



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

December 4, 2015

I blame this all on Lydia. She had a good thing going--a sweet little hole in the fence that she could slip through. And I'm sure Becca saw her do it. But the hole wasn't Becca sized. But clearly the cat could get through, so to Becca's way of thinking, so could she.

Several broken fence slats later, Becca had her a hole. But it wasn't Cassidy sized. Yet.

That was last week. To briefly recap, as of last Friday, the Becca hole was barricaded with 2 shovels, a bucket holding a coil of fencing wire which was clipped to a metal dog kennel gate which was wedged into the hole in the fence. I thought I had MacGyvered a good enough temporary obstruction in front of the hole designed to deter Becca from worming her way out of the fence. And if you remember, I told you not to take any bets.

By Saturday, Becca had figured it out. So on Sunday, I hauled a wooden pallet (about 4 foot by 4 foot) over to the fence hole and leaned it against the fence and the garage. My mistake: Putting it on the outside of the fence.

Sunday night night I got home, the pallet was pushed slightly away from the fence and Becca was loose.

So Monday, I got smarter. I firmly wedged the pallet between the fence posts and the garage. I repositioned the metal gate with the bucket with the coil of wire inside attached, and stuck the shovels back through the hole. Notice that I used the word "firmly."

I know what you're thinking. This would all be solved if I just nailed a board across the hole. But that would be getting ahead of the story. And besides, doing something like that means I have to find a hammer, nails & board. It's easier to just drag stuff that's just sitting around doing nothing and hope it works.

Monday night both dogs got loose. They were quite impressed with themselves, of course. Cassidy has now figured it out.

So Tuesday I haul a second pallet and brace it on the inside of the fence. The dogs can't push that one out of the way. Silly me.

But I am smart enough to have my doubts. So mid afternoon, I return home, just to double check on the dogs, and yup, both are sitting in the driveway sunning themselves. So I reposition the pallets, pull down the driveway and turn off the engine. And wait. Within 5 minutes, Cassidy comes snaking through the fence.

You've got to realize, there really isn't a hole any more. But Aussies being Aussies, if they know they can get through, they will.

This time I wire the pallets together, using the fencing wire that was being used as ballast in the bucket. And if you remember the weather on Tuesday: cold & windy. And I can't find any gloves, although I finally found one glove after I gave up on the fencing wire because my hands were too cold to twist the wire where I needed it to go.

And it worked.

And then I made the mistake of putting the dogs in the front yard. Becca got out, over the low end of the fence where there still is a very very small snow drift. So I tied an old Christmas tree stump, with two branches sticking out like antlers, to the inside of the part of the fence she goes over.

I haven't yet had a chance to test this contraption. I'll keep you posted.

But I will report that the hole is now fixed thanks to a friend who came over & did what I should have tried in the first place. Board, nails & screws & a hammer.

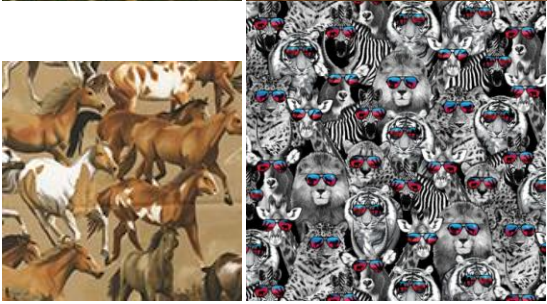
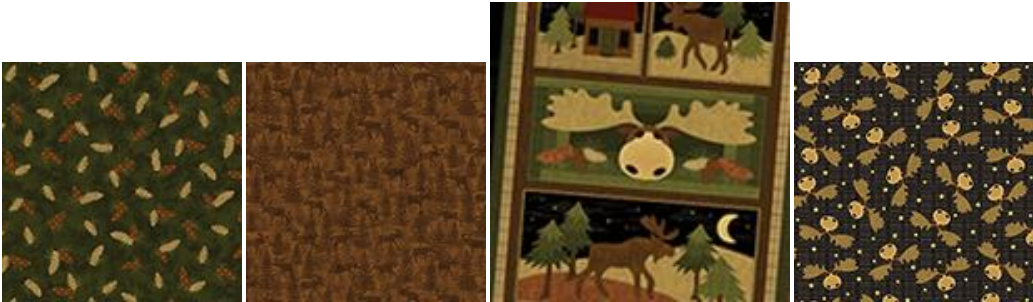
Dogs.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman: pre cut laser kits



From Benartex:



From Andover:



From Free Spirit:



From Red Rooster:



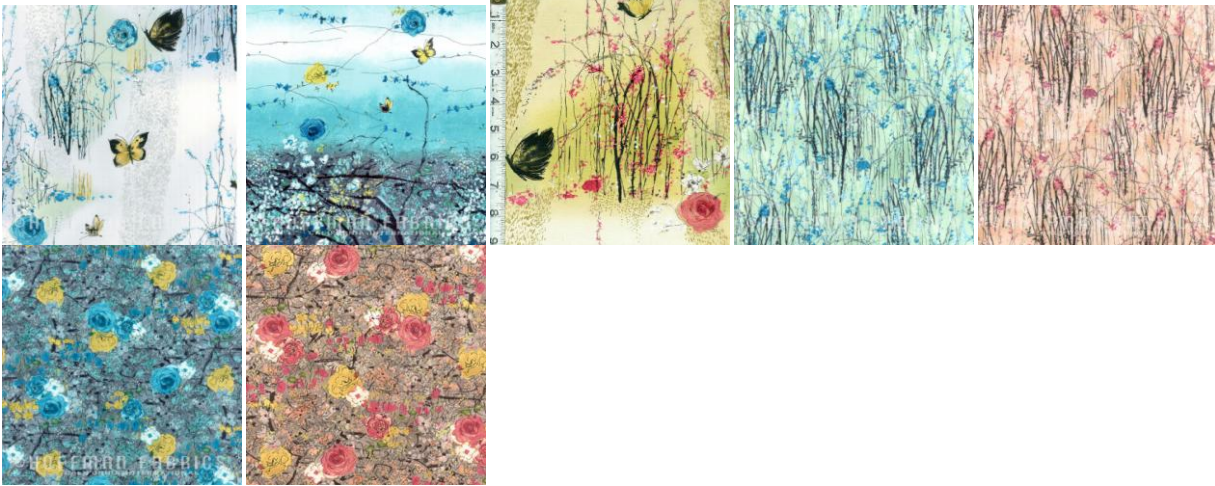
From Free Spirit:



