

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE**  
**20% OFF ALL CHRISTMAS FABRICS. SALE ENDS JULY 31.**

**Calling all Toad Toters!**

**July 31 is a Blue Moon!**

**Don't forget your bags for the 2nd full moon sale this month. Anything you can stuff in your bag is 20% off, and in celebration of the Blue Moon, we will give you an extra 5% off all blue fabrics! That's 25%!**



**July 24, 2015**

And this is how it starts.

You buy a new couch and the carpet doesn't match. So you get new carpet. Then the walls don't match and you have to paint. Then you look out the window & discover that the car in the driveway doesn't match the colors of the new paint, couch & carpet. So you have to buy a new car.

Fortunately I can't see my car from the house. So if I redecorate I won't have to buy a matching car. Although I did run into someone I didn't know at the post office who told me that the 2015 Subarus were wonderful. Don't ask. Long story. I learned long ago that I apparently have this face that invites people to chat amicably with me. People I don't know. Even at 5 a.m. at the airport, when all I want is a donut and diet Pepsi and I think I'm wearing my unapproachable face. But that's another story, too.

But if you remember from last week, I bought a cot to use as a porch bed on my patio. It works great. So then I had to get an app for the stars & satellites, so I know what I'm looking at. I actually saw Seastat, an oceanography satellite, the first night on the cot and several shooting stars.

But the real problem is the temps -and the smoke. I got driven in last night by the

smoke-the Glacier fire or the Napa fire, or both. (Well, that's what I thought last night. Turns out a house under construction about 4 miles away burned down. Hence the smoke.) But I can't do anything about that other than suck on cough drops. I can do something about the temps, though. It may be hot other places, but it's getting down to 48 degrees at night. Tough to star gaze when you've got quilts over your head because you're trying to stay warm.

So now I'm in the market for a patio heater. I want a plug in kind, & one I don't have to always take inside at night. I figure that with a heater & a cat on my lap I can watch meteor showers in November without wearing a down coat, gloves, hat & 2 quilts. I'll probably only need 1 quilt.

Which brings me to the color coordinating part of this story. You knew there had to be a tie in to the first paragraph. So I ordered "camping" fabric last week (it should come next week), complete with a "night sky" map of the stars & constellations, bonfire with s'mores and cute little camper pull behind trailers. I'm thinking cot quilt! It's cheaper than buying a cute little teardrop trailer, although I could park it in the front yard. It would match the quilt....





## **Road Trip! Row by Row! Opera!**

**What do these 3 things have in common?  
Lots of fun, good food, beautiful scenery,  
wonderful music. Aug. 15-18.**

Santa Fe hosts an open air opera season during the summer. For those of you unfamiliar with the Santa Fe Opera, it is recognized as one of the world's leading cultural festivals.



And to get to Santa Fe, we'll be stopping at as many participating Row By Row shops as possible: Pueblo, Fountain, Colorado Springs, Taos, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, and potentially others if there is time.

Here's the plan: Depart 7 a.m. Cheyenne Aug. 15. First stop Colorado Springs. Then onto Fountain and Pueblo. We'll spend the night in Cimarron, NM (no quilt shop, sorry).

Then it's through the Cimarron Canyon, on our way to Taos for lunch (there is a shop, but if it's not open on Sunday, we'll go to it on the way home). Then onto Santa Fe and/or Albuquerque. There is a free concert in Albuquerque that afternoon and there are several participating shops--if the shops are open on Sunday, we'll try to go. Sunday night is in Santa Fe.

Then Monday we can quilt shop, visit Santa Fe attractions, then the opera that night at 8. Rigoletto is playing.

Tuesday we come home and hit any shops we missed: Las Vegas, Taos & others in Colorado Springs & maybe Denver.

It's ambitious. It's jam packed with stuff to do. And it's the perfect time of year to visit Santa Fe.

