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Hello All You Wonderful People,

Wow! What a nice holiday. John and I had a really good time. We had a cook-out and the weather was just great. It was overcast all day and in the high 70's. In other words, it was perfect.

We had friends and family over for a great cook-out. Of course, I don't cook, so we have to have one of the guests cook. They don't seem to mind and it works out just fine. We have good food and good conversation.

I bought a few fireworks just for the kids. It didn't have to be dark to set them off. There were nice little fountains, smoke bombs in different colors, sparklers and we even had a couple of turtles that raced away on jet propulsion and had sparkles coming out of their heads. All-in-all, I think everyone enjoyed them and the adults enjoyed the kids enjoying them.

Maybe, if I can get more of the turtles, next year we will have a turtle race. That sounds like a lot of fun. We found out the hard way that you have to have them on a hard surface. They don't go anywhere on gravel. Then I put one on a platform John had built for something else, and it did pretty good, other than the fact the platform wasn't very long and the turtle jetted off the end and did the rest of its act on its back – which was kind of cool, too.

I thought I would give you some ideas on using our accessories:

I have had some questions on having empty bottles for sale [C557 – (5) - \$3.00].

One use for them is to make your own colors. Using colors that are already in the Line, you can mix the colors that you want to use on a particular design. Sometimes folks want to match the color décor of a dining room or bedroom. Maybe you want to do something on a particular color of clothing and need just the right color to work with. If you use an empty bottle to mix your color you will be able to use that color another time in the future.

I suggest that as you are mixing the color, you be sure to write your formula down so you can re-mix it when you run out.

You will need to order C557 + C556 (Decorator Tips – (10) for \$3.25) + C558 (Nozzles and Caps – (10) for \$3.30). Since you get five (5) bottles to a package, you need to order two (2) sets of bottles to go with the other two (2), since they come in packages of ten(10).

Another use for these items is to divide your existing paints into more than one (1) bottle. This is especially good for those of you that teach painting classes. You can buy one (1) bottle of paint and divide it into two (2) or three (3) bottles so that more folks in your class can use the same colors.

This works well if you're having classes with kids. They always seem to want to use the same colors as their friends are using.

For those of you that are running classes with the 'Quilt of the Month' quilt blocks, where your students are all doing the same design, this is especially good.



Of course, the best way to run the monthly quilt block classes, are to have them buy their own paints so they can continue painting at home. If they buy all the colors that they need for the first quilt block – then add the colors as they need them for the blocks as they come out – that makes your sales higher and gives them the opportunity to buy other things to paint in between the class times. This way they can gradually build up their paint stock and as their paint colors increase, they will want to do more things with them.

Be sure that you sell them (or give them) T4673-Paint Dots and have them iron it off onto something that they can carry with them. That way they can tell what colors they have and how many more they have to go to have the full Line. Make sure that you tell them to only fill in the dots with the colors that they own. When they have all the colors filled in they will have the whole Line and they can use the finished design to figure out what colors are called for in a particular design and figure out whether they want to change the colors to something else. This design fits on a P322-Mini Flag, or just about anything else, even one of the P1492-Large Tote Bags. (If they put it on a tote bag, they can put the things that they need for the class in the tote bag to carry with them to class and know exactly what colors they need to order for the next class.)

There are un-numbered dots to fill in with colors that you mix up on your own (like I talked about in the previous section).

Another item that a lot of folks don't understand about is C548 – Sandpaper Blotters (5) for \$3.75. These are *medium grit* sandpaper.

These are the *best* things to paint on. You put one under what you are painting (or in between the front and back of a t-shirt or sweatshirt) and the Sandpaper Blotter holds the item still so that you can paint it and it keeps the paint from going through to what ever you are painting on (or to the other side of a shirt).

For those of you that have been painting for a long time and are used to using the hoops – this works much better. You don't have to worry about smearing the paint when you move your material on the hoop and you don't have to let the paint dry before you move to the next section.

I know there are those of you that have to paint lying down and you need to have the hoop to hold the item that you are painting, but even in those cases, putting a Sandpaper Blotter on your hoop works better than using a blotter pad. Just cut the Sandpaper Blotter to the same dimensions as a C366 – 10" round Blotter. The grit holds the item very still for you to paint without having to stretch it out when you put it in the hoop.

The Blotter Pads [C451 - (2) approx. 10"x12"-\$1.75 and C452 - (2) approx. 12"x20"-\$3.25] are good for doing washes and using a brush [C460 – Fabric Brush Set (3) or C470 – Fabric Brush Set 2 (3)] to paint with. It holds the material for these techniques and keeps the paint from going through to what you are painting on top of or through to the other side of a shirt.

Transfers

I've had requests for more Southwest. I sure hope you like these. I am showing which designs come on each transfer. The designs are about 7" x 7" each. There are seven (7) designs all together so they will be good to go on Flour Sack Towels (P327 - 1 for \$2.00 or P328 – 10 for \$17.50). They can go on Pillow Cases (P1594 – 1 for \$6.24 or P1595 – 2 for \$11.95). How about all of them on a Body Pillow Case – P1593 for \$8.50? Do you have a Southwest kitchen or dining room? They would go on a tablecloth, too. You might need some Placemats (P1289 – 2 for \$7.50). I'm going to do a Southwest shirt with them all over it.

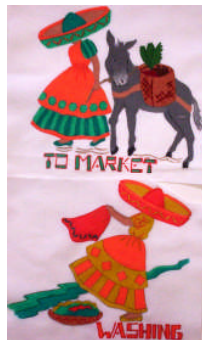
Remember that you can *cut the letters off the transfers before you iron them on* if you want to.



T4798 – Southwest 1

These are the first three (3) of the seven (7) transfers in this series.

