



LAST TWO DAYS!!! Book Sale!

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October 30, 2015

How to navigate the post office.

Know what you want before you go in. And that was my first mistake.

I had 2 fabric bundles to mail and one regular envelope. The envelope was easy.

The bundles were difficult. Neither would fit into the large mailing envelopes, so I had to resort to boxes. From the display, I chose a white one, and because there were no more of those, I picked a brown one. And two address stickers.

When I got to the counter, the conversation went like this:

"You want to send this express not priority? That means it will get there tomorrow, for about \$15," he said, indicating one of the boxes-I assumed the brown one.

Startled, I said, "No."

"Well then you need that one over there," he said, pointing to some white mailers leaning against the window behind the door. So I grabbed one of those and started taking the fabric out the brown box.

"No," the post guy said, "the brown box is ground. You don't want to send it ground? I thought you didn't want to send this one" indicating the white box "express."

Oh. Now I noticed the difference between the 2 white mailers.

"What's cheaper?" Meaning the difference between white & brown, not the white & white (express and priority).

"Well, you have to buy that box. This box" indicating the white one "is free." Not exactly the info I was wanting, but more info than I had about a minute ago.

Now, if you are having trouble following which box is which, get in line. I'd only been awake for about an hour, maybe, but this whole conversation with the post guy was not making much sense. But I now started scrutinizing the white boxes more carefully & discovered that the first one I had chosen was "express" and the other white one was just "priority." If this were the supermarket, companies would get in trouble for deceptive advertising if they put the same product in lookalike containers and charged different prices. But this is the post office and they expect you to automatically know the difference between a brown box, a white box and a white box.

And I should point out, that nothing is labeled or priced on the displays. Hence my warning at the beginning-know what you want before you go in.

So now we're back to brown boxes vs white boxes. Except, there was only one white box leaning against the window.

So I ask again, "What is cheaper? The white box or the brown?"

"Do you want to send it ground or priority?"

Sigh.

"What's cheaper?"

"Well, you have to pay for the box. And your label is a priority label. Do you want to send it priority?" Okay. Not entirely helpful and I'm thinking that I have already had this conversation, but by now I'm not so sure. So I decide to go with what I've always done. White. But not express.

"So do you have any more of these white boxes?" I asked, pointing to the priority box. Five minutes later and a trip to the back of the post office, he had more boxes.

So I start putting the bundles into the boxes, trying to keep track of which bundle was in which. But in the process of folding, stuffing & taping (post guy was taping) I lost track. So we had to untape to make sure the Nebraska bundle didn't go to Ohio.

After this summer, with all of the license plates that I mailed, I thought I had mastered the post office. Now I'm not so sure. And Christmas is coming. I'm thinking gift cards and regular envelopes that only need 1 stamp.

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE QUILTS!



We will be highlighting 5 quilts (see 4 of them below) to go with the Little House collection. In the store, you will see a Log Cabin quilt (sample is done with one of the first Thimbleberries collection); a Bear's Paw quilt (done with Smithsonian fabrics); a Flying Geese quilt (done with Downton Abbey fabrics) and a Churn Dash--fabric line yet to be decided. We will have these quilts hung to show the patterns, and later, once the fabric arrives, we will have quilts made with the fabrics.

Fabric will be \$11.80 per yard. Fat quarter bundles of the Flowers: \$69. Walnut Grove: \$54. Icons: \$36. Bundle of all fats: \$159.

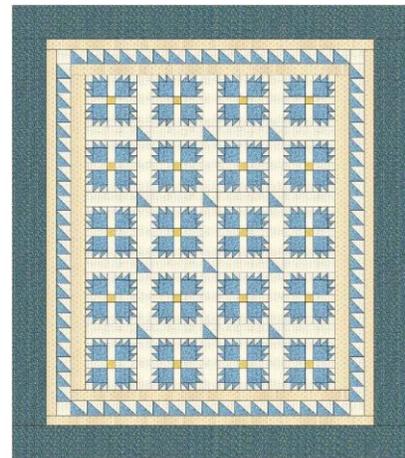
If you are interested in getting any of the fabrics, we will take pre paid orders. Fat quarter bundles will do at least two quilts. Additional fabrics will be needed for borders and backgrounds.