**Cost: \$650 Includes: Ticket to Opera, 3 hotel nights (double occupancy), van & gas. Food and fabric, on your own.**

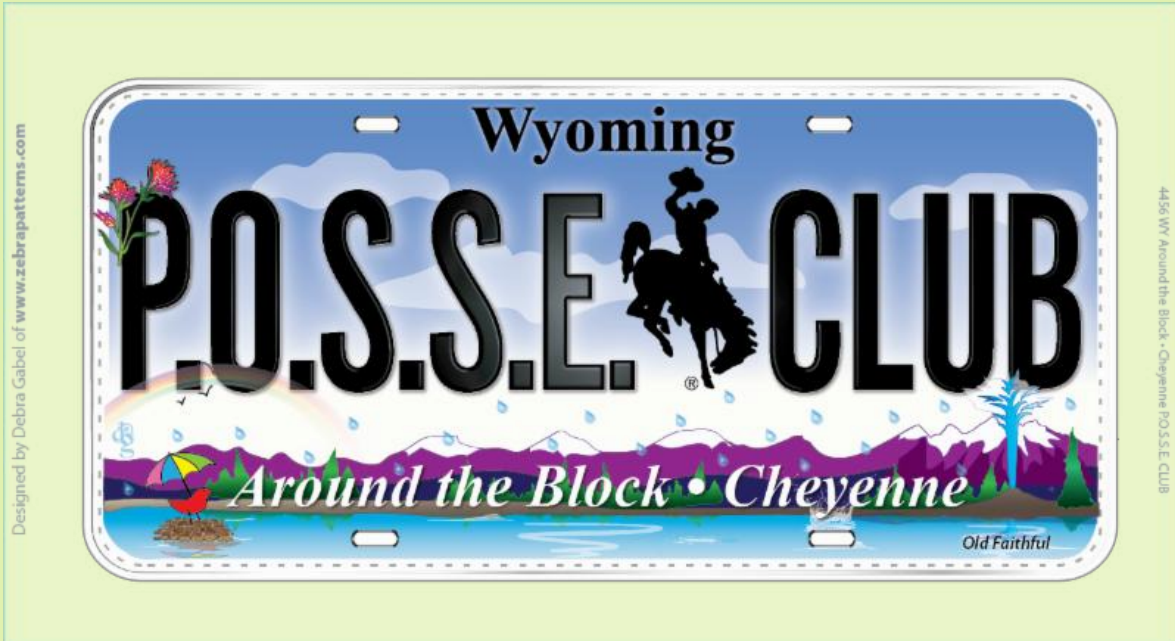
**Dates: Aug. 15-18.**

**URGENCY URGENCY URGENCY**

**I need to know no later than this week if you want to go. I know it's quick, but I need to rent the van, hold the hotels and buy the Opera tickets. \$300 will hold your spot. Final payment due before the trip starts.**

**Interested? Max # 12. Min # 10.**

## **Get Ready for the Row by Row Experience!**



**Our row! See the water? (Snow capped mountains)**

Visit any participating quilt shop during the summer and ask for their free row by row pattern. More than 2500 shops across the country are participating. The 2015 theme is Row by Row H<sub>2</sub>O, and each shop will have a row with the water theme. The patterns are free, limit 1 to a customer. Patterns are not available online or by mail. Shops may also have their row kitted for your convenience. **The Row By Row runs from June 21 through September 8**, then the "hibernation/sewing" period begins. To be eligible for a prize, you must complete your quilt using a minimum of 8 different row patterns (or 8 row patterns, arranged anyway you like, quilted & bound) and return it to a participating shop by no later than October 31. The first person to bring in her finished quilt gets 25 fat quarters. If you bring your quilt to a shop whose row is in your quilt, you will get a

