



Around the **Block**
QUILT SHOP

Finish Your Quilt Sale Sept 5, Oct 4, 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!

September 4, 2015

It's been a strange couple of weeks. I'm sure you've noticed. It's gotta be the heat. I could blame it on the moon, but we don't get a full moon that sticks around for 2 weeks. So it's gotta be the heat.

Wind makes people grumpy. Heat makes people --- well less tolerant of others. In Wyoming, we're used to wind. We don't like it, but we grump about it and, somehow, that makes us feel better. Heat is different. We don't get a lot of it and air conditioning is a novelty around here. So we get irritable. At everything & everyone. Even Lydia (my cat) has gotten yowly.

I'm involved with several groups and tensions have been running high in each one. No one wants to play nice, even me. In addition, something has gone wrong with almost everyone I know. Even customers have come in with tales of woe, from cars breaking down, vacations being cut short, and no moose sightings in Yellowstone.

Which is serious, btw. When you go to Yellowstone, you expect to find moose. It's a big open air zoo, after all. They let the animals out about 5 a.m. and take them back inside for feeding around 8 p.m. I'm kidding. That's when they put up the electric fence to keep the people out.

Anyway, in Yellowstone, you want to see moose. And elk. And deer. This year, though, bears have been more noticeable - like that grizzly that ate someone up in the Park. Like I said earlier-everyone & everything is a bit more irritable these days.

And then there was the bear that came into a house down in Colorado through a screen window, helped himself to the contents of the fridge & freezer, took his picnic lunch to the patio, then left. All while the house owners slept in their bed. Gives the Goldilocks story a whole new meaning.

I blame all of this on the heat.

So what we all need is something funny. Not that the bear breaking into the house and trashing the kitchen isn't kinda funny. Actually, I think that's hilarious, but it wasn't my

house. And I'm making sure all my doors & windows are locked at night. There have been bear sightings in Cheyenne, these past couple of weeks. I used to worry about the eagles snatching Lydia. Now I'm more worried a bear will eat Becca (my mini Aussie). She's worried, too, even though she's never seen a bear. I haven't figured that one out.

So what else is funny? Well, Charles Dickens, actually. I'm reading Martin Chuzzlewit at the moment. I know, probably not heard of that one, but my goal in life is to read all of Dickens' works before I die. And that statement really doesn't make sense, since I'm pretty sure I can't read Dickens when I'm dead.

Which is kinda like the headline a few weeks ago about the oldest cat still alive. Think about it.

Anyway, Martin Chuzzlewit. I'm only about 50 pages in, so I can't report on the plot. But I can tell you about some of the characters, in Dickens' own words.

"First, there was Mr Spottletoe, who was so bald and had such big whiskers, that he seemed to have stopped his hair, by the sudden application of some powerful remedy, in the very act of falling off his head, and to have fastened it irrevocably to his face."

No?

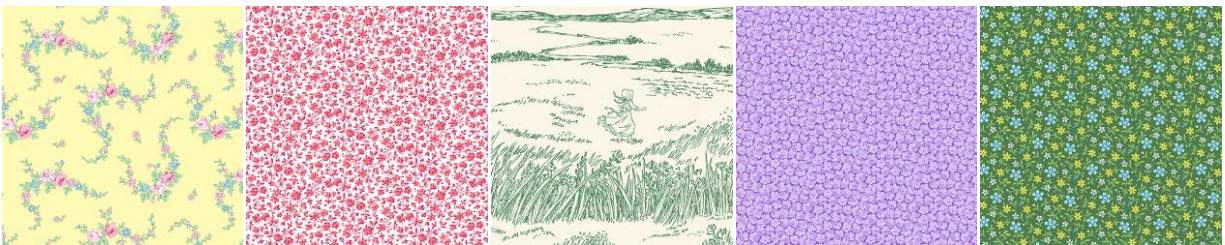
"Then there was the widow....who being almost supernaturally disagreeable, and having a dreary face and a bony figure and a masculine voice, was, in right of these qualities, what is commonly called a strong-minded woman; ..."

Okay, how about

"Beside her sat her spinster daughters, three in number, and of gentlemanly deportment, who had so mortified themselves with tight stays, that their tempers were reduced to something less than their waists, and sharp lacing was expressed in their very noses."

I don't know about you, but I think that is funny. But then, maybe it's just the heat.

LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE FABRIC IS COMING!





