



Around the  Block
QUILT SHOP

May 1, 2015

Who says the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't have a sense of humor. But maybe Fox Mulder (X-files) was working there at the time.

In any event, the Green River airport's name is the Greater Green River Intergalactic Spaceport, as approved by the FAA. The original name of the airport was Green River 48U. So I think the name change is a step up, actually. The airport, BTW, has a wind sock to help the aliens tell which direction the wind is coming from -although as we all know, alien spaceships simply descend or hover. Wind isn't an issue. The airport also has one dirt landing strip. Again, not a concern for aliens.

Now, in case you're wondering, the airport board didn't choose the name-actually, I'm not even sure there is an airport board. The decision to change the name came from the elected officials who make up the City Council. You can just imagine the conversation at the town hall meeting:

"Why should Area 51 get all the attention? And tourists?"

"You mean Roswell. Area 51 doesn't exist."

"Yes it does."

"No it doesn't."

"Gentlemen and ladies, let's get back on topic."

"Okay, so we want to draw tourists to Green River on the hope of seeing aliens?"

"Roswell does it."

"Well, Roswell has aliens."

"No it doesn't."

"Yes it does."

"Please, stay on topic."

And then later that night, in bed:

"Frank, you did what?"

"We named the airport the Greater Green River Intergalactic Spaceport."

"I just don't know who you are any more."

And that's how Green River's airport got its name.

And my relatives wonder why I live in Wyoming.

Bucking Horse and Rider fans! Fabric Will Ship Next Week.

I am taking prepaid orders for Bucking Horse & Rider fabric. I am bringing in Bison, Saddle, Denim, and the 2 new colors: Cappuccino and Dijon. I have 8 bolts of bison & saddle, 10 of denim, and 15 each of the new colors. 20 bolts are sold.

If you are interested in getting more BH&R fabric, don't wait too long. All orders must be prepaid.

**Colors: Cappuccino (new), Dijon (new), Saddle,
Bison, Denim.**



RETREAT WEEKEND AT THE SHOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Magic Twist & Stitch 9-Patch Quilt Friday-Sunday, May 15-17

\$30 Barb Boyer

It's Depot Days & Model Train Show weekend in Cheyenne. So we thought it would be a good time to hold a quilting retreat at the shop. We will sew for 3 days and by Sunday, everyone should have a quilt top finished. You can sew on any project (UFOs) but the class project will be the Magic Twist & Stitch 9-Patch Quilt.



This quilt uses 2 charm packs (or 48, 5" squares) plus 7/8 yard for sashing and 1/3 yard for centers (add yardage for borders to finish it out). We'll cut on Friday & start sewing the 9-patches. We can sew all day on Saturday and put the borders on Sunday.



QUILT CHALLENGE!

The Buckeye Community Club is hosting a 6th annual quilt and fabric arts show September 19 & 20. The show is celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Buckeye School, which now serves as a community center.

The show will have 30 contemporary quilts and fabric arts pieces, each displayed with an antique or traditional quilt, matched for color, fabric, technique or other connection.

The theme for this year's show is Happy Birthday! and the Buckeye Community Club is looking for quilters and artists to make a small quilt (about 48" X 48", doesn't have to be square) to donate to the show. The show will sell the pieces as unique birthday cards or presents -- so use your imagination in creating your quilt. Proceeds from the sale will help to preserve and improve the historic Buckeye School and rural community.



As an incentive, monetary prizes will be awarded for the Grand Champion (\$100?) and People's Choice, Best Technique, Artistic Merit and Innovation (\$50? each). (Monetary amounts still being decided.)



Quilts do not need to be finished before September, but the Club needs your commitment by May 1, 2015. You can contact Ed Harris at 970-568-3401 or at eharris@frii.com to let him know that you plan to participate.



Project Linus Needs New Coordinator

The Coordinator position requires a volunteer with energy, enthusiasm and a strong desire to help children in need. The volunteer works 10 to 20 hours per week, and duties include reporting to the national headquarters, raising funds, maintaining a checking account, writing and distributing the newsletter, conducting monthly meetings for labeling and bundling of quilts, and coordinating pickups and deliveries.

If you are interested, please call Rose at 307-701-7703.

Mission Statement for Linus Project:

Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

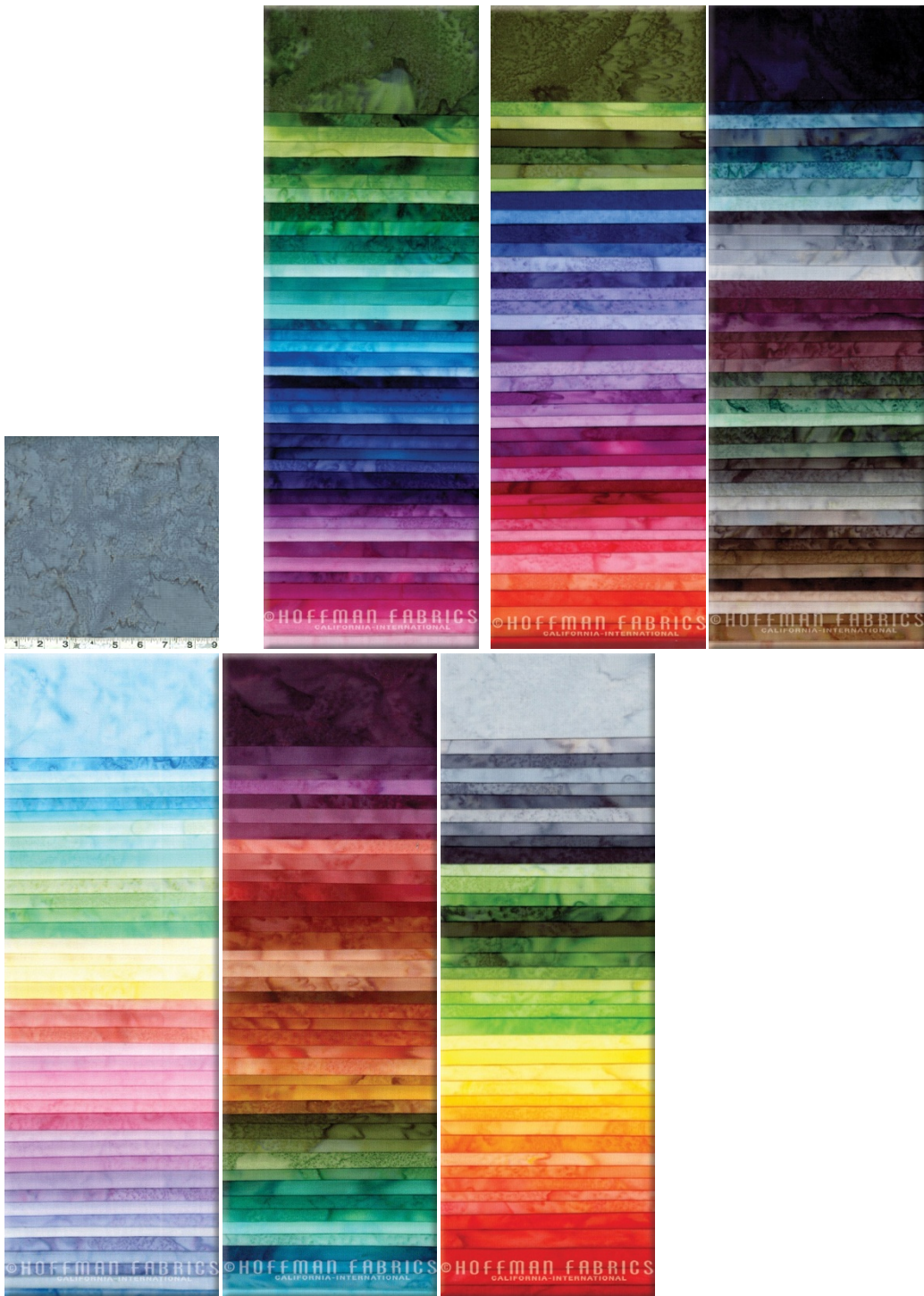
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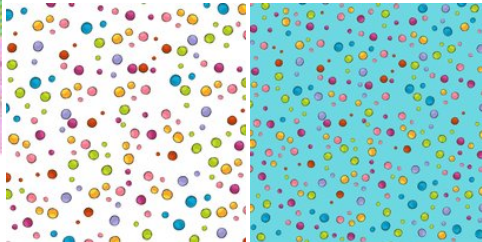
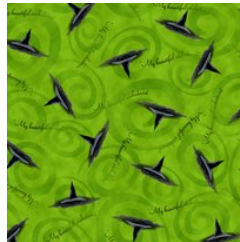
WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman--the strips come in Pops (2 1/2"), Crackers (10) and Snaps (5"):

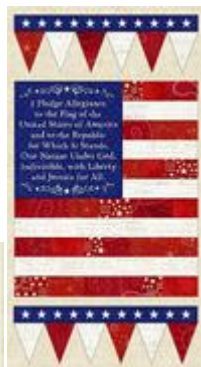




From Quilting Treasures:



From Henry Glass:





From Moda:



From Classic Cotton:



May Classes & Special Events

Block of the Month Sat. May 2, 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

Monday Morning Quilts May 4 10-2 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature quilts from the Quilter's World magazine or other fun quilts. We will choose one of the quilts from the magazine and make limited kits. In class, we will show you how to put the quilt together and you will have time to get started. Quilts will be big or small or in between. Quilt is an Irish Chain.

Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting

Thursday May 7, 14, 21 1:00-4 OR 6-9 \$50 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

This is a 4 part class, offered on consecutive Thursdays through May 21. We will work on a whole cloth project, each week adding new designs. Class #1: straight lines (with darning/hopping foot), grasses, zig zags, trees. Class #2: flowers & leaves. Class #3: stippling & fill stitches. Class #4: free hand shapes, from clouds to birds, to animals. In class students will practice the designs and then start adding the designs on the whole cloth quilt.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. May 9, 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.

Table Runner of the Month

Triangle Frenzy Sat. May 9 1-6 \$20 or free if you buy the kit Barb Boyer

We will be making different table runners each month. This table runner uses 11" wide border fabrics and a 12" triangle ruler. We have 3 different patterns to choose from. Easy to cut. Easy to sew. Spectacular to see.

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Hand Applique Club

Thursday May 28 1:30-4 free

The last Thursday of each month, we're getting together to practice our hand applique skills. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and sew. More and more patterns are showing

applique work, and while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

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. May 29, 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.

Hunter Star Quilt Sat. May 30, 10:30-5 \$20 (free with kit) Barb Boyer

Hunter Star is a classic pattern and this one is done with no inset seams. Beautiful stars pop out of this dramatic quilt. Perfect size for a college grad to take to school, or add another row for a wedding quilt.

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Open Sew1-4	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6
3 CLOSED	4 Monday Morning Quilts 10-2-Irish Chain Full Moon (observed)	5	6	7 Mastering Curves & Free Motion Quilting 1-4 & 6-9	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy Table Runner 1-6
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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: 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

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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