bonus prize.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

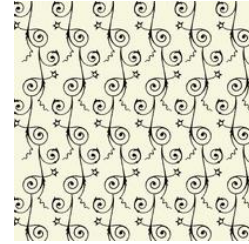
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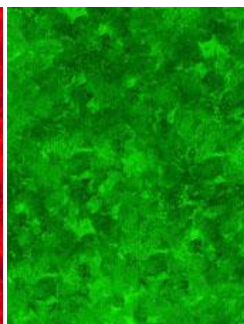
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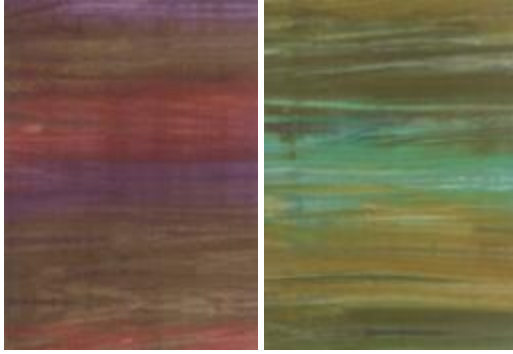


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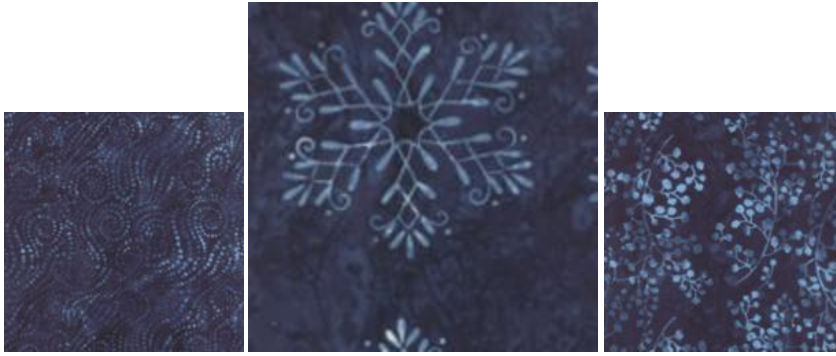


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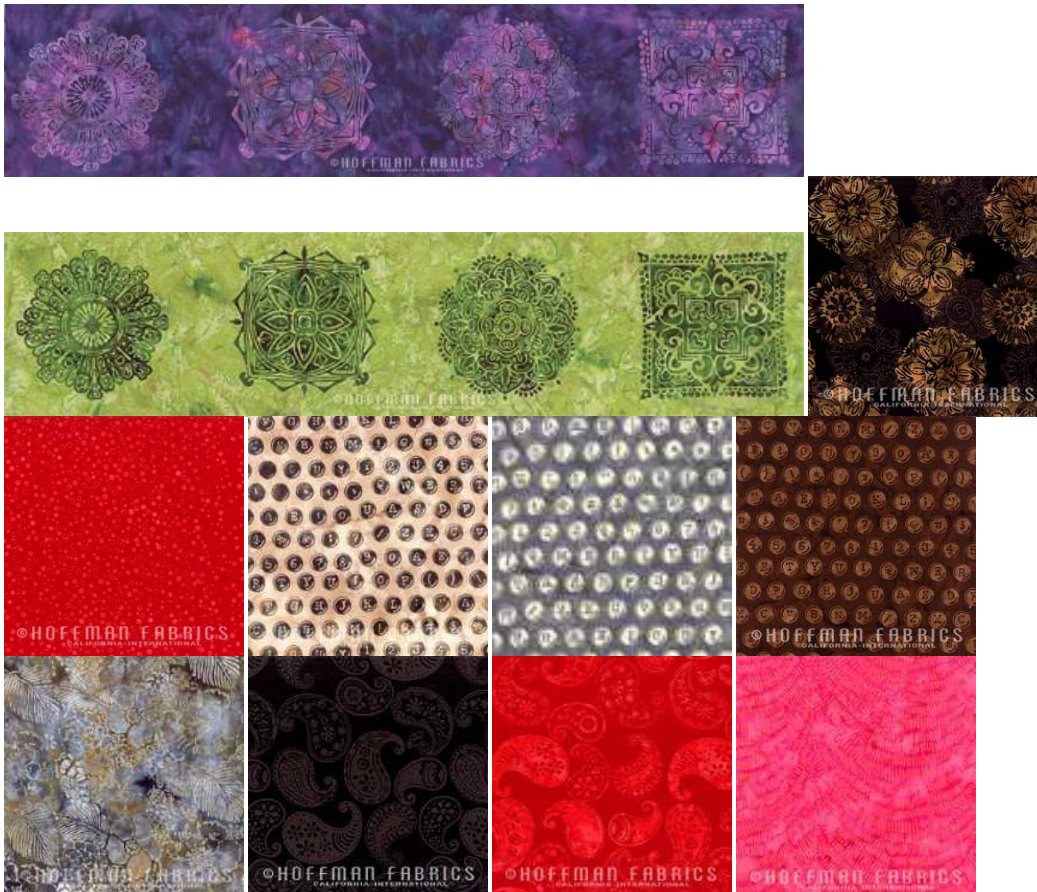