This is just a sampling of the patterns and colors from the Little House line. Fabric will be here in November. I'll start taking pre paid orders for the fabric next week. You can order yardage or fat quarter bundles. We are offering several quilts both this fall and next spring that will be our "Little House" quilts. The first, in November, is Laura's Log Cabin in the Woods. In the spring, we will have a Bear's Paw quilt, a 9-patch quilt, a Churn Dash quilt and a Flying Geese quilt, among others.

Fat quarter bundles will do 1-2 quilts, with the addition of some backgrounds. The Bear's Paw quilt will be shown in just 2 colors, although it could be scrappy as well.

There are 3 parts to the Little House collection: Flowers (which I think of as Laura's fabrics); Walnut Grove (which I think of as Ma & Pa) and the icons, which are logos, labels and the toile prints. The Flowers collection has 23 fabrics, Walnut Grove 18, and the Icons, 12. Plus, there is an apron fabric and aged muslin.

The fat quarter bundles of the 53 pieces (not including the apron & muslin) will sell for \$159. Flowers collection only will be \$69, Walnut Grove \$54, and the Icons \$36.

WHAT'S NEW!!

Books & patterns:

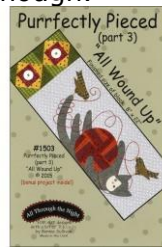
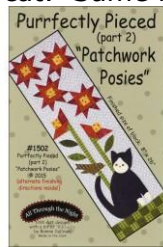




From Maywood (we also got 8 bolts of whites/neutrals):



In addition, we will be getting the flannel to do Purrfectly Pieced. If you are interested in a kit, please let me know. I will be kitting 4 and the first patterns will be dedicated to those kits. If you are interested in the patterns & not the kit, just let me know & I will order more in. This is the next "Bertie's Year" project from Bonnie Sullivan, but it's not Bertie the bird, it's a cat. Same idea, though.



From Quilting Treasures:

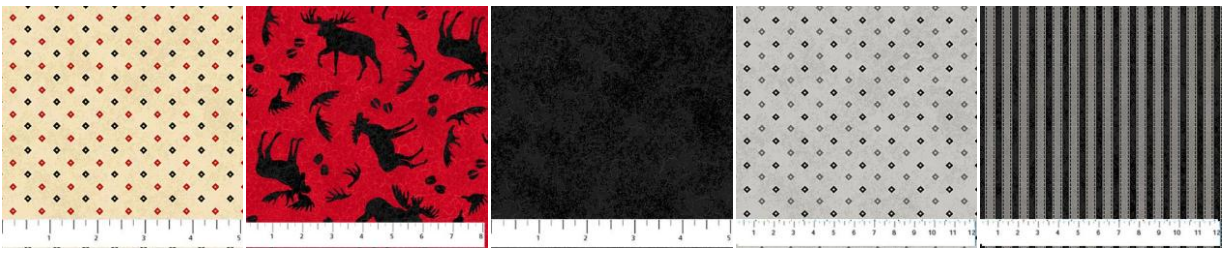


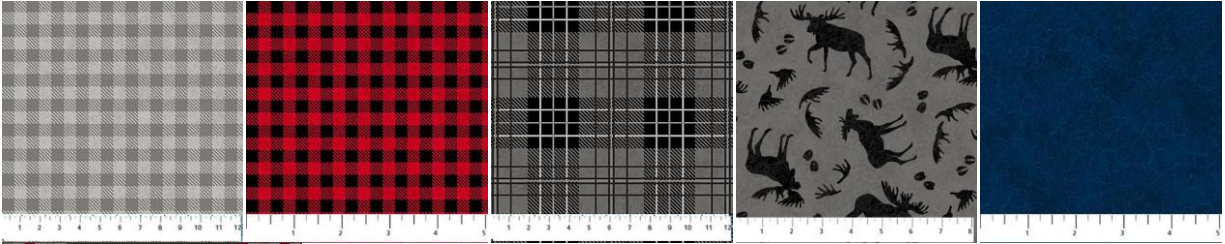


From Moda: Layer Cakes



Flannels from Northcott:



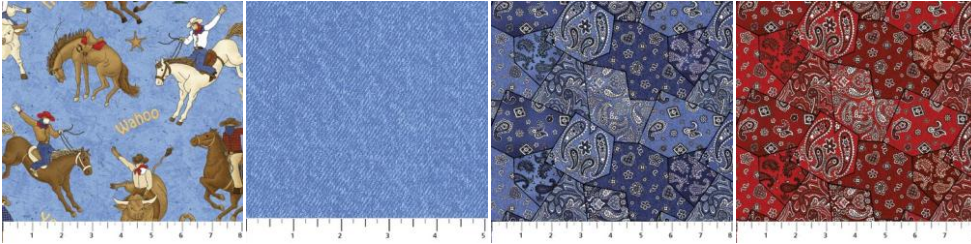


This is a pattern, we are knitting.

