



Around the **Block**  
QUILT SHOP

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**May 6, 2016**

Things to remember if you are on a cruise ship:

1. Do not run out on your balcony in the early morning to look at your first sight of land after 4 days ... butt naked. Remember, there is always someone on a balcony 2 floors up who got up before you.
2. Don't feed the seagulls from your balcony. It only encourages them to fly close to the ship and if you are in a lower level balcony room, you don't want birds flying overhead.
3. Don't trip over your fins as you're jumping off the bow of the snorkel boat. Especially when the cruise ship's photographer has tagged along on the shore excursion and has asked if he can take your picture as you jump in the water. My jump turned into a front flip & I landed on my back with a big splash. I don't think I made the cruise ship DVD.
4. Bring your tennies. Wherever you are going, it's always 3 floors up or down from where you are. And if you're in the front of the ship, it's always in the back of the ship. And you're usually running 5 minutes behind.
5. If you join the pop choir, there is always someone who sings in more choirs at home than you do.
6. Remember to take a dry pair of shorts with you when you get off the ship. You never know when you just have to take a spontaneous dip in the ocean. Soggy shorts won't get you a ride home in a taxi even in Hawai'i.
7. Bring an extra suitcase. Everyone on board wears Hawai'ian shirts and you'll decide you need half a dozen or more.
8. If you are tethered to your electronic devices....I'm sorry. You might get 2 Facebook postings in 10 minutes. At \$1 a minute, it had better be really, really important.
9. If you ask for fruit in your room, you won't be able to eat all of it every day. And then you feel guilty so you eat an orange, banana & 6 kiwis for a snack in between lunch & dinner, which are in between breakfast and before tea.
10. Keeping your balcony door open all night might not be energy conscientious, but it's wonderful to hear the ocean every night.

I just got back from a trip to LA and Hawai'i. I visited my nephew's family then boarded a ship for a cruise to & from Hawai'i. It was marvelous. The scenery was spectacular; I met great people on board, including my dinner companions (I never actually met the naked dude, fortunately. That would have been an awkward moment: Haven't I met you before--Oh, never mind.); I learned to play the ukulele and we had a concert; and I went swimming with fishies and turtles. I also saw whales, dolphins, and seals & lots of birds. And it didn't snow!

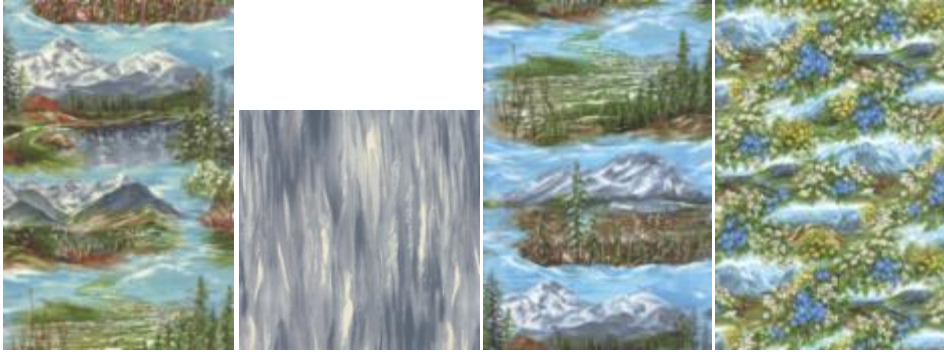
And when my brother asked me if I needed a vacation to recoup from my vacation, I told him that when I got home I discovered my furnace wasn't working, the guy who

was supposed to pick up my riding lawnmower hadn't come while I was gone, and I didn't have a steward to bring me drinks. As he put it, Bummer.



## WHAT'S NEW!!

From Moda:



From Camelot Cottons:



(fleece)

From Elizabeth Studios:



