2:30pm - Free Interactive Seminar - Sparkling holiday deserves specialty feet - and "feet don't stink" when you know the secrets of how to maximize their potential! Join B-Sew Inn Educator, Sue Hall, as she helps you explore why feet are so important to making your projects easier, quicker and more fun. After all, the holiday sewing season should not be frustrating, but instead be inspiring. We'll have you sing your favorite Christmas carols as you are making those gifts and decorating your homes! It doesn't matter which machine you use, or even if your favorite machine is a serger, this interactive session will spark your energy and get you sewing for the holidays!
5. All Christmas Fabric will be on sale 20% off (Saturday Only!)

### Tuesday, July 22, 2008:

1:30 - 3:30pm or 6:00 - 8:00pm - Charming Placemats - Everyone needs great Christmas Placemats on their table for the Holiday season. This simple and easy pattern uses a Charm pack to make some adorable placemats. This will be a one time class that is FREE. The only purchase needed is a charm pack and to sign up in advance.

### Thursday, July 24, 2008:

1:30 - 3:30pm or 6:00 - 8:00pm - Strip Stocking - This class will use your extra pieces for the strips of the stocking. We will offer this class again closer to November, but this gives everyone a good head start. This class will fill up early so sign up soon. This class is also FREE.

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**Early Bird Special  
deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>.  
So get signed up  
now! Don't miss out  
on all the fun!!!**

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- Fat ¼ poker
  - Ugly Fat ¼ exchange
  - Quilt Bingo
  - Door Prizes
- AND MUCH MORE!!!**

Are you ready to have fun, relax, and spend 2 ½ days of sewing on all the things that you could never get done before? We think a quilt retreat is just what you need! You can bring your own machine, or if yours is not portable, one will be provided for you.

**Retreat Cost: \$125**

**Earlier Bird Special: \$99 before July 31<sup>st</sup>**

\$50 non-refundable deposit required at the time of reservation. Contact Corner Sew and So for reservation.

**Cost includes: Dinner Fri., lunch Sat., lunch Sun., sewing room, and prizes.**

# Fall Quilt Retreat

**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Best Western  
Bartlesville, OK**

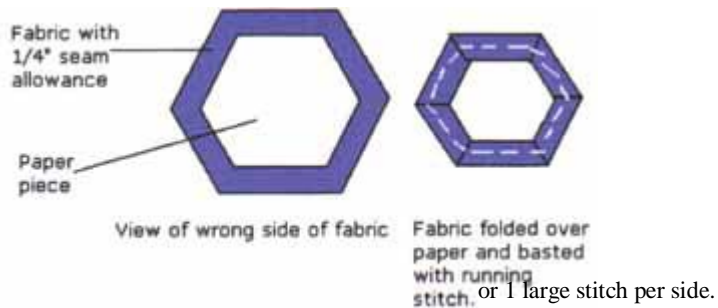
Rooms are available, but not required. Room rates are \$75 per nite, 1 to 4 occupancy. Continental Breakfast included. Contact Best Western directly at, (918) 335-7755 and mention Corner Sew and So to get the discount rate.



# English Paper Piecing

## From About.com

English Paper Piecing is often used in the making of hexagon, diamond, baby-block, and star patterns. Each piece in the quilt is pinned to its own paper pattern piece. The paper serves as a guide for sewing and a support for the pieces.



To paper piece a hexagon pattern, a paper hexagon is placed on the wrong side of a fabric hexagon and held with a pin. The fabric has been cut  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch larger than the paper hexagon all the way around. The extra fabric is for a seam allowance which is turned down over the edge of the paper to the wrong side and basted in place. This process is repeated for every piece that will be in the quilt.

The next step is to sew the pieces together. The edges of two pieces are lined up with their front sides together and whipstitched (both edges caught alternately with the needle).

## Organizing Your Sewing Room

**Thread Spool Storage:** Store thread spools in clear plastic egg cartons. These are also great for stacking.

**Burn Test:** To identify fabric content, burn a corner of a piece of scrap fabric and extinguish it in a bowl of water. Cotton will feather with a light ash as it's burned; poly blend will feel like plastic when it is burned.

**Paint Chip Tip:** Create your own color library with complimentary paint chips available at home decorating stores. Paint chips are easy to take along when shopping for fabric.

**Cutting Mat Cleanup:** Clean your rotary cutting mat with a napped lint-removal brush. This prevents dark or light lint from depositing on your next cut of fabric.

**Stop Unraveling Threads:** Cut strips from inexpensive vinyl/cling wrap and wrap it around the spool and bobbin to secure the thread.

**Rotary Care:** To keep your rotary cutter sharp, mark the date of the blade change with masking tape on the flat part of the cutter. When your rotary cutter starts skipping, take it apart and turn the blade, add a drop of sewing machine oil and you get double the life on your blades.

**Fabric Flags:** To shop for fabric economically and efficiently, determine your fabric color scheme beforehand. Write down the colors and yardage required on individual sticky notes; i.e., border=3 yards, house=2 yards, grass=1/4 yard. As you choose a fabric bolt, stick the note on the end of the bolt and take it to the cutting table; after the fabric is cut, transfer the sticky notes to the cut fabric.