We got about 13 more batiks from Hoffman. I'll try to put the colors in next week.

From Northcott:





From Timeless Treasures, flannel :



From Alexander Henry:



September Classes & Special Events

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Block of the Month Sat. September 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 Christmas Quilt -shaped like a tree. Each month will feature a different block, mostly 12" finished blocks.

Chit Chat Quilt Sat. Sept 5, 1:30-3:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

English Paper Piecing in miniature! The blocks are tiny, about an inch wide and maybe 2" long, pointed on each end and you will need about 105 of them. The quilt is called a "Chit Chat" quilt or a "Conversation" quilt. Find fabrics that "chit chat" about your life. For example, I will have dogs, cats, parakeets, ducks and horses in my quilt. Plus roses, the word "huskers" because I was born in Nebraska. Find images on fabric that represent your life, where you have traveled, what you have accomplished, your job, your kids, your family, where you've lived, what you like to read, what you like to eat. Favorite flowers, birds, time of year. If you've wanted to learn how to English paper piece, this quilt is quick and easy to learn.



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

Labor Day Special: BQ4-Working with panels

Mon Sept 7, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Learn to work with panels (in this case 2) to make a quilt that doesn't look like a panel quilt. We'll use the BQ4 pattern, cut up the panels, add a few more fabrics, and you'll have a quilt! The quilt shown is done using the Princess & the Pea fabric, but any panel will work.

Knit Pickin' Club Thurs. Sept 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. Sept 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.

License Plate Tote Sat. Sept 12 1-6 Barb Boyer \$20

If you're wondering what to do with the license plates, come learn to sew a simple License Plate Tote bag, that can carry your credentials, credit cards, money, etc., around your neck. Perfect for events like Quilt-A-Fair and Shop Hop! .

Beginning Quilting Sun. 1-4, Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct11, 18, 25; Nov.8, 15

OR

Wednesdays: 6-9 Sept 16, 23, 30; Oct7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 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.

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Arcadia Avenue Thurs. Sept. 17; Oct. 1, 15; Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17 Sue Frerich \$25

This beautiful color wheel looking quilt uses 12-14 different colors of the rainbow, in 12 different paper pieced blocks. Even novice quilters can learn to paper piece with ease. The blocks look challenging, but with guidance from Sue you will make a stunning quilt in no time. We also have fabrics for you to choose from if you want to make a rainbow quilt.



Halloween I Spy

Sat. Sept. 19 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20

Hexagon quilts are all the rage, and this I-Spy quilt uses hexies and triangles to make this quilt-no inset seams, no hand piecing. Just straight sewing. The quilt is done with all sorts of Halloween images, but you can make it Christmas themed or just use interesting images of animals, boats, cars, etc.

Back Basting Applique Wed. Sept. 23 1-4 Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of appliquers. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!

Let's Finish Downton Abbey!

Thurs Sept 24; Oct 14; Nov 19 Barb Boyer \$20

We started this quilt last spring, but life got in the way for all of us. Now all the blocks are done (meaning the patterns are all written) and all we have to do is finish the blocks and finish the quilt. If you didn't start last spring, you can still come to class and, if you are diligent, you will have your Downton Abbey Quilt ready for cuddling under for the final season starting in January.

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. Sept 26 5:30-? \$10

Barb Boyer

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2014 -- 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.

Ombre' Lonestar Sat Sept 26, 10:30-5 \$20 Sue Frerich



This quilt uses ombre fabrics and half square triangles to make a stunning Lone Star Quilt. No set in seams! You can use any fabrics, but we have the ombres in the store.

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesda y	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 CLOSED	7 Labor Day Special: BQ4: Working with Panels 10:30-5	8	9	10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon License Plate Tote 1-6
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15	16 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	17 Arcadia Avenue 6-8:30	18 Open Sew 1-4	19 Halloween I-Spy 10:30-5
20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21	22	23 Back Basting 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	24 Let's Finish Downtown Abbey 1-4	25 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 Lone Star 10:30-5
27 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	28	29	30 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30			

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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!