



NOTICE:

Binding Class:

Moved to Sunday Dec. 17 from 1-4. Sorry--I just realized I scheduled the binding class on top of a concert.

Choir Concerts:

LCCC Christmas concert, Sunday Dec. 10, South High, 3 p.m. FREE
Capital Chorale Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Mary's, 7:30
FREE

December 15, 2017

Sometimes we're not happy unless we have something to complain about. And I'm not talking about Washington politics. Complaining about D.C. politics doesn't make anyone happy.

No, I'm talking about the weather. In Wyoming I think we take intense pleasure complaining about the weather. Like the wind - witness the 18 semis that blew over a couple of weeks ago. For those of you not from here, it was breezy that morning, but not that windy. Until about 9:30 or so. I noticed the wind had picked up when I was going through the drive thru at Arby's. It wasn't until after I got to work that I heard about the blow overs and the interstate closure. I think the wind came up strongly and quickly, taking everyone by surprise.

We love to tell tourists who complain about the wind on "windy" days that Wyomingites don't notice the wind until it gets past the breezy stage-or about 50 mph. And even then, that's normal wind. Wind that blows over

semis is 70-80+ wind and we grudgingly acknowledge that that was really windy. And we're happy about it because we can complain about it. We tell stories to tourists about the wind, and coach them on how to park the car so the car door doesn't either slam on your legs when you get out or the door doesn't snap its hinges when the wind catches it. We proudly explain why most of the double doors at businesses only allow one door to open. Wind. We're happy to complain about it. Even giddy. We'll talk over each other just to tell an even worse wind story.

Other weather we complain about is the cold. Okay, that technically is not weather. But when it gets below zero I think it counts as weather. We also complain about the snow-we either have too much or too little. Or it's blowing sideways or you can't see through it (blizzard) or it's too wet (heavy & soon to become ice) or it hasn't melted much so now it's dirty.

We also tell stories about wicked winter snow falls. We relish telling these stories. They fall into the tall tale stories our parents once told about having to walk a mile to school, uphill each way. We love these stories. Valdez, Alaska, this week has a great snowfall story: an amazing 15 feet of snow in 90 minutes. Go to see the new Star Wars movie & come out and you can't find your car, let alone drive anywhere. But it didn't happen here, unfortunately. We can't complain about it.

It's harder to complain about the weather in the summer. We have beautiful summers. But we do complain that it's too hot, or too cold, or too dry. We also get horrific hail storms so we proudly exchange stories on how bad my house got hit, hoping it was much worse than your house. It's great.

I can't imagine living somewhere where the climate is even: not too hot, not too cold, not too rainy, not too dry. A Goldilocks' kind of place. And I'm getting worried that Cheyenne might be turning into such a place. We've had such a nice stretch of easy going weather. No need for heavy jackets, hats, scarfs, mittens, boots, pocket warmers, cowls. Where is the cold, I mean really cold, weather, the heavy snows, the blizzards and white outs, the icy pavements?

And then it dawns on me. I must be nuts. Am I seriously wishing to be miserable all winter? What's wrong with me. I think the reason we like nasty weather is because it gives us something to complain about. And that makes us happy.

So I'm going to change my attitude. I'm happy that it's been in the 40s-60s so far this winter. I'm happy the dog's water bowl doesn't freeze solid during

the day. I'm happy I don't have to shovel (yesterday's minimal snowfall doesn't count and today's sun will melt that snow-it's supposed to be 51 today). Other than the day the semis blew over, the wind hasn't been horrible. And I'm happy I don't have to bundle up like Ralphie's little brother in A Christmas Story.

I mean it's great. Really..... great. The long range forecast says mild through March. Wonderful. I'm so excited. If I keep telling myself this, it might work. I can be happy about this.

It's either that or we're just going to have to find something else to talk and complain about. Otherwise we're just not going to be happy. All winter.

