



## FAIRPLEX HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

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## Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival

Crafting and sewing are enjoying renewed popularity now that everyone's getting on board with recession-proof lifestyle changes. For three full days, starting Thursday, March 19, there will be opportunities to learn and buy supplies for every imaginable craft and sewing project. Refresh, remodel, reuse. Add some bling to your closet. Make your holiday gifts this year. Learn how to quilt the easy way.

Print this page and bring the coupon below with you for 1/2 price admission. That's just \$4 for a whole day of useful crafty fun.

If crafty fun isn't your fave, how about Off-Road Expo Spring Break? There's a \$2 off coupon for that event, too (see Other Fairplex Happenings).

### Crafts You Can Do

Sunshine, flowers, vibrant colors, and outdoor activities are what springtime is all about. But we say, bring that sunshine indoors and let the season inspire you to put the winter behind you and embrace the spring! With a little inspiration from the crafts below and an hour or so in the Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival you will have everything you need to bring this season home.

### Let the light shine through...

With longer days our lamps are seeing less use, but that doesn't mean that your lamps still aren't being seen. With this easy to do craft you can turn any lamp shade into a springtime focal point.

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## Don't throw your pillows....just fluff

Little accents can change an entire room. With an updated lamp, see above, and some inviting throw pillows your living space can change from a winter retreat to a springtime sensation. But who has the money to purchase accents for every season? Well, I'm here to let you know that you don't have to. Just follow the directions below and turn the pillows you already have into new works of art.

### Directions

1. For a 9x9 pillow cut the material 2" wider than the width of the pillow.
2. The length is double plus 9"
3. Fold material at the end ½" twice & sew.
4. Fold the other end over ½" and then fold over 2 ½" and sew hem.
5. Cut a 12" x 21" strip of paisley fabric and fold the 21" side over ½", press.
6. Make tabs for button 1" x 8 ½" long. Fold both sides toward the center then fold in ½" & stitch along the length.
7. Opposing fabric – Cut 21" x 6", fold in ½" and press.
8. Stitch opposing fabric to paisley along the 21" edge, fronts facing.
9. Stitch to 2 ½" pillow fabric hem, see no. 4
10. Fold pillow fabric down 11" wrong side.
11. Fold bottom of fabric up 17 ½", sew sides together.
12. Flip right side out. Sew button tab in center bottom of paisley.
13. Sew on button. Put pillow form inside & button.



## Other Fairplex Happenings

**Off Road Expo**, presented by Toyota, Saturday (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sunday (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), March 21-22, Fairplex 4.



**Prime Time Dance Competition**, Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, 4-9 p.m., Fairplex 9  
**NowRoz Afghan Festival**, Sunday, March 29, 12 noon - 8 p.m., Grandstand infield.