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Patchwork Sampler of Shipshewana & Northern Indiana

Your Patchwork Sampler experience starts off with a beautiful countryside drive to a quaint **Amish Quilt Shop**. Once you arrive, you may notice the unique “**Autumn Splendor**” **Barn Quilt**, decorating the outside of their shop. What a perfect representation of the area! Once you make your way inside, take time to appreciate the pristine handmade quilts they have on display. The time and effort put into these masterpieces can be appreciated by anyone. Quilting isn't their only specialty though, they have a variety of local products from clocks, jams and jellies.

Just down the road and around the corner is where you'll come across a “must visit” **Amish Market**. This local shop is owned and operated by an Amish family of eight, each of which has a part in creating their fabulous products. When you step inside, you'll first be overwhelmed with excitement from the many things they have to offer such as honey, spreads, spices, candles, and more. This is also where you will be able to see how the famous Amish noodles are made. You won't leave without at least a bag full of goodies, if not two! When you walk out the door, make sure you glance over to your left and you'll notice the amazing **Quilt Garden**. These unique flower beds can be found throughout Elkhart County, but this shop always has one of the best!

Travel on as you experience Mother Nature's Splendor by visiting the stunning **Floral Quilt Garden** at the Essen Haus Village. Take a deep breath and absorb the aromas and picturesque beauty of **Krider Garden**. These gardens were originally designed by Krider Nurseries for display at the 1933-34 Chicago World's Fair. Closely resembling the original design, these gardens have been restored for future generations to enjoy.

After cruising through the quaint town of Middlebury, your next stop will take you to a newer building that hosts a **Home Center and General Store**. This family owned store has more than you can imagine! As soon as you walk in, you'll be torn on which direction to go. On your left, the lovely **Gift Shop** will surely catch your eye. You'll be amazed at the marvelous items ranging from chocolates to flowers. Make your way over to the rest of the building to peruse down the many isles that line the hardware and general store. When you're leaving with your finds, don't forget to check out the **Quilt Garden** before getting on the bus. Another beautiful piece of art!

Enjoy another stunning (and the largest) **Floral Quilt Garden**, shopping at 5 unique **Village Shops** located in original farm outbuildings.



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Your next stop will treat you to a ***Quilting Bee and Dinner in an Amish Home***. You will be welcomed with a smile and warm hospitality. Experience true Amish cooking as you are served a traditional Thresher's Meal and participate in a quilting bee.

Save time to head over to the local ***Shopping Center*** which has kindly welcomed guests since 1968. This newly remodeled facility houses a ***Department Store and Old-Fashion Hardware*** all under one roof. You will encounter quilting delights as well as enjoy the wide variety of fabrics, Amish clothing, and many distinctive items found in the Department Store. Meander across the hall and experience the Old-Fashion Hardware. This nostalgic business offers a unique selection of merchandise ranging from tools to kitchen gadgets.

The 100+ local merchants in ***Shipshewana's historic downtown*** await you! Looking for gorgeous fabrics, home décor, clothing, scrapbooking needs, outdoor adventure items, children's toys, eclectic music, or yummy chocolates to keep you going? Be sure to stop by this Mercantile, which houses over 20 gorgeous shops under one roof. Don't forget to check out the 1906 Dentzel Carousel on its third floor.

Tour Charges:

- Includes venue, receptive operator and step-on-guide fees, minimum 25 people.
- Full Day - \$48.00 per person
- Half Day - \$40.00 per person