

Quilter's Patch Quilt Kits!

This is Edyta Sitar's newest Block of the Month book. And we have it kitted just for you! Spoiler Alert: We have 2 kits left. Kits are \$264 or \$22/month with credit card. If you are interested please let me know quickly. These kits will not be on the 40% off sale at the end of the month. We also have all the Moda bolts that make up this line. Even though winter has just started, this is the perfect Pick Me Up quilt to brighten the short winter days.

We will also have a Hints & Tips class once a month (I haven't scheduled it yet), in case you need a little help. Look for those classes to start in January or February.



January 6, 2017

Instead of New Year's Resolutions, I thought I would offer a couple of tips for the new year.

Tip #1: After you empty the shop vac, be sure you've put the hose on the suck-the-air-in side and not the push-the-air-out side before you turn it on.

Tip #2. Make sure you empty the shop vac at least 1 day before the cleaning crew gets to the house. See Tip #1.

And under the category of "observations":

1. There is something wrong with celebrating the new Facebook Live with an ad that shows how great the site by showing all your friends what you're eating right now, this very minute. Now I'm not much of a Facebook user, but I could think of bunches of better uses for a live video feed than showing what I'm eating for dinner. To be fair, one of the other ads shows people twirling around on the beach, or some fun place. I guess that's better....

2. Don't live in a harsh climate without a car unless there is good public transportation. I was driving home last night about 6:30 and saw a person on a bicycle pedaling down the snow covered street. It was about minus 12 degrees. At least it wasn't snowing. That's one rough commute.

It is a little hard getting back into the routine of work--I was on vacation in the Los Angeles area, visiting family. It was cold there--mostly in the 60s during the day, 40s at night. I was in heaven. I even wore shorts when I visited Universal Studios and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

I had great fun at the Park and was very impressed at how professionally everything was done, from the shows to the friendly staff to the rides. I kept reminding myself that it was a film studio production company, after all. If they can make movies they can do a theme park. But it was still impressive.

I also had great fun with my family and I was reminded that Christmas is all about making cookies, having family movies nights, watching school Christmas shows, opening gifts one at a time, driving around to see fantastic Christmas lights, and spending time in the playgrounds on Christmas Eve to expend all the excess Christmas Eve energy.

And thanks to everyone who came to the customer appreciation sale. We have room for the tons of new fabric that is coming. Harry Potter & Spider-Man & Betty Boop & Lion King have arrived. Soon we will have Hoffman, Wilmington, Stof, Andover and Blank. So stay tuned.

WHAT'S NEW!!

We just got in Harry Potter, Spider-Man, Star Wars, Lion King, Betty Boop, and some Marvel comics fabrics. I didn't have time to get the pics downloaded, but will by next week.

From Checker:



Purrfect...
By Laura Heine

This little kitty is a purrfect collage for Laura's classes or as a beginner's collage project.

Size: 21 x 35

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Potpourri
By Laura Heine Size: 42 x 58



Emerson
By Laura Heine

This little pup is a doggone great collage for Laura's classes or as a beginner's collage project.

Size: 21 x 35

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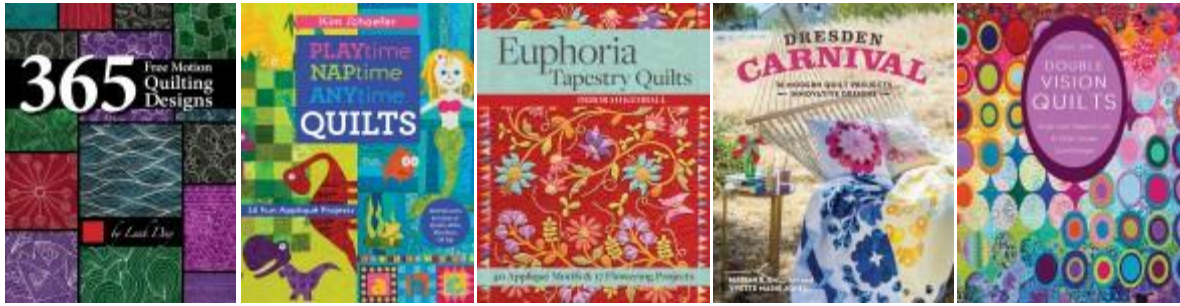
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