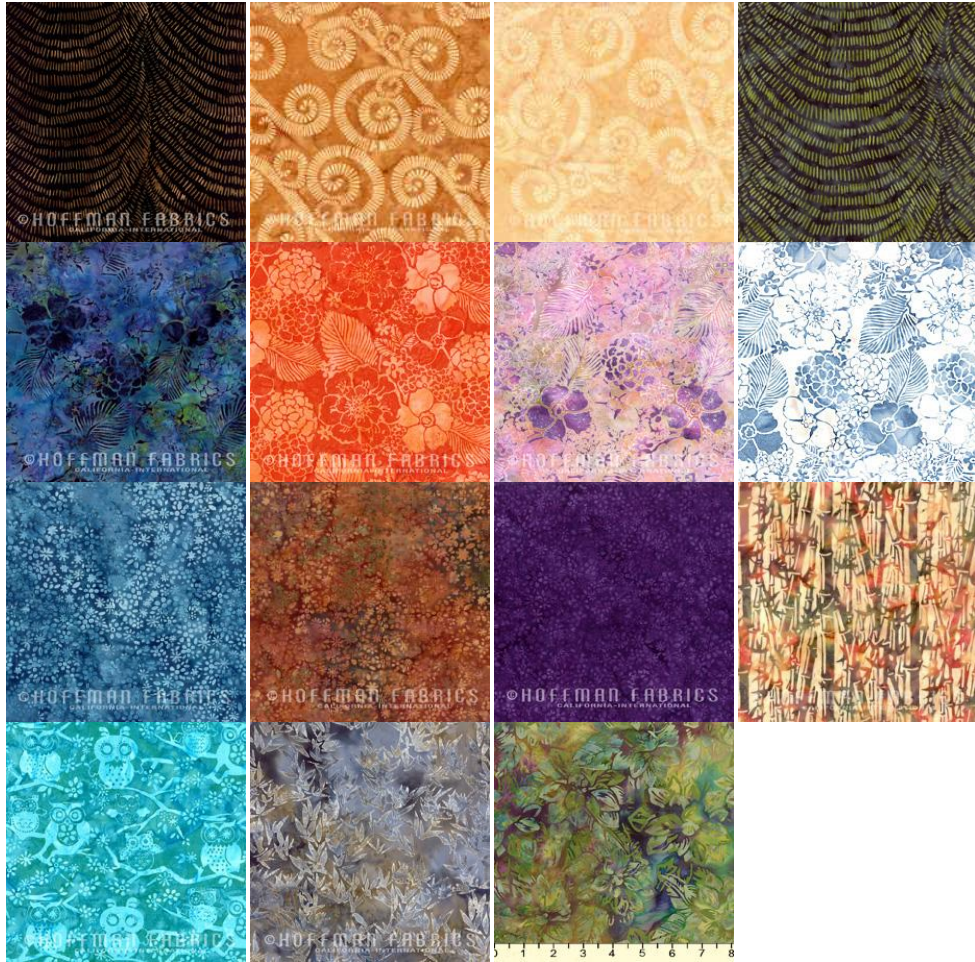


From Elizabeth Studios:



From Hoffman:





From Moda:



The blue on blue floral is a 108 wide backing.