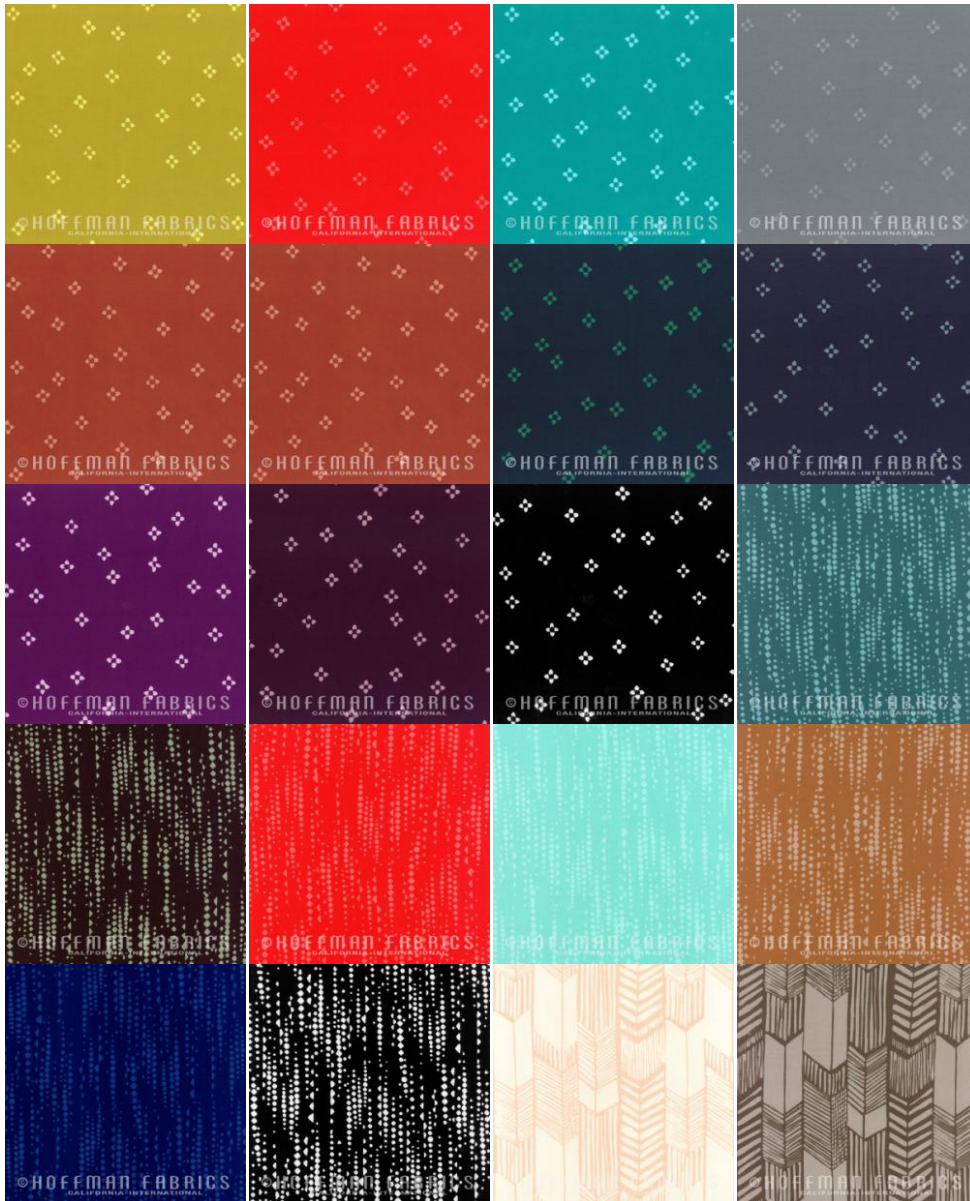
From Troy:



From Maywood (and one other neutral from this line)

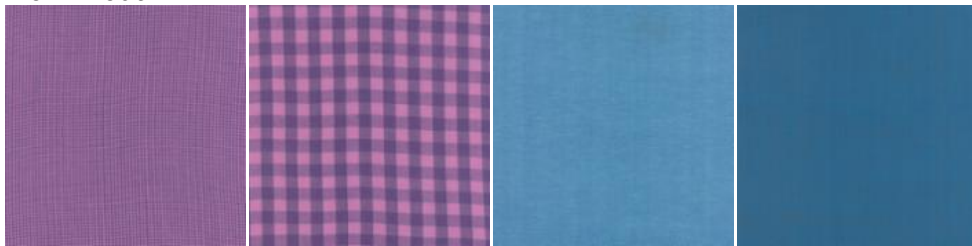


From Hoffman:





From Moda:



From Free Spirit:

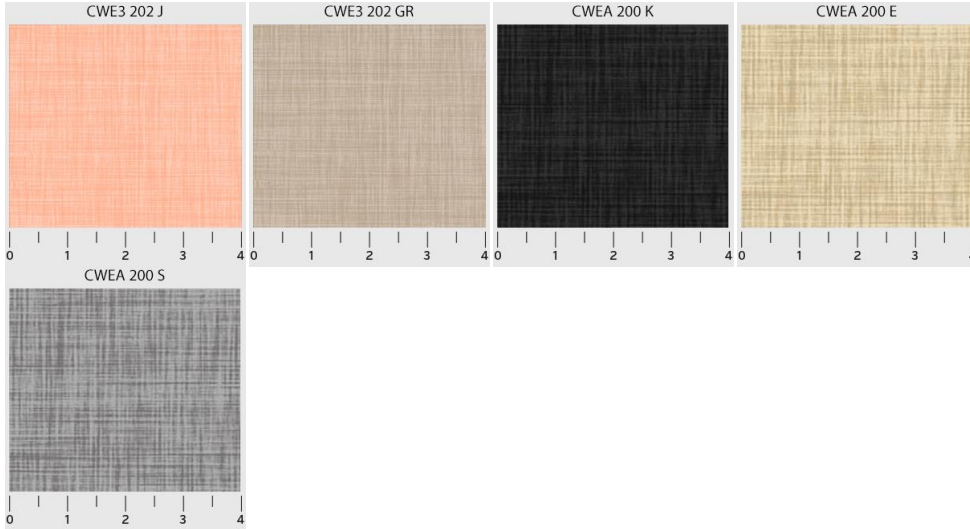


From Alexander Henry--the rest of the Ghostlies





From P & B--Color Weave



The May schedule is constantly changing, and I apologize for that. I rearranged things from April to May because of my vacation, but then forgot about Spring Market dates. So I think I'm back on track now.

## May Classes & Special Events

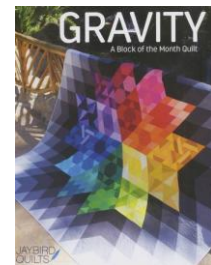
**English Paper Piecing** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ongoing

**Block of the Month** Sat. May 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 red, white & blue quilt-patriotic theme, if you like.

**Postponed until this fall Gravity** \$25 Barb Boyer

Gravity is a "color wheel" styled quilt made with the Hex N More and Sidekick Rulers. We have limited kits available, and we also have Hoffman 10" squares & strips that can be used to create the blocks. Each month we will do 1-2 blocks. Quilt should be ready for Christmas!



**Ornament Club** 1st Sat of the month, 1:30-3:30 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature a different pieced ornament. Some of the ornaments can be used as gift tags & gift card holders. You can pick & choose which ornaments you want to make-each ornament will be displayed prior to class. You can make the March ornament & skip the April ornament, for example. Kits are limited, though, so if you are interested in a particular kit, be sure to sign up for that month & let me know.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing various table runners/ door banners/small wall hanging celebrating each month. Some of the quilts are long & skinny, some square, some round. Most of the quilts will be kitted.

**Changed to Wed May 11 Knit Pickers' Club** ~~Thur. May 12~~, 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. May 14, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

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

This year we're still 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.

**Lace Houses, block of the month** Sat. May 14 1-3 Kathy Sconce ongoing.

## **Changed to Sat. June 18 Christmas Row Quilt** 3rd Sat of the month,

Sat. June 18, 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

Each row uses a different pieced block. There are log cabins, stockings, wreaths, ornaments, snowmen, trees, houses, bells, and stars. Each month we will piece a different row. There are 7 rows (2 rows use multiple blocks), plus a pieced border. You should be able to have the quilt done by Christmas!

### **Postponed to May 29: Pillow Case Party** Sun. FREE 1-4

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!

### **Bertie's Year & Companions** last Friday of the month, 1-4 \$20, free if you buy the kit

Bertie's Year & Purfectly Pieced are small wall hangings, (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. The patterns are by Bonnie Sullivan, and you can do any of the series-she has a spring, summer, fall & winter Bertie's, plus the original, and plus the cats. You choose. Class is ongoing-because we need the time to get the embellishing done!

### **Friday Nighters** Fri. May 27 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

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.

### **Postponed to May 28: LOTP: Churn Dash** Sat. May 28, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is our 4th quilt. This is a perfect quilt for scraps. This quilt uses the Churn Dash block and a modified Hold in the Barn Door block for the center of the quilt-which is on point. The Flowers collection from Little House makes this a perfect old fashioned looking quilt-and Mary was tall enough to actually use the churn, so she was able to help her mother churn the butter.



## May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 Open Sew1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30  <b>Ornament Club 1: 30-4</b>  <b>Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	12	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon  <b>Lace Houses 1-3</b>
15	16 English Paper Piecing 2-4	17	18	19	20 Open Sew1-4	21 <b>Full Moon</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27 Bertie's Year 1-4 <b>Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	28 LOTP: Churn Dash: 10:30-4
29 Pillow Case party 1-4	30 Memorial Day	31	<b>Color of the month: Neutrals- whites/beiges</b>			

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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: January 24; February 22; March 23; April 22 , May 21.

**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**

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow, May neutrals .

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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