



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

April 21, 2017

Can dogs look apologetic? Let me restate that. Can dogs, other than Becca, look apologetic?

Apparently, yes. Once again, we have an odd ball kind of study. This time instead of why shoe laces come untied, someone has studied why dogs look guilty when they've done something wrong. A molecular biologist, of all people, wrote a paper on it, and he said it stems from a behavior inherited from wolves. He calls it the apology bow. With wolves, when a pup does something to irate an adult, the adult growls and the pup drops its head submissively and puts its tail between its legs.

"Oaky, hold the phone," Becca said. I'm not sure she knows what a phone is, but these days I just go with it.

"I don't apologize for anything."

"I've noticed." She glared at me.

"And besides, I don't have a tail."

"Well, like you said, you don't apologize for anything, including stealing the can of cat food from Lydia and licking it to beyond clean."

"She was finished, and Cassidy knocked it off the dryer" (I feed Lydia on top of the dryer to keep her food away from the dogs) "so it's Cassidy's fault, not mine. She should apologize."

"Never mind that. What the article was getting at is that when a dog does something she knows is wrong, like stealing food off the table, or chewing on shoes...."

"I've never done that."

"Or shredding paper towels from a waste basket,...." Becca looked away. Not quite an apology but an acknowledgement.

"The apology bow helps to keep the punishment at a minimum so that the dog isn't ostracized from the pack--or these days her human companion."

"That's very different from being guilty," though Becca pointed out. "You do know that 'guilty' is a human emotion. To attribute that emotion to a dog is called anthropomorphism. You humans think that because you feel that emotion, dogs can also feel that. Just because we lower our eyes --you call it sad eyes, which is another anthropomorphism --and drop our head, doesn't mean we're feeling guilty about anything. It's just a ploy to make you forgive us and give us a treat."

I looked at her and wondered....but this was an uncomfortable conversation to be having with a dog, so I changed the subject.

"April finally had her baby last week. Now we get to name the new born."

Becca said she didn't understand what all the hoopla was about. "Just call him Joe and get over it," she said.

I knew better. But... "Why Joe?"

"That's the name of the baby gorilla in that book tape you've been listening."

"You mean the Bone Labyrinth by James Rollins?"

"If it has gorillas in it, then, yeah. Joe. Simple. Easy to holler, Hey Joe, get over here." She did this in a kinda Brooklyn accent. I swear, I don't know where she gets this stuff.

"Well, Joe hasn't made it to the top 4: Apollo, Patches, Peter and Noah."

"Patches, gee that's cute." Becca smirked. "What about Splotches, instead. Or Spindly Legs, or Falling on Your Butt Right After You're Born."

"Becca, that's not nice."

"You're anthropomorphising again."

"That's not a word."

"Yes it is." "No it's not." "Yes it is." "No..." I've said it before, you just can't win an argument with an Aussie.

## What Wind Contest!

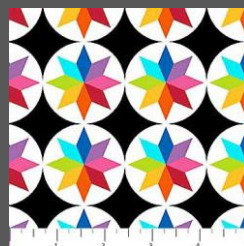
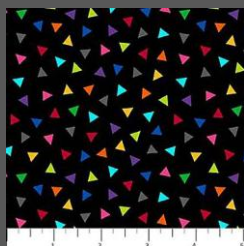
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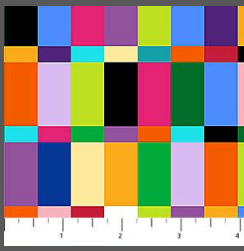
**Karen Bryan with a dog, a fire hydrant and wind. If you can't see the "drops" use your imagination!**



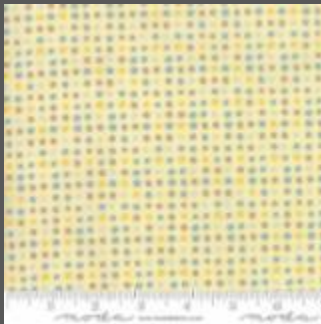
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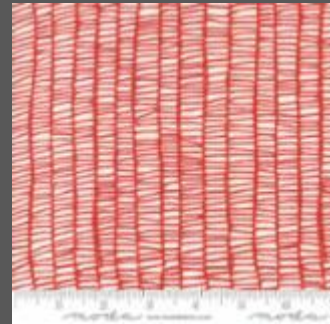
From Moda:



From Benartex:



More from Moda: just precuts right now. Bolts should arrive later.