Log Cabin Quilt 90" X 90": 4-5 yards each of light & dark fabrics. Center: 1/4 yd. Borders: Inner: 1 yard. Outer (to go with the 9 patches) 1 3/8-2yards (if using a stripe).

Translate to LHOP fabrics: 1 fat quarter bundle of flowers for darks. 4-5 yards of lights (choose Walnut Grove lights & some lights from the Icons). Center: 1/4 yard of a red or a yellow (from Flowers collection). Inner Border: Your choice, 1 yard (pink from Flowers collection). Outer border (to border out the 9-patches) 1 3/8 yard. Picture shows a stripe from Walnut Grove.



Bears Paw Quilt 81" X 93": Background (for blocks & sashing) 3 1/8 yards (Walnut Grove light print). Blue for blocks (Flowers collection): 2 1/8 yards. Inner border (stripe from Walnut Grove): 1 1/2 yards. Yellow for centers (from Flowers): 1/8 yard. Outside border (LOG, length of grain) 2 1/2 yards (fabric shown from Flowers).



Churn Dash 77" x 5/8 yard. Yellow 1/4 yard. Blue border: 2 borders: 1 3/8 yard. 3/8 flowers and 9 fats of the

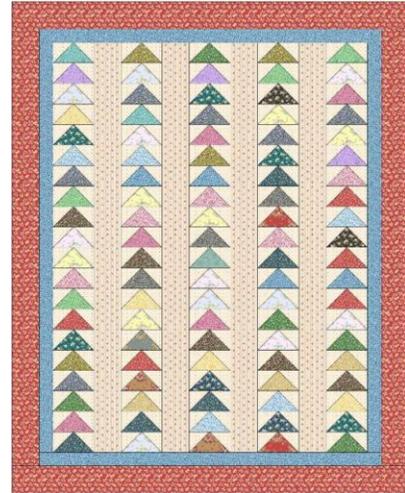
Translate to LHOP (from Walnut Grove). yards (from Flowers, collection of fats from both



77": White background: background for blocks: 2 1/4 yard (LOG). Inner yard cuts of 6 of the small darker flowers.

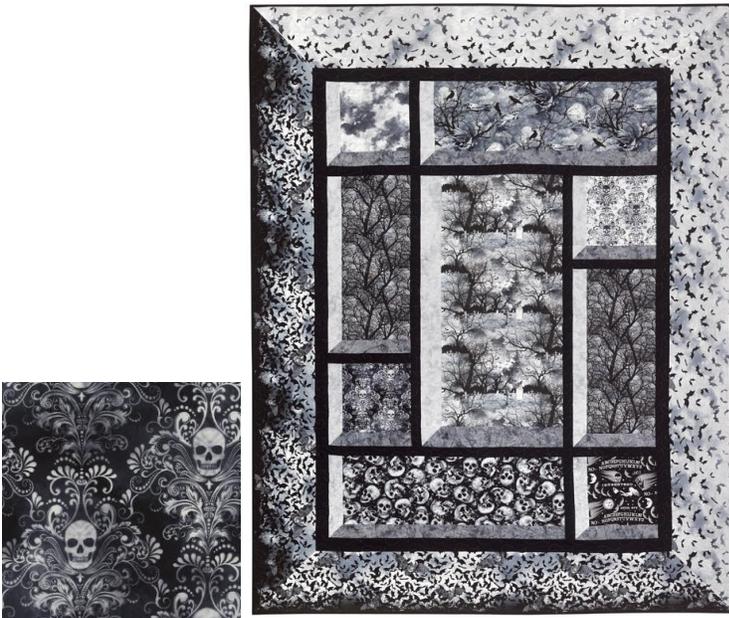
fabrics: Background 5/8 Yellow background 2 1/4 7950Y). Churn Dash fabrics: collection.

Flying Geese 58" X 72": Background: 1 1/8 yard.
Stripe for inner sashings: 1 1/4" or 2 yards LOG. Border
1 3/4 (LOG). Inner border: 7/8 y ard. 25 fats for the
geese.



WHAT'S NEW!!

From Timeless, just in time for Halloween:



(free project)

From Frond:



From Quilting Treasures:



From Free Spirit, Tim Holtz:



From Moda:



A kit!

From Free Spirit:



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.