Nolting Longarm Machines

Nolting has 5 main machines, each with different reaches: from 17" to 30" depending on the machine. They are sold with or without a frame, but after I saw & helped set up one of the steel frames this week, I recommend buying the frame. All machines, except for the Standard--the most economical machine-- have a stitch regulator. I recommend a stitch regulator. All machines can be equipped with a computer and there are a couple of different ones to choose from. In addition, you can get an extended table base so that you can use rulers, you can get larger bobbins on some of the models and on the frames you can get hydraulic lifts to raise and lower the tables. In the coming weeks, I will print out more information on each model.

The best entry level machine is the Fun Quilter. It comes in 17", 20" & 23" reach. It comes with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The Pro Machine has the Intellistitch Turbo stitch regulator, single stitch option, standard speed control, needle up/down and customizable

handles in the front & rear. The Pro Machine comes in 20", 24" and 30" reach with 10-12" of inside height. There are easy dials on the front to set stitch length and other options. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



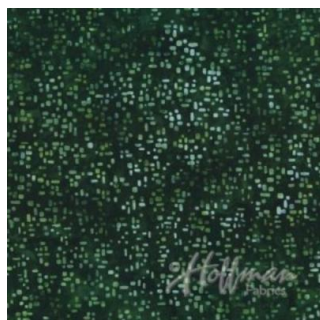
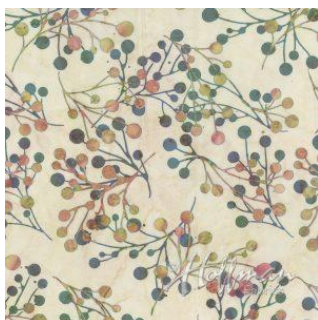
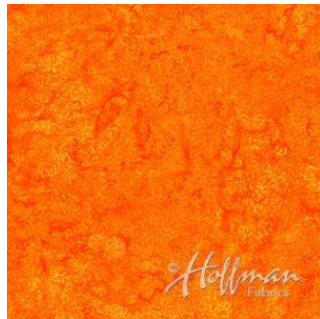
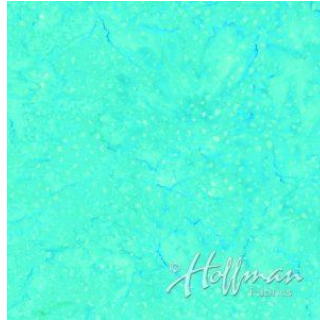
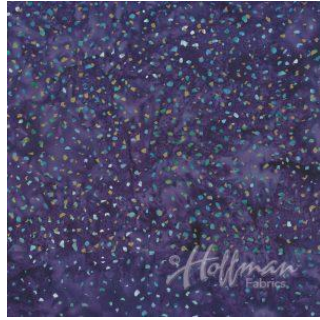
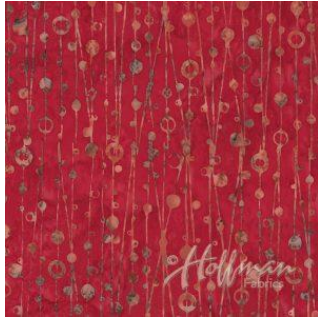
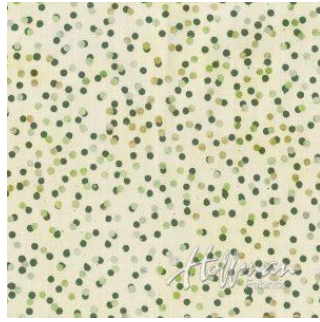
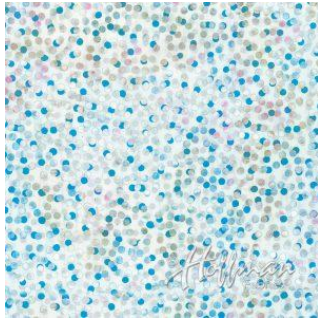
The NV Machine is the newest in the fleet of Nolting machines. This machine has a touch screen with programmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needle up/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