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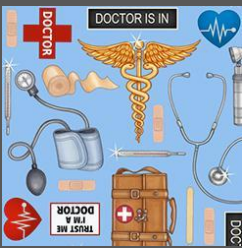
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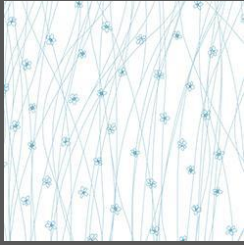


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This is a kit

New cool stuff from Red Rooster, but you've got to come to Shop Hop to see it.  
From Quilting Treasures:

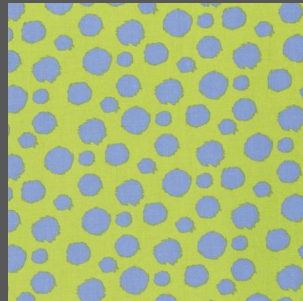




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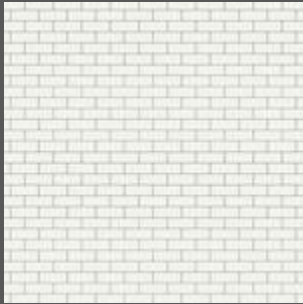


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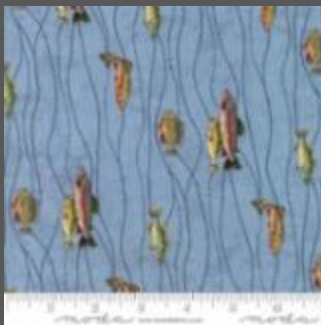


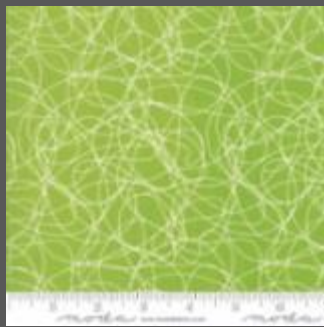
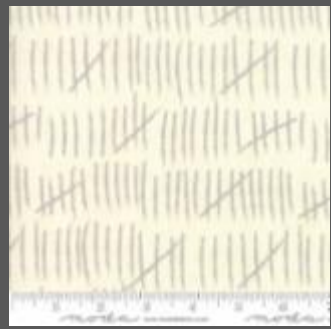
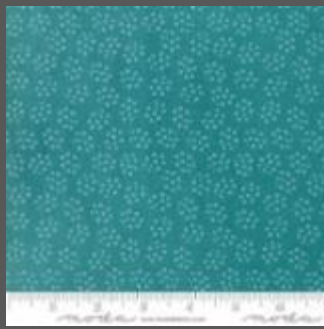


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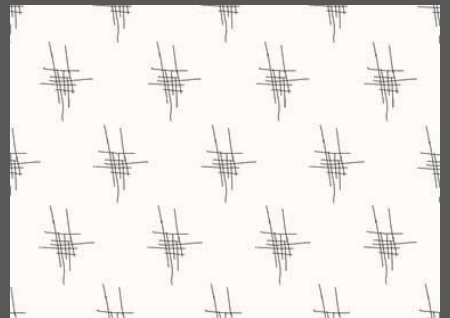
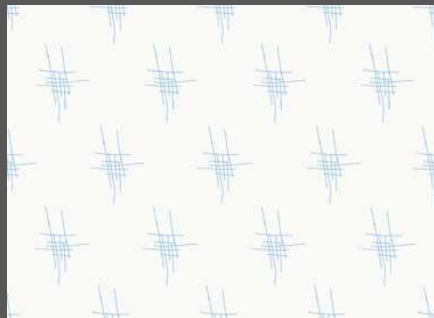


