

# Rockwell Collins Craft Club March 2009



## *This Month at a Glance*

### Meeting Date:

Wednesday,  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
4:30  
Main Plant  
Cafeteria

### March Birthdays:

8<sup>th</sup> - Vi Brislaw  
10<sup>th</sup> - Mary Becker  
12 - Lois Lovelett  
28 - Donna Hepker  
29 - Pam Hoffman

### April Birthdays:

8 -  
13 -  
18 - 23 -

### Craft Project:

No Craft Project  
this month

### Community Service:

We will be collecting for  
the area Food Banks this  
month

### Dates of Interest:

20<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Spring  
21<sup>st</sup> - National Quilting Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Joan Crawford is born,  
1904  
28<sup>th</sup> - Nathaniel Briggs  
patents the washing  
machine, 1797

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*At the time of publication, the President was out of the country.*

Really! We suspect our fearless leader is enjoying herself on the sunny beaches of Mexico but will be here to join us for the meeting next week!

(I hope she brings some sunshine back to share with us!)

### *You Know You're Getting Older When...*

- Your back goes out more than you do
- Your childhood toys are now in a museum
- The twinkle in your eye is only the reflection of the sun on your bifocals!



### **This Month's Meeting Agenda....Potluck and Bingo!!!**

We will be having a Red/Green  
St. Patrick's/ St. Joseph's Day  
Potluck with BINGO.

Please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift for a Bingo prize, a dish to share for the potluck, and bring your own drink.  
The club will provide plates, silverware, and napkins.

Remember to wear **GREEN** or **RED**!

## National Craft Month

March is National Craft Month! What a terrific reason to celebrate! For those of us who love to craft, vow to try a new crafting technique during National Craft Month; or perhaps you can teach someone how to do your favorite craft. I think National Craft Month can also be the perfect excuse to pull all those half-finished projects out of their hiding places and get them done!

## Community Service

Last month, we supported the Teacher's Store with a care package. Arlys delivered our gift which included: paper towels, Kleenex, notebooks, bleach, hand sanitizer, and an assortment of our scarves, hats and gloves.

This month, we will be supporting our local area Food Banks. Please consider donating non-perishable food goods, cleaning supplies, toiletries, diapers, or cash. Remember, great things come in small packages... especially if you put a whole bunch of small ones together!

## New Toy for our Group

The RC CC has acquired a new gadget! A **Cricut Personal Electronic Cutter Machine**. For more information, visit [www.cricut.com](http://www.cricut.com)



The Cricut Personal Electronic Cutter machine is the future of home crafting. Simply by touching a button, Cricut can cut beautiful designs and alphabets for card making, scrapbooking, and paper crafting.

No computer is required, just plug it in. Place your favorite cartridge in your Cricut and choose from hundreds of designs in 12 different sizes; ranging from 1" to 5-1/2"! That's thousands of possibilities! Cutting customized shapes and alphabets has never been easier!

We'd sure be interested if you've used a Cricut or if you have any fabulous ideas for future projects! We'd love to hear your feedback!

## Upcoming Events

**ZIP IT! SW Tech's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sewing & Quilting Expo  
Friday & Saturday June 5-6, SW Tech Campus, Fennimore, WI**

WOW! This is like a stitcher's heaven!! Gee Esther, will you be organizing a bus trip for us?!?

So, what new and creative ideas will you discover at this year's SWTC Sewing and Quilting Expo? We have 31 great teachers presenting 109 classes - literally everything from hats to shoes! Chances are there will be something just right for everyone! Come see what class fits you best.

For more information about the 2009 event, please contact Roberta Walker, consumer services coordinator, at 608.822.2469 or 1.800.362.3322, extension 2469; email [rwalker@swtc.edu](mailto:rwalker@swtc.edu).

## *In the Spotlight...*

I'd like to use this space to highlight one of our members each month! We all have so many talents and interests to share, that's the fun of being in a club!

So, when you see my "knock on the door" in your e-mail box, or my name on caller ID, don't hide! Inquiring crafters want to know YOU!

And just to be a good sport, I'll start!