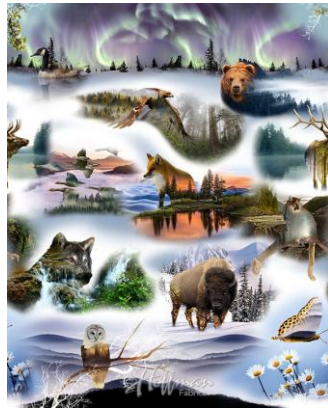
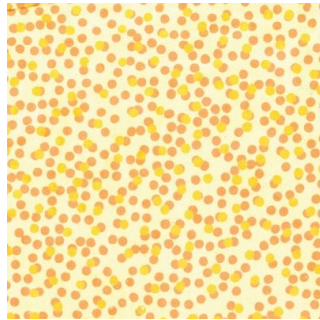
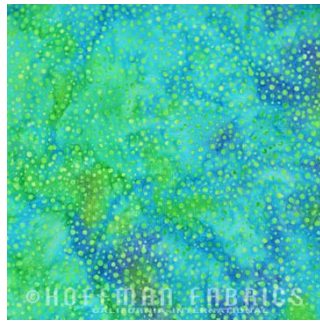


Nolting also has a commercial machine with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

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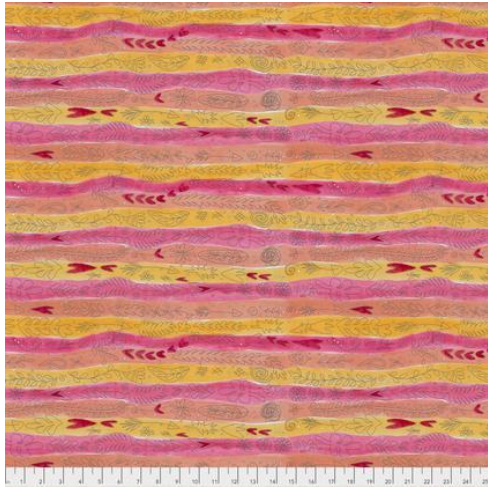
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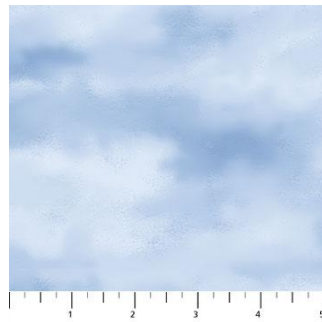
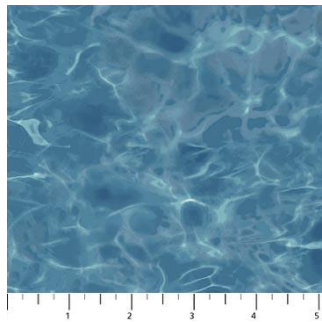
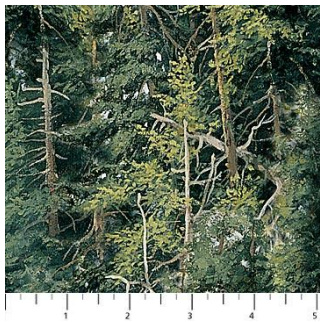


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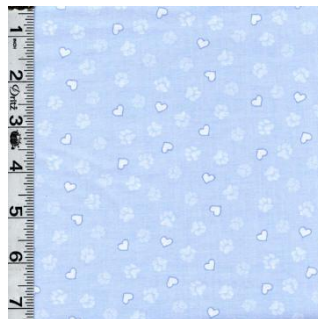
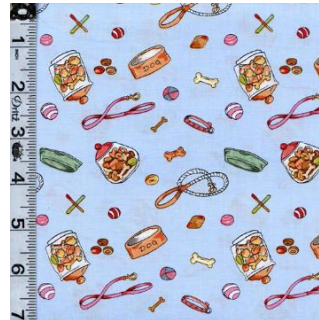