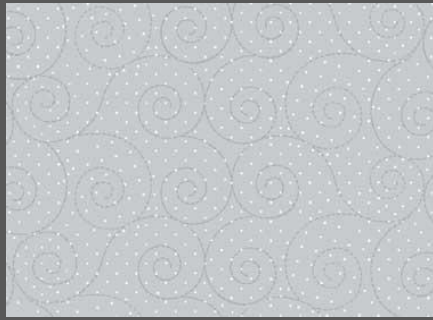
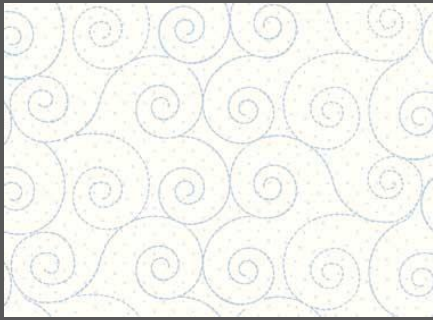
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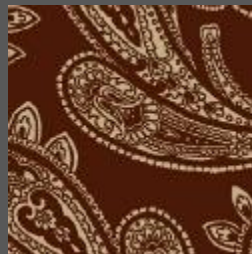


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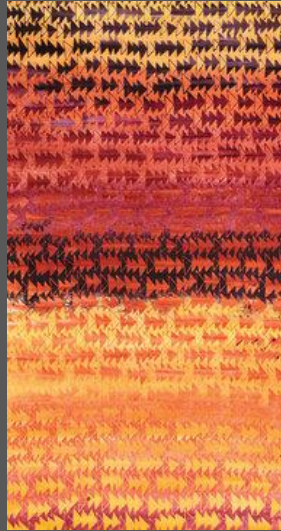


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From Windham:



Anthology.





## April Classes and Special Events

**Pillow Case Party** Sun. April 23 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!

**English Paper Piecing 4<sup>th</sup> (or last)** Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (fee per year)

**Wild Orchid Raven Quilt** last Friday of the month ongoing, 2-4 \$20  
This block of the month will feature a different raven block, from the Raven book by Blackbird Designs. You can hand applique the blocks, but class will show you how to trace the pieces, fuse them in place and applique around by machine.

**Friday Nighters, last Friday of the month** 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.

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**Block of the Month** Sat. Apr. 3 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 basket quilt. Each block will be a different basket. The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to use plaids!

**Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month, OR 1<sup>st</sup> Mon of each month  
Feb - July 1-4 \$25

Eleanor Burns has designed 12 quilt blocks, plus various pieced borders to go with each block, that celebrate 12 famous women, including Martha Washington, Harriot Tubman and Eleanor Roosevelt. Come learn their stories and piece their blocks, using traditional fabrics or make it modern and celebrate today's rising stars from designers like Tula Pink and Kathy Dougherty.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)  
This year we are doing Holiday House, pre laser cut. Each kit will be app. \$40. These blocks can be made into a quilt, or kept separate as individual wall hangings.

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur. of the month, 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.

**All Things Halloween!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich  
We will do 5 Halloween projects this year, including a full sized quilt, a table runner, an ornament, and other fun projects. You can pick and choose which projects you would like to do or sign up for all of them and get 1 class for free! **Third project: to be decided.**

**Hand Embroidery Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE (but see below) Kathy Sconce  
(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

Starting this fall we are doing barns. If you want to participate, there will be a COST. The patterns is \$20 + \$12 for printing. Each month, I will print the barn on Transfer Ez for you. Bring your fabric and supplies (floss, hoop, scissors, etc), and we will sit & stitch on the blocks during class. Fabric requirements will be provided in the first class.

**Fat Quarter Fun** Sat. May 13, OR Mon May 15 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

Every other month we will make a quilt using fat quarters (plus additional fabrics for borders). Three of the quilts will be from the same book, and the last 3 quilts will come from another book, maybe 2 books. Each quilt will employ a new cutting or sewing technique, just to keep it interesting! We will have limited kits of each quilt. We will offer these classes twice-pick your day, Saturday or Monday. **May's quilt is strip pieced cut apart block & sewn back together. Intrigued?** Books shows it done in blues, and that's how we've kitted it!

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9	10	11 Full Moon	12 Level 2 Machine Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14 All Things Christmas 1-4  <a href="#">Good Friday</a>	15 One Block Wonder 10-5
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28	29 <a href="#">Memorial Day</a>	30	31			Color of the month: Neutrals-whites/beiges

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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: Jan 12, Feb 10, March 12, April 11, May 10.

#### 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/beiges/whites.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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