April showers bring May flowers - and they also bring rainy day sewing days! Some of our favorite days are when the weather encourages us to stay inside and sew, sew, sew! With a little "Spring Cleaning" this month, we're thinking about new ways to play - with fabric, patterns, tools, and friends. There are so many colors in the rainbow - and we can't wait to see what you do with them!



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"THE WAY I SEE IT. IF YOU WANT THE RAINBOW. YOU GOTTA PUT UP WITH THE RAIN"

~Dolly Parton

No foolin' - we're excited to share a

new tutorial style with Jenny, Natalie, and Misty as they Triple Play the third Friday of each month. Tune in to see how they take a project idea and play with three new ways to quilt something fun and beautiful. The Doan Girls use different fabrics and sometimes even different techniques and tools it's fun to see the different ways to try new projects!

## WITH SPRING COMING INTO FULL SWING

(and autumn rolling in for our southern hemisphere quilting friends) WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO SEW

IN THIS SEASON?

## WHAT KIND OF "SPRING CLEANING" ARE YOU PLANNING IN YOUR SEWING ROOM?

Hint! It might be time to change your needle, snag the dust bunnies out of your bobbin case, and spool up some bobbins for your next sewing project! We've got needles of all kinds (and some pre-wound bobbins, too!) to get you ready!

## HOW DO YOU PUT YOUR OWN SPIN ON QUILT IDEAS? DO YOU LIKE TO CHANGE FABRICS, COLORS, SIZE?

\*\*Triple Play is the third Friday of each month - Tune in April 17 to see what Jenny, Natalie, and Misty are working on. Hint: April showers bring... three new ideas for growing your quilting inspiration!

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## This month, take 5!

5 MINUTES **Be on the lookout for bunnies!** Dust bunnies, that is. Take a few minutes to open up your bobbin and clean out any lint that's collected from all that sewing! Did you know if you start seeing skipped stitches, dust bunnies are the first most likely culprit? Clear them out and rethread and you'll be ready to sew sew sew some more!





**Give some Spring Cleaning love to your cutting area.** One of the reasons we love precuts is, well, less cutting, but that's not usually "no cutting." Have you cleaned your self-healing cutting mat? Changed the blades in your rotary cutters? Organized your rulers and templates so they're handy for when you want to jump right into creating? If it's time to resupply, we've got you covered! Mats, rulers, and rotary cutters, oh my!



**Enjoy the rainbow!** Many quilters find organizing stash and scraps by color to be useful. If you're like us messy quilters, take time this month to pull out all those pretty fabrics tucked wherever they fit and sort them into a rainbow. You might be surprised which colors you have in abundance and which colors you may want to stock up on. Did you know Kona makes 365 solid colors and Missouri Star has them all? You could have a different color every day all year long!

We have lots of tutorials, classes, ideas, and more to support your quilting dreams! *missouriquiltco.com/classes* 