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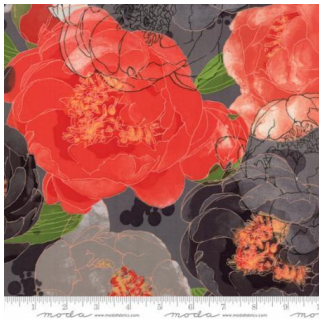
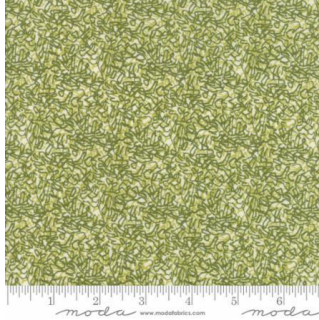
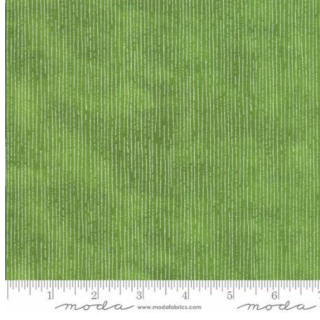


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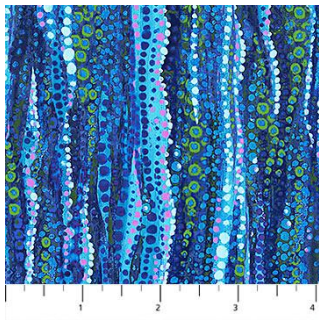
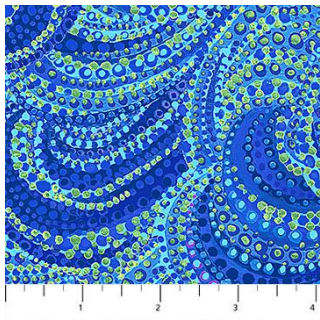
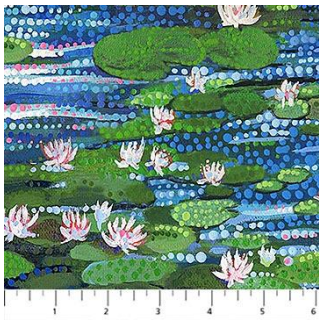


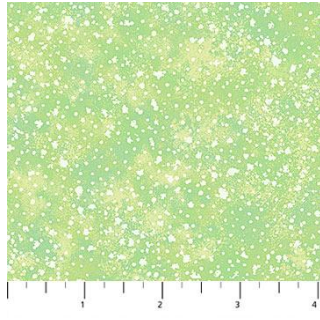
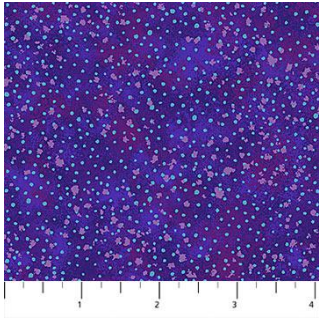
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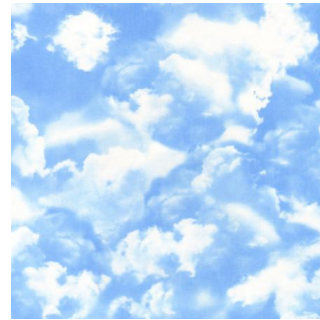
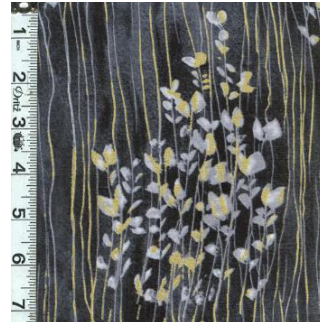
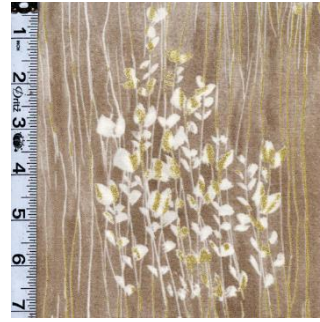
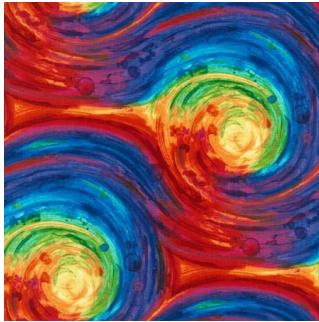


