

JAMES RIVER AND SWIFT CREEK SEW 'N' SEWS

APRIL RETREAT - 2026

Venue:

American Legion Post 186, 901 Otterdale Road, Midlothian, VA

Early bird parking - please line your vehicle up with the lower portion of the pavilion wheelchair ramp. Parking this way will ensure there is plenty of space for those parked against the building or driving up to the door to unload.

Dates:

April 24, 25 & 26, 2026

Cost:

\$45 per person, non-refundable, but transferable

Notes:

- Friday - Saturday: 8:30am-8pm
- Sunday: 8am-5pm
- Dining area available
- Coffee, tea, and light refreshments offered daily
- Plenty of refrigerator space
- Snacks are welcome but must be closed and stored at the end of your sewing day (despite a pest control contract, we are not 100% critter free)
- A free table is available for those that wish to rid themselves of crafts or household items (does not have to be sewing related, but, please, no oversize pieces of furniture)
- You are welcome to sell items, but they must remain at your table with price visible – you may announce your wares during the daily 9am announcements
- Earbuds are welcome for those that enjoy music or movies while sewing
- Clean up involves sweeping your sewing area and removing your personal items
- When you're done sewing and choose to depart early on any given day, please help by cleaning your area. Remember that at the end of the weekend all will be tired, helping hands will make the day end on a great note. Our final clean up responsibility is removing trash and sweeping.
- **Small irons only at your workstation.**
- Highly recommend a small light for your work area.
- Provided:
 - 6' table per attendee
 - shared multi-plug surge protector power cords
 - 2 large ironing stations, including a big board
 - 3 cutting stations with mats and some rulers
 - Design Wall



Agenda:

FRIDAY:

8:30am: Sign-in, workstation set-up, and light refreshments

9am: Host welcome and housekeeping notes

12-2pm: Lunch (YOYO – You're on Your Own)

5:30/6pm: Dinner (Sew 'n' Sews)

7:30pm: Begin close-up activities

8pm: Doors close

SATURDAY:

8:30am: Doors open and light refreshments

9am: Housekeeping notes

12-2pm: Lunch (YOYO – You're on Your Own)

5:30/6pm: Dinner (James River)

Following Dinner: Block Lotto drawing

7:30pm: Begin close-up activities

8pm: Doors close

SUNDAY:

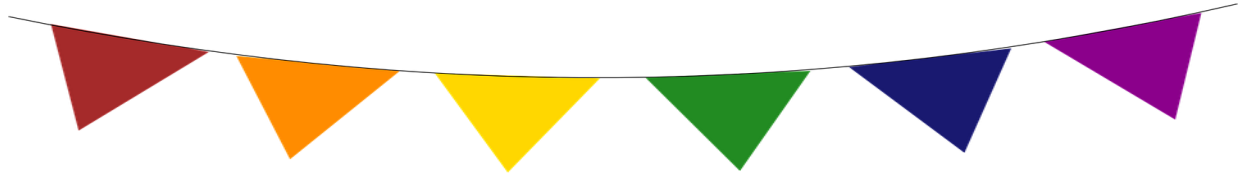
8:30am: Doors open and light refreshments

9am: Housekeeping notes

12-2pm: Lunch (YOYO – You're on Your Own)

4:30pm: Clean-up activities

5pm: Lock-Up



FUN OPTIONS

Projects and activities are offered as extra fun options; you are not required to participate.
Note: Submission of lotto blocks and pillowcases begins on the first day of the retreat and not before.

Community Outreach: Pillowcases for the new Richmond Children's Hospital.

We are asking for one completed pillowcase from each retreat participant. Please use fun prints appropriate for both girls and boys. If you want to do one or more, that would be wonderful. We will gladly collect any that are donated.

QOV Blocks

QOV block kits will be available at this retreat. If you are willing, please grab a kit and build a QOV block. These blocks will be assembled into a quilt later to be presented to a deserving veteran.

Quilting Day Lotto Blocks – drawing is Saturday after dinner

There are 2 (two) lotto block options. You can make as many of your favorites or a few of each one. Bring your blocks on the first day of the Retreat to enter the drawing or make them during the first two days of the retreat. You get one chance for each block you turn in. Put your name on the back of your blocks (address labels work great). Patterns are included in this packet of information.

Lotto Block 1

Cut 36 - 2.5" blocks and sew them together as pictured. No border and do not trim your block. Use scraps of the same color and no batiks.



Lotto Block 2:

[Easy Double Tulip Quilt Block Tutorial - DIY Joy](#)

Follow the tutorial instructions: Green, pink, & red small print fabric. One block looks like this picture. Do not sew individual blocks together. No batiks.



HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS

CHECK LIST

NAME TAG

LOTTO BLOCKS

PILLOWCASE FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SEWING MACHINE WITH CORD, FOOT PEDAL AND NEEDLES

RULER, ROTARY CUTTER, SCISSORS

SMALL IRON AND IRONING BOARD

PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING

BRING EXTRA ADDRESS LABELS

SEAM RIPPER, IT HAPPENS!

PERSONAL SNACK, DRINKS OR SPECIAL DIETARY FOODS, IF NEEDED – There is a full kitchen available to you for use during the retreat (ovens, industrial refrigerator, microwave, and sink)

Reminder: space for 36 participants and space will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Quilting Retreat Committee

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REGISTRATION FORM
James River & Sew 'N' Sews

April Sewing Retreat 2026

American Legion Auxiliary 186, 901 Otterdale Road, Midlothian, VA 23114

April 24, 25 & 26, 2026

Registration fee: \$45.00

Registration Deadline is April 15, 2026

Name _____ Home No. _____ Cell No. _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Phone No. _____

Make checks payable to Linda Thompson. Print registration form, fill it out, then mail it along with your check to Linda Thompson, 9107 Mission Hills Lane, Chesterfield, Va 23832. Forms may also be turned in at the Chapter meetings in November and December. This registration fee is non-refundable but is transferable. Any profits from this joint retreat will be divided and distributed equally to both Chapters.

****Space for 36 participants, spaces will be filled on a first-come/first-served basis.****

Please be sure to complete the form and sign below.

I waive all rights to make claims against James River Heritage & Swift Creek Sew 'n' Sews for injuries/damages to me or my possessions at the Sewing Retreat at the American Legion Post 186 on April 24, 25 & 26, 2025.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(To be completed by Retreat Committee)

Total \$: _____ Check #: _____ Date Received: _____