I tried to chart them in southwest colors.



T4799 – Southwest 2

These are the next two (2) of the seven (7) transfers in this series.

I think the Turquoises and Corals look pretty good.



T4800 – Southwest 3

This is the last two (2) of the series.

I sure hope you like them. I enjoyed painting and charting them for you. Of course, you all know that you can paint them any colors that you want. The paint charts are just suggestions that you can change in any way that you want to.

I do want to remind you all that I need you to catch my mistakes.

Sometimes when I am charting colors on to the direction sheets – I don't list all the colors that you need. If you see this, you need to let me know so that I fix it for future copies.

Then there is the list of colors that are on the cover page of the transfers, this is the page that you see when you look at the transfer while it is still in the plastic. Some times I don't get a full list of colors at the bottom of that page either – or I type them in wrong. I need to know about these mistakes so it will be easier on the people who buy the same transfers later.

Most folks look at the cover or chart list and pull all the colors that they are going to need for that design so they are all set out in their mini totes and ready to go. I know it's really maddening to think you have everything pulled and then run into a color in the chart that you didn't pull because it wasn't in the lists of colors.

So if you will all help me out on this I would really appreciate it. I actually print the charts and covers as they are needed, so any corrections show up on the next set that I do.

Monthly Special

The monthly special for July 2009: How about a round table cloth painted with the new Southwest transfers? (MSJUL09) This will be a round table cloth (P1221 - \$29.95) and the three (3) new Southwest transfers (T4798 – T4799 – T4800 = \$4.95). The special price for these will be \$28.00. That is a savings of \$6.90.

I think you will all enjoy painting these designs. They are all very simple to paint and go really fast. Enjoy!!!

Order this Special (MSJUL09) for \$28.00 during the month of July 2009.

July Workshops

July 12th – 2:00 PM - Brooklyn – Lori Bartlett's house – call for information

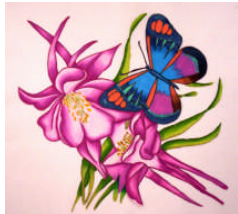
July 16th – 11:00 AM - Here at the Cameo facility in Manchester – You can either buy the Special and get it started – or bring a pair of faded jeans to put the three (3) new transfers on.

One way you will learn how to lay out the table cloth with the transfers and the other way you will see how easy it is to paint on jean fabric.

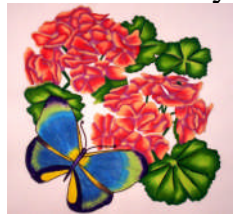
Or – you could do both, or at least get them ironed on and start painting them. If you iron the jeans on first – then the table cloth – you get better use out of your transfers.

Monthly Quilt Blocks

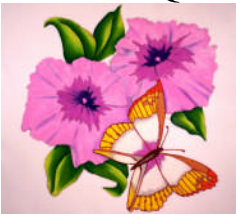
Butterfly & Flower Quilt Blocks '09



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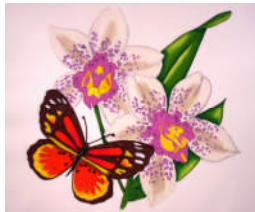
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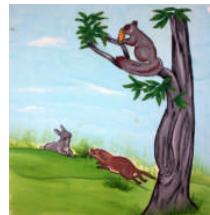


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Wild Animal Quilt Blocks '09



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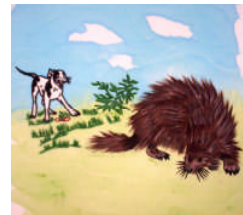
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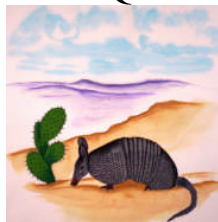
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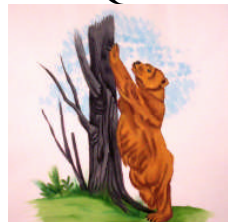
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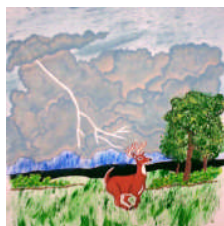


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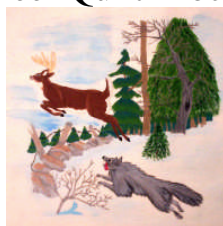
Wild Deer Quilt Blocks '09



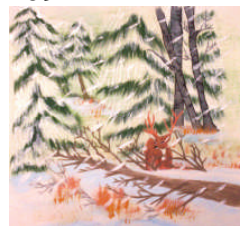
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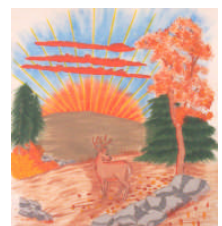
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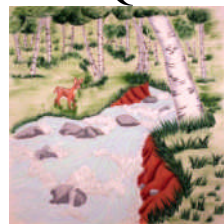
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Order in: ones=\$2.50 (1 quilt block & 1 transfer) {or} sixes=\$15.00 (6 blank quilt blocks & 6 of same transfer)

June Meetings



As you can see – everyone has their own ideas on how a design should be painted.



We try to make it fun for everyone – even if they're new like Jamie Curtis in the back row. We work – we learn – we play. Jean was there, too, but behind the camera.



At some meetings I try to teach different things – like at the Brooklyn June Meeting – it was how to arrange transfers to iron on all at once, or how to do your own thing.



Quite a few of you have asked for the Bird Quilt Designs to come back in the Line.

Would this work? Would you like a different extra design to bring it up to nine (9) blocks? I kind of liked the letters, but I think I might put the 'North American Birds' block in the center.

Let me know what you think.

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