## July Classes & Special Events

## **Beginning Quilting** Starting Sun. 1-4, June 14 OR Wednesday June 17 1-4 \$65 Barb Boyer

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

### **Bertie's Year last Friday of the month, 1-4**

Bertie's Year is a small wall hanging, (or you can make each block into a mini quilt for display each month). Bertie is done in flannels and wool (kit only includes flannel). Bertie (the bird) and friends (squirrel, pumpkins) are appliqued with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

### **Friday Nighters** Fri. July. 27, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2015 -- or just help you get things done. You give me a list of your "to dos" or unfinished projects you want to finish and then each month I check off what you've completed. Trust me. If you need incentive to stay on track, this is it. You can bring your sewing machine or do hand work.

## **August Classes & Special Events**

### **Block of the Month** Sat. Aug 1, 10:30-11:15 FREE

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.

### **Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month**, Jan-Dec. 4-6 Barb Boyer \$20 ongoing

### **Knit Pickers' Club** Thur. Aug 6, 6-8:30

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. If you are in the Monday knitting classes, you can work on your project and get help, if you need it.

### **Hand Embroidery Club** Sat. Aug 8, 10-11:30 FREE

(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.

### **T-Shirt Quilt Class** Sat. Aug 8 & 22 1-5 \$20

This class will get you started on king your own T-shirt quilt. To prepare for class, bring washed t-shirts, pair of scissors and your imagination. Any and all sized t-shirts will

work. Your homework will be to finish preparing your t-shirts. Class #2 will be cutting your t-shirts to a uniform size, and then planning how you will sew them back together. If we need an extra class, we can schedule if need be.

### **MINE CRAFT QUILT CLASS AUG 13 & 20, 1-5 \$20**

The oh so ever popular Mine Craft computer game has interesting pixelated characters that translate easily into quilt blocks. For the uninitiated, the "quilt blocks" will be made up of 2" squares (or smaller), with the colors placed to imitate the Mine Craft character. Sewing is simple--sew all the squares together. The hard part is choosing which green to put where. Patterns of various Mine Craft characters and images will be provided. Students are expected to bring fabric suited to the game--ask your kids, they'll know what I'm talking about. (Essentially, lots of greens, some pink, some red, gold, brown, silver & blue.) Patterned fabrics will work, but stick mostly with tone on tone prints and some solids. Class will be divided into choosing & cutting your squares, and starting to sew your squares. I will have fat quarter bundles suitable for the blocks, but please bring your own fabrics and plan to exchange colors with other class members.

### **Take 5 Quilt Sun. Aug 9 & 16 1-5 \$20**

Take 5 is a fun and fast quilt to make on a Monday holiday. This is always a popular class and you can usually get your top completed in class (the smaller versions, not the king size). And we have lots of new spring fabrics that will help relieve the doldrums of winter. This is a perfect graduation gift--think ahead to May. You can get it done! So if you need a quick quilt project, this is the perfect quilt class.

### **BJ Designs Sat. Aug 15, 10:30-5 \$20**

#### **Dakota or Lobo or Morley or Randolph**

This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.



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5 CLOSED	6	7	8 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	9 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30</b>	10	11 <b>Embroidery Club 10- noon</b> <b>Silhouette Cutter Instruction 1-5</b>
12 <b>Disappearing 9-patch 1-5</b>	13	14	15 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	16	17 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	18 <b>Jelly Roll Race 10:30- 5</b>
19 <b>Disappearing 9-patch 1-5</b>	20	21	22 <b>Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	23	24	25
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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.

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**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.

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**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: May 4 (observed), June 1, July 1, August 29.

**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**

May flowers/floral, June baby novelties, July blue, August black & gray

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