flannel:



From Hoffman:



From Quilting Treasures:



Purrfectly Pieced

We have all of the flannels for Bonnie Sullivan's newest: Purrfectly Pieced. We have 2 kits with all of the flannel (not the patterns right now, sorry) and we have 2 sets of individual patterns kitted (have sold a couple). Make sense? If you want to do the whole quilt, we have the flannel cut for the project. If you just want to make one block, we have individual patterns kitted. Kits are limited right now, and we need to get a few more patterns in. If you are interested, and we sell out, just let us know. We have enough flannel to make a few more kits.



Kits for the entire project (minus binding & backing) are \$93. Individual patterns, kitted with fabric, are \$20.

December Classes & Special Events

Finish Your Quilt Sale Dec 5

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

Block of the Month Sat. Dec 5, 10:30-11:15 FREE

Barb Boyer

Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block. This year we're making a neutrally colored quilt (tans, taupes, greys, etc.)-come to class in January to see an example.

Christmas Ornaments Sat. Dec. 5, 1:30-3:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

These ornaments are fused & sewn, from Happy Hollow Designs. They are quick & easy and you can get several done in no time. Great for gifts. Kits are required for class, so sign up early so that I can get all the kits ordered.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 ongoing

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NOTE: This class may have to be postponed. Please call to double check

Knit Pickers' Club Thurs. Dec. 10, 6-8:30

Carol Moler

Every second Thursday, we're getting together to practice our knitting. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just

sit and knit. You can start simply by making a dishcloth. Carol will teach you the essentials to get you started. For those of you who already know how to knit, you can still join the club--it's time for you to simply sit & knit & share ideas.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Dec. 12, 10-noon FREE

Kathy Sconce

(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

This year we're doing birds-state birds. We will have between 40-50 birds (some states use the same bird) for you to stitch. Various setting for turning the birds into a quilt will be provided. Color suggestions for the birds will also be offered. As a bonus, you will get the state outlines, state flowers, and other patterns to compliment the birds. You can join anytime.

Drunkard's Path Sat. Dec. 12, 1-4 \$20

Stay tuned for more information

NEW TIME

Machine Applied Binding

Sun. Dec. 13 1-3 \$20

Barb Boyer

This style of binding uses cording to help keep the binding straight & true. Bring a small quilt, your binding and your sewing machine-check the supply list to make sure you have the right tools (cording, the correct foot, binding cut at the correct width). Putting binding on by machine cuts your time more than in half-and by using cording, you can have a perfectly applied binding with no messy "oops" where your stitching just didn't quite catch the binding on the back side.

Origami Bags Sat. Dec. 19 1-4 \$20

Barb Boyer

These bags make great gift bags, just in time for Christmas. You can use them to hold your knitting, your English paper piecing, Nook readers-actually anything, because you can make them in any size. For the standard bag, all you need is 2 fat quarters, but bring more than 2 fats: you will want to make several bags, as they are so quick & easy.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Beginning Machine Applique 6-9 | 3 | 4 Open Sew 1-4 | 5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Christmas Ornaments 1:30-3:30 Monthly Minis 4-6 |
| 6 CLOSED | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 11 | 12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Drunkard's Path 1-5 |
| 13 Machine Applied Binding 1-4 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Open Sew 1-4 | 19 Origami Bags , 1-4 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 CLOSED Full Moon | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Year Endsale, Toad Toters 3-7 | 31 Year End Sale 10-6 | | |
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HAND APPLIQUE CLUB

This is a get-together & stitch class. Many of us are trying hand applique these days-- patterns are calling for a lot more applique. The club is designed for quilters who already

do some hand applique, but beginners are welcome as well. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, talk about threads and, in general, just stitch. A little quiet time away from the distractions of home is what we need to get our projects done.

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB

If you want to learn to hand embroider or just brush up your technique, join us on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to noon. We provide free vintage patterns, and this year we will have free patterns of girls with hats, that you can embroider, embellish and color. Each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques.

Knit Pickin' Club

This is another get-together class to sit & knit, work on our projects, share information and get some help. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, but mainly we'll sit & knit (or pick).

Toad Toters

On full moon days (as noted in the calendar) you will get 20% off all purchases (not otherwise discounted) that you can fit in your bag. You must bring your bag to participate. Full Moon Days: September 27; October 27; November 25; December 25 (I'll figure something out. I'm not coming in on Christmas).

Discount Policy

We will honor only one discount -- whichever is largest. You can't combine a 10% with a 25% discount to get a 35% discount. On this we can't be bribed.

Color of the Month

September orange/yellow; October green; November flannels; December red.

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!