

NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas...

Dear readers and friends of Prague Patchwork Meeting,

You are opening the latest PPM Newsletter issue in 2011. Over the whole year, we were keeping you updated regarding Prague Patchwork Meeting and the progress of Czech patchwork in the world.

In contrary to the bad news we daily read or watch, the word "crisis" being everywhere around, I believe that the progress of PPM as well as the Czech patchwork is surely not heading in this direction. That would not be possible without all your help, support and encouragement. I hope that the joy all of us have when creating a quilt will stay there not only in 2012 but also in the following years.

Enjoy the VIP patchwork year 2012 with us. The 6th PPM is here, followed by the biggest exhibition of the Czech quilting abroad on the EPM 2012.

Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year wishes you,

Jana Štěřbová & PPM

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Jana Štěřbová

The best for patchwork...

Need some fabric, new machine or inspiration? We bring you all the necessary links!

www.sicistroj.cz

www.dumlatek.cz

www.ragos.cz

www.strima.com

www.vierma.cz

www.bernina.cz www.bernina.sk

www.patchwork-hobby.cz

www.patch-design.cz

www.aja-patchwork.cz

www.hotelstep.cz



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**

Different winter decorations

You will need:

Any magazine or catalogue, alternatively a polystyrene cone
Background fabric
Fabric scraps
Scissors, pins
Buttons
Needle and threads

I was inspired by Cynthia Ann Dubbers with her scrap trees, but I have made the process even more creative and easy for everyone.

If you are lazy, you can wrap the background fabric around the polystyrene cloth and pin colourful circles on top. However, I am sure you will feel much better if you create the "tree" yourself from an old magazine, catalogue or an old workbook.

Instructions:

Open the magazine on the first page and fold the top left corner twice into the middle. The paper edge which will come out underneath the bottom of the page is to be folded inside. Please continue this way with each and every page until you create the cone.

Now cut out circle sets from your fabric scraps. Make 3-5 pieces from each fabric, the larger circles being ca 0.5cm bigger than the smallest one. Don't worry you don't need to be too precise. Allow for ca 25 sets for a tree made from A4 magazine. Place a button in the middle of each decoration and sew it on to the background fabric (size of the cone + seam allowance).

In the end you just place the fabric on the paper cone and the tree is ready.

We can use the tree for other decorations throughout the year as well. Why not try to sew hearts on it, flowers for the spring etc. It is only up to you and your fantasy!

Merry Christmas and lots of patchwork ideas for everyone!

Helena Fikejzová



Photos: Helena Fikejzova

Baking from a patchwork sandwich

For making the patchwork dough, you will need: scraps of different sandwiches, background fabric, quilting threads, stiff bracing, a glue, different cutters.

Instructions:

Iron the sandwich or block scraps on side of the bracing, allow ca 50mm for quilting through if overlapping more pieces.

Iron the background fabric on the back. Also you can use a glue. Iron the sheet well.

We cut out different shapes. Similarly to a baking dough we care about using as much space as possible. We sew around the edges with a thick satin stitch, or any other suitable stitch (based on the machine). Also we can stitch the edges by hand. To enhance the effect, I recommend using highlighted or metal quilting threads.

If there is a connection in the middle of the shape, we can decorate it with a satin stitch over within the overlap line.

Shapes:

Bookmarks: we cut rectangles 3-4 x 20cm. One side may be cut into a spire. Also we can sew on a ribbon or a tassel when finalizing the bookmark, making opening of the book easier.

Glass coasters: square (I recommend rounding up the corners to make the decorative stitching easier) or round - ca 9 x 9 cm or a diameter of 9-10 cm.

Christmas tree decorations: we draw along the cutter on the patchwork sheet, cut out the shape carefully and place a thread for hanging through the edge. Simple shapes (hearts, stars, circles) do not have to be decorated further. Should we cut out animals etc, we can decorate them the same way as when putting icing on gingerbreads.

Napkin rings: we shape rectangles 3 x 15 cm into tips at the thinner ends, fold them after stitching around the edges and sew in a right angle through (ca 5cm from the overlap), we fold the tips apart and sew a bead, pearl, jingle etc. in the middle. Choose your background colour carefully as it will be visible!

Enjoy the baking!

Jana Štěřbová

We will bring you all the newest information in January, in between you can choose your workshop for the 6th PPM. All the information is available on www.praguepatchworkmeeting.com or in the last Newsletter issue.



Why don't you display your quilt on the 6th PPM?

6TH INTERNATIONAL PRAGUE PATCHWORK MEETING 30.3. - 1.4.2012

Application Form - Exhibitors

Name _____ Family Name _____

Address _____

Country _____ Website _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Exhibit _____

Year of Origin _____

Size of Exhibit (w x h) _____

Work Technique Used _____

Sewing Machine Used _____

- Categories Individual or Art Club (VS 100) Challenge Slot (VS 300)
 Mystery Kimberly Einmo (VS 400) Challenge Log Cabin (VS 500)
 Echoes 2011 (no fee)

Please **attach** to your entry form also a photo of the whole quilt as well as a one of a detail.
By sending application form I **approve** on **taking photographs** of all my exhibited quilts.

Deadline for applications: February 20th, 2012.

Exhibitor's fee according to the published tariffs on our web site cover the installation and insurance cost. When the money reaches the Prague Patchwork Meeting account with UniCredit Bank, account No. IBAN: CZ87 2700 0000 0005 1725 8004, you will be added to the list of exhibitors.