



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

April 12, 2013

It's a good thing we live in snow alley, otherwise we'd never have a full pantry. Think about it. What did you do on Monday before the storm hit? Exactly.

Every time we have a snow storm warning with predictions of tons of snow and blizzard conditions, what's the first thing we do? Go to the store to stock up on basics: milk, bread, eggs, water, fruit. I'm just guessing here, because I go to the store to stock up on pop.

I don't know how we manage during the summer, when we don't have snow alerts to remind us to buy milk. And why is it necessary to buy milk, anyway. How often do you actually drink a glass of milk, and if you don't drink a glass of milk for a day, or two, I don't think you're going to get scurvy. Or maybe that's what you get from not eating fruit. But hey, you stocked up on fruit, so what's to worry.

Stocking up on bread harkens back to the days of Oliver Twist, when a crust of bread was breakfast, lunch and dinner combined. So clearly, we need bread to survive a snow storm. Although, as we know, everyone is on a diet and starchy things like bread aren't usually on the menu. But we buy it anyway, because if there's nothing else to eat, at least we can have toast. Assuming the electricity is still on.

Even the dog food stores in town benefit from forecast warnings. I went to buy dog food - not because of the storm, but because I was out of dog food - and the owner chortled that he loved snow forecast days. Business is outstanding before storms. And that makes more sense than buying milk. My dogs can't really live on canned soup. Or spaghetti, with or without sauce. Or Mac & Cheese. Actually, they'd probably love it, but you wouldn't want to be in the same room with them during the digestive process - if you get my drift.

But I've got enough stuff stocked in the pantry and crammed into my freezer that I could live for days, maybe even weeks, without having to forage for food. And be honest. So do you. Now, I wouldn't want to go through a Hurricane Sandy. Being displaced from home, not having access to water and hot meals for an extended period of time, is hard to prepare for. You can't really go to the grocery store the night before and stock up on essentials for that kind of a disaster.

But for most of us, we rush to the store, haul food home and hope for a snow day. That's

"A" snow day. One. Maybe. And admit it. You went to the grocery store Monday night. Just in case. And I bet you bought milk. And bread.

I, on the other hand, had enough bread, tortillas and peanut butter to last me several meals. I also had canned soup and frozen stuff to investigate. What I didn't have was pop. So I did go to the store and guess what I saw in everyone else's carts? Milk. It was hilarious. Everyone had at least 1 gallon of milk. And there were a lot of people in the store. I felt like I was in a horror movie where you identify the aliens or crazy zombies because they crave milk, and everywhere I looked in the store, there was a gallon of milk tucked into a basket, zombies everywhere, coming at me, holding up a gallon of milk - where was I.... Oh.

They also had bread and eggs. No imagination.

I, on the other hand, had pop, potatoes, bacon and toilet paper. And I admit I did buy a carton of milk-for the potato soup I intended to make during my snow day, which never happened. Because....

What I forgot to buy, unfortunately, was gas. The propane type. Tuesday morning when I woke up there was a distinctive nip in the air. No heat. So the gas guy comes out to service my brand new heater, tells me that sometimes the wind shuts off heaters, and I'm thinking to myself, it's not like I live in Iowa or someplace where the wind doesn't blow that hard and that often. I live in Wyoming where it's a constant wind festival from January 1 through December 31.

But I accepted the explanation, and left the house, only to return to no heat. This time, I got suspicious. The next call was to the propane company, where I have had a running credit for several months. Possibly many months. The propane truck last visited the tank in June. I only have a 500 gallon tank. Yup. No propane. The truck driver's excuse was that when he drove by my house, there were drifts out back, so he didn't stop. But he also didn't stop last fall to top me off, not once in those months when we didn't have any snow.

So of course, no trucks could get to my house on Tuesday. And on Wednesday, the truck driver took the afternoon off, 'cause the roads were closed Wednesday morning. Makes sense. Why try to do half a day's work to service an empty tank that you have not serviced for 10 months? What's the rush, after all. I think I'm in the market for a new gas company.

So it's a good thing I'm a quilter. There is no lack of quilts in my house.

And while I never did get the soup made, I did drink some milk.

SHOP HOP APRIL 19-20

Springtime in the Rockies

Come and let us show you how easy it is to make a braid using pre-cut 2 1/2" strips or 2 1/2" strips cut from your own fabric - one jelly roll will yield enough braids for a king size quilt, or make several smaller quilts from your strips! A ruler is included with the pattern that maximizes your time and minimizes fabric waste. What could be better?

Saturday - April 20th

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- 10:00 **Harriet's Treadle Arts** **"Heirloom Machine Quilting"**
You really can quilt on your home sewing machine, no special equipment required.
- 11:00 **Mazown** **"Go Cutter Tricks"**
Ideas to use the cutter for use as a quilter.
- 12:00 **Sweetheart Quilt Shoppe** **"Applique Made Easy"**

Come and see a demonstration of fusible appliqué from start to finish. We have wonderful, small project and kit ideas to get you started!
- 1:00 **Around the Block** **"Twist & Stitch"**
The easy way to cut twister blocks.
- 2:00 **Inspirations Quilt Shop** **"Rule Breaking Quilts"**
Come join us in building your confidence to start making that non-traditional art quilt. We will demo a lot of simple quick ideas to help you start yours today!

April Classes & Special Events

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. April 13, 10-11:30 FREE

We will be working on pillow cases, so if you want to participate in the project be sure to pick up a pattern and kit. You can also work on any project.

Gardner's Alphabet Quilt Support Group Sat. April 13, 11:30-12:30 ongoing

Sophia Sat. Apr. 13, 1-5 \$25

Jo Sunderman

Treat yourself to a wonderful spring quilt! If you are unfamiliar with Jo's patterns, now is the time to take a class from the designer herself!--learn her tips and tricks as she guides you through her easy process of tracing, fusing and securing the flowers onto stunning backgrounds.

SHOP HOP
April 19 & 20
In Loveland at The Ranch

Hand Applique Club Thurs. Apr. 25, 6:30-8:30

(See explanation in January)

Friday Nighters Fri. Apr. 26, 5:30-9 \$10

(See explanation in January)

NEW NEW NEW----Take 5 Workshop \$20

Barb Boyer

Looking for an easy quilt to make? This quilt can be cut and made in a day--really. (But most people take a little longer.) But it is quick, easy, and fun and the result are stunning. If you are looking for that next quilt to do or you want to make your first "big" bed-sized quilt, come to class and you'll get 'er done!



Pillow Case Party Apr. 28 1-3 FREE

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6BOM 10:30-11:15 - It's A Dog's Life 1-3 Monthly Mini's 4-6
7 Closed	8	9	10 Beginning Machine Applique 6:30-9:00	11 Learn to Knit 6:30-8:30	12	13 Embroidery 10-11:30 pillow

						cases Gardner's Alphabet Support 11:30-noon Sophia 1-5
14	15	16	17	18	19 Shop Hop	20 Shop Hop
21	22	23	24	25 Hand Appliqué Club 6:30-8:30 Full Moon	26 Friday Nighters 5:30-?	27 Take 5 Quilt workshop 10:30-4
28 Pillow Case Party 1-3	29	30				

Color of the month: purple

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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