October Classes & Special Events

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 appliquéd with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

Friday Nighters Fri. Oct.30 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

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November Classes & Special Events

Beginning Quilting Sun. 1-4, Nov.8, 15

OR

Wednesdays: 6-9 Nov. 4 \$65 Barb Boyer

Arcadia Avenue Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17 ongoing

Finish Your Quilt Sale Nov 7, 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. Nov 7, 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. Nov. 7, 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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Machine Applied Binding

Mon. Nov. 9 1-3 OR Nov. 22 1-3 \$20

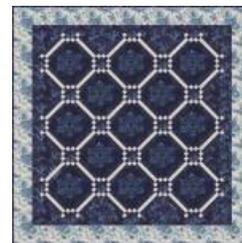
Barb Boyer

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.

Christmas Quilt

Tues Nov 10, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Have you noticed a pattern here? Sept is the Halloween quilt, Oct the Thanksgiving quilt, and, just in time for Christmas, in Nov a Christmas quilt. This rich midnight blue quilt showcases beautiful poinsettias or tiles, surrounded by nine patch corner squares. Panel sewing makes this quilt a breeze to make.



Hand Quilting Wed. Nov. 11, 1-4 \$25

Sandra Freeburg

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do

yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

Knit Pickers' Club
Thurs. Nov. 12, 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.

Let's Finish Downton Abbey!
Fri Nov. 13 ongoing

Hand Embroidery Club
Sat. Nov. 14, 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.

ABCs of Binding
Sat. Nov 14, 1-2 \$20

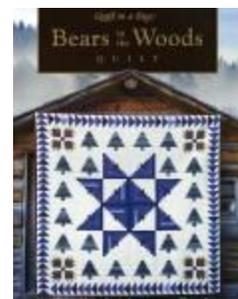
Jo Sunderman

Learn the ins and outs of selecting binding, cutting binding and applying binding. It's easier than you think. If you have a project you are working on, be sure to bring it to class for some hands on advice. Also, bring paper to take notes and a fat quarter for practice.

Tree Skirt
Sat. Nov. 14, 3-6 & Nov. 28, 1-5 \$20

Barb Boyer

The tree skirt from Bear in the Woods book, an Eleanor Burns, Quilt in a Day book. You can do pieced Christmas trees, and a moose or 2 (complete with hoof prints) or just make it in 2 colors. Extra sizes will be provided, in case you have large Christmas trees. The "skirt" can also be used as a table topper (if you don't cut a hole in the center).



Beginning Machine Quilting

Wed. Nov 18, 1:30-4 OR 6-8:30 \$25

Sue Frerich

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Little House: Laura's Log Cabin in the Woods Quilt Sat. Nov 21 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

This is the first of our "Little House" quilts. The inside of the quilt is a traditional log cabin block, and the border is a pieced nine patch. Pattern is supplied in class. You can make this quilt from any fabrics, but the "Little House" calicos will make a bright & cheery quilt, perfect for your own "little house" on the range.

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Pillow Case Party

Sun. Nov 29 1-4 FREE

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents.

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Arcadia Avenue 6- 8:30	2 Open Sew 1- 4	3 BOM 10:30-11:30 Chit Chat Quilt 1:30- 3:30 Monthly Minis 4- 6
4 CLOSED	5	6	7 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	8 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Bermuda Sunrise 1-5
11 Beginning Quilt 1-4	12	13	14 Vine & Berries, Back Basting Applique Table Runner 1- 4 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	15 Arcadia Avenue 6- 8:30	16 Open Sew 1- 4	17 Turkey TableTopper 1-6
18 Beginning Quilt 1-4	19	20	21 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	22	23 Let's Finish Downton Abbey 1-4	24 Disappearing 9-patch triangles 10:30- 5

15 Beginnin g Quilt 1-4	16	17	18 Beginnin Machine Quilting 6-9	19 Arcadia Avenue 6- 8:30	20 Open Sew1-4	21 Little House: Laura's Log Cabin in the Woods 10:30-5
22 Machine applied Binding 1-3	23	24	25 Full Moon	26 Thanksgivin g Closed	27 Bertie' s Year 1- 4 Friday Nights 5:30 -?	28 Tree Skirt 1-5
29 Pillow CaseParty 1-4	30					

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!