From Northcott:





From Timeless:



Last Fall Classes

Bali Wedding Star third Sat of month from Sept-Dec check calendar for times \$30 Angela Fisk & Tina Wilson

The Bali Wedding Star is a Judy Niemeyer foundation paper-pieced pattern, but Angela and Tina have simplified the color selections. In class you will learn the basics of foundation piecing, plus you will learn how to deal with those curves-really easy, don't worry. The first class will discuss color selection, cutting and organization. The remaining classes will focus on sewing and completion. Please sign up early because the background fabric requirements may require the ordering of specific bolts of fabric. Come in, choose colors you are interested in, and I will bring the bolts into the store.

Binding Dec. 17 1-4, \$20

First half of class I'll demo choosing a binding, cutting & ironing the binding, trimming the quilt and stitching the binding down. I'll talk about alternate ways to put on bindings. Second half of class, you will cut and apply your own binding to a small quilt. For this part of the class you will need a small quilted quilt. It can be anything, a panel, a pillow, something in 3 layers (back, batt, top) with some quilting holding the layers together.

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Christmas					1	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Gypsy Wife 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6 Full Moon (observed)

3 CLO S E D	4	5	6 Christma s Triangle Frenzy 1- 6	7	8	9 Embroid ery Club 10-noon Christmas Panel w/lights 1- 4
10	11	12	13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14	15 Op en Sew 1-4	16 Jud y Niemy er 10-5
17 Hand and Machine Binding 1-4	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CLOS E D	25 CLO S E D Christma s	26	27	28	29 Ye ar Endsale , Toad Toters 3-	30 Year End Sale 10-6
31 CLOSE D						

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 use printed patterns and some vintage free patterns that you can embroider, embellish and color. Depending on the projects, 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: Sept. 6, Oct. 5, Nov. 3, Dec. 2 (observed)

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

August: black. Sept: Orange. October: Green November: flannel December: Christmas

January

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY FULL MOON CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 BOM 10:30 Floral Menagerie 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
7 CLOSED	8	9	10 Quilt demo 1-3 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11 Gypsy Wife	12	13 Embroidery Club 10-noon Baltimore Woods 1-4
14	15	16	17 Quilt demo 1-3	18 Beginning Quilt 6-9	19	20 Cardinal Waltz 1-6
21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22	23	24 Quilt demo 1-3	25 Beginning Quilt 6-9	26	27 Scrappy Churn Dash Flannel 10:30-4
28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29 English Paper Piecing1-	30	31 Quilt demo 1-3 FULL			Color of the month:

	4		MOON BLUE MOON			Purple

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Paper Piecing 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9	2	3 BOM 10:30 Floral Menagerie 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4-6
4 CLOSED	5	6	7 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 or 6-9	8 Beginning Quilt 6-9	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Baltimore Woods 1- 4
11 Beginning Quilt 1-4	12	13	14 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	15 Paper Piecing 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9	16	17 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 & 3-6 Rainstick quilt 10:30-4
18 Beginning Quilt 1-4	19 Take 5 10:30-5	20	21 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 or 6-9	22 Beginning Quilt 6-9	23	24 Strippy Quilt 10:30-4
25 Beginning Quilt 1-4	26 English Paper Piecing 1- 4	27	28 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30 or 6-9			Color of the month: Red

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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