

NQF1-5 CREATIVELY UNPACKED NEWSLETTER – Volume 2 (April 08)

Helping the disadvantaged through crafts and business skills awareness.

Good Day Friends

Thank you to those of you which have provided feedback to us in terms of the site, given us suggestions and provided valuable insight. If you would still like to supply us with feedback please complete the feedback form on site – it is highly appreciated. We need this in order to improve our services.

Restructuring our website is still in planning stage and at the mercy of us still learning html.

Our *quilting friendship club* is still operating and we would love to hear your input on improving this club and what you would like to do? **What we offer is a block swap facility** using only 100% percent cotton fabric only – this is normally imported fabric available at good sewing stores. We want to have relationships with you and would appreciate this club to become our family. That means we will like to hear your news regarding any fabric and textile crafts along with crafts such as fabric painting, dyeing that can be used on textiles.

The current project on the quilting page is for a “teacup” block. This block is one you can make in various colours to make into a wall hanging for the kitchen or can be placed on a tea towel. This block we will also be using for the current swap. So, if you want to take part in this challenge, all you do is send to us as many blocks as you like and we will send you the same amount back. The background fabric should be a pale colour, such as cream, white or any pastel colour. The block (finished size) should be 20cm x 20 cm. The **drawing of the teacup** can be downloaded from the quilting page at www.nqfcup.co.za. They do not have to be identical if doing more than one. If you are based in South Africa you need to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for the return of them. If you are an internationally based person, then you can send us a 100% cotton fabric quarter in place of the delivery costs and we will pay the shipping fees back to you. Swap closes 25th April 2008 so plenty of time to get some in. Please feel free to email if you have any queries – nqfcup@vodamail.co.za. **Kindly provide us with your name for this swap before the 7th April 08.** Please let us know how many you intend to make if possible – you won't be held to it though.

If you are keen, we challenge you to send us an “extra” block which will be earmarked solely for the making up of wall hangings or items to be donated to charities or for the raising of funds for the various projects. Please note that this is entirely voluntary and not a pre-requisite for joining our quilting friendship club. There are also no joining fees or anything, being a member of our club purely means that you will receive our latest projects and get to be informed of the latest pictures and updates to our site. Also, all donations, sponsors will be named in this newsletter going forward. So, you will automatically receive our newsletter monthly if you join our friendship club. Projects submitted to us will be posted online for public viewing.

Included in this club will be listed any items that have been received by us and we might need your input as to what we can do with them. For example, we have been

given some scrap fabrics (mostly dress offcuts) that we want to make into something. This would be good for making articles with crazy patch designs – do you have any ideas for us? They would then be sold, or given to charities. Kindly email us on nqfcup@vodamail.co.za with your suggestions.

CAN YOU HELP?

Here is where we appeal for assistance for any needy persons, schools ecetera.

We are currently requesting help with the following items if any of you can help:

- a) Second-hand toys in good condition. We are starting to collect these items for Christmas gifts for the children in needy homes and institutions. We offer to wash the toys, clean them and fix them where needed. These will be donated to the needy. Any other items we can place in children's "goody bags" as gifts will be appreciated.
- b) We require sheeting or fabric to be used for single bed quilts as backing.
- c) We need batting or wadding for completion of single bed quilts.
- d) Any braids, lace or embellishing item to be used for crazy patch articles.
- e) Old sewing machines for teaching.
- f) Fabric paint and brushes.
- g) Polar fleece material and/or off cuts which we use to make into rugs or throws.
- h) Sewing threads.
- i) Men's tie's.

JEWELLERY – SPECIAL OFFER

We have two areas on the website offering costume and semi-precious jewellery. Ally Cat Creations and Coll Doll Designs. We are offering a one-time special of **12%** discount on your total order placed and paid for in the month of **April 08**. Postage will be charged according to postal rates and you will receive an invoice from us in order to pay in the correct amount. Please state this newsletter offer on your purchase request.

Oh yes, our product page has been updated with our latest items, so please be sure to check it out.

Lastly, we ask you to let anyone know that have a handicap, but still is creative and making items for re-sale, to contact us and we can market their goods on **site free of charge**. Calling all **housewives and creative experts** – for a monthly charge of R20 per month, we can market your goods online. Kindly complete our feedback form or email us at nqfcup@vodamail.co.za.

Oh, we also offer a **prayer chain** for those needing prayer with loved ones, most especially the handicapped community – we are here for you! Email or phone us.

Best wishes and God bless!
Allyson and the NQFCUP team!
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