My name is Riquie (Ricky) Knipfel, and I will be serving as the new editor of the monthly newsletter! I was invited to the craft club by Patti Little shortly after I became a "full-timer" in Aug. '08. I was in the Halls Furniture Bldg with the NGAP program, and now I work with the CS Material Team in 105, ordering equipment for some of our newer programs. I truly love being part of the RC team!

I am a single mom with four great (usually!) kids: Blaize is about to turn 22, and he works in Mason City, IA for the Best Buy Geek Squad. Keegan is turning 20 at the end of the month. He lives and works in Chariton, IA. His career is growing as an aspiring Harley Davidson mechanic. Son #3 is Dalen, a colorful 16 year old who is a sophomore at Linn-Mar HS and bringing up the rear is Celeste, 14, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Oak Ridge who is already an accomplished quilter and crafter!

Quilting is my favorite for the moment, but I've also been known to sew, crochet, make costumes, paint...but my best skill is starting projects that ARE NOT FINISHED YET!! ☺

## Edgings for your Fleece Blanket

You know, as crafters, we aren't always looking to build a better mousetrap; we just want to build a PRETTIER one!! Even though Spring is on its way IN and fleece is on it's way OUT for the season, I've included some ideas to use for your next project. I'm pretty sure you could incorporate some of these edgings in scarves as well as blankets!

Directions are courtesy of the Boise/Southwest Idaho/Eastern Oregon Chapter of Project Linus.

[www.linusidaho.org/finishafleeceblanket.htm](http://www.linusidaho.org/finishafleeceblanket.htm)



### **Picket Fence & Bunny (or Hounds) Ears:**

Cut fringe 1 1/4" wide x 2" long. Cut ends as shown in picture.

Optional: Cut a small slit (no longer than 1/4" long) at the base of the fringe. Pull fringe through the hole to make a "Bunny Ear." If you don't make the end pointy - you have a "Hounds Ear."



### **Looped (or optional Braided Finish) –Think "Potholder Edge"!**

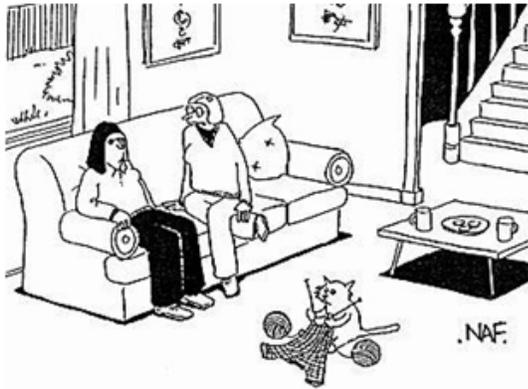
- Cut out 3" squares from each corner of fleece after removing the selvedge edges.
- Place a strip of masking tape 3" from the edge of the fleece on all four sides. Turn up the edge of the fleece to meet the masking tape. Pin & sew the raw edge using a zigzag stitch. Cut the fringe in 1/2" strips stopping the cut 1/4" from the stitching.
- Optional: After cutting the loops, make a braided edge by "finger crocheting" one loop through the next loop. Go all the way around the blanket using a large crochet hook to pull the loops through. Tuck the last loop into the first one and hand stitch to anchor.
- Another option for the Looped Finish is to sew a 3" piece of contrasting or coordinating fleece to each end of the blanket. Fold in half, sew down with a zigzag stitch and cut the loops as above.

## Breakfast on the Run? Try Breakfast Burritos!

Which is not quite accurate because we eat them for lunch and dinner too! They are a big hit and can be made the night before. And unless you are serving the entire basketball team, you can cut back on the ingredients and it's still great.

Combine: 1lb. browned ground sausage or beef  
3 dozen eggs scrambled  
1 lb. frozen potato chunks, baked in the oven until done  
After combining the above ingredients, stir in 16 oz. of shredded cheese.

Warm tortillas and put about a serving spoon size in each one. I like the larger flour tortillas. Fold one side up and roll the tortilla up tightly. This will make a ton, so feel free to scale down! To make ahead, simply refrigerate and reheat for 20 – 25 minutes in a 350 degree oven.



"It's amazing. She started out just playing wit it, Now she's up to a jumper a week."

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