

## Saturday Sampler 2024

Message from Carrie – Jan. 24

Hi Quilting Friends!

Welcome to our [2024 Saturday Sampler](#)! I am so excited to have you all participating this year. I love both of these quilts so much. Some of you know that I was a bit hesitant about Urban Owls, but I love it so far!

Let me introduce our Saturday Sampler team. My name is Carrie. I am the Fabric and Yarn Manager here at our Quilter's Corner at Ben Franklin Crafts and Frame Shop in Monroe, WA. I am the one that will be making the quilts and writing the instructions for both quilts. Terri is my Saturday Sampler team mate. For those of you who come in person, she is upstairs organizing all of your door prize tickets, the UFO challenge, generally keeping me on schedule and on track and comic relief for all of us. If you watch our [What's New videos](#), she is usually showing off fabric with me. Taylor is also upstairs with us and handles our Social Media and video recording.

How is your New Year going? We started out the year with a full house for our Mystery Quilt class. The pattern was called Backslash. You can see pictures of everyone's progress in our Quilter's Corner [Facebook Group](#). This is where we share all of the fun things happening in the store and you can share the awesome projects you are working on. *(To access this Facebook Group, you must submit a request to join. If you have already joined, you're all set!*

We have quite a few sewing classes offered this month ([register HERE](#), or in-store); Beginning Quilting, French Roses Quilt, Learn to Sew a Pillowcase, Beginning Cross Stitch and a Barn Quilt Painting class. As usual we have Late Night Sew and Finish It Workshops. I encourage anyone that needs extra in-person help this year to come to our Finish It workshop. It is a great space to get some one-on-one instruction on your project.

How do you feel about doing the UFO challenge? We are handing out forms again and picking numbers ourselves this year. You can get UFO sheets at the fabric counter to fill out and we will check them off each month. You earn an extra door prize for getting your UFO done each month. I love using the UFO sheets to plan lots of projects, not just sewing. I grabbed a handful of sheets to take home and fill out Sunday. It's going to be the best day!

We love seeing you in our classroom for our Saturday Sampler event. I hope that you all can come in person, but also love that technology has really let us reach Saturday Sampler friends wherever you are. If you can't come in person but want to still be present, we have [ZOOM set up](#), so you can log in and participate. If you can't do that, tutorials are sent in an email every month (link available on the webpage) so you can follow along at your convenience. The video of the live event will also be emailed to you the following week. We will have a Saturday Sampler discussion thread in the [Facebook Group](#) each month also.

Along with the instructions this month, I have a general getting-started page for you to read (available on the webpage). Each of these quilts is intricate in its own way. I included ways to organize the projects, additional supplies you might need and things to think about before you start your quilt project.

I hope you are as excited to start your Saturday Sampler quilt as I am and I can't wait to see you all, in person, on ZOOM or on Facebook!

Love ya,

Carrie

PS...check out my helper last night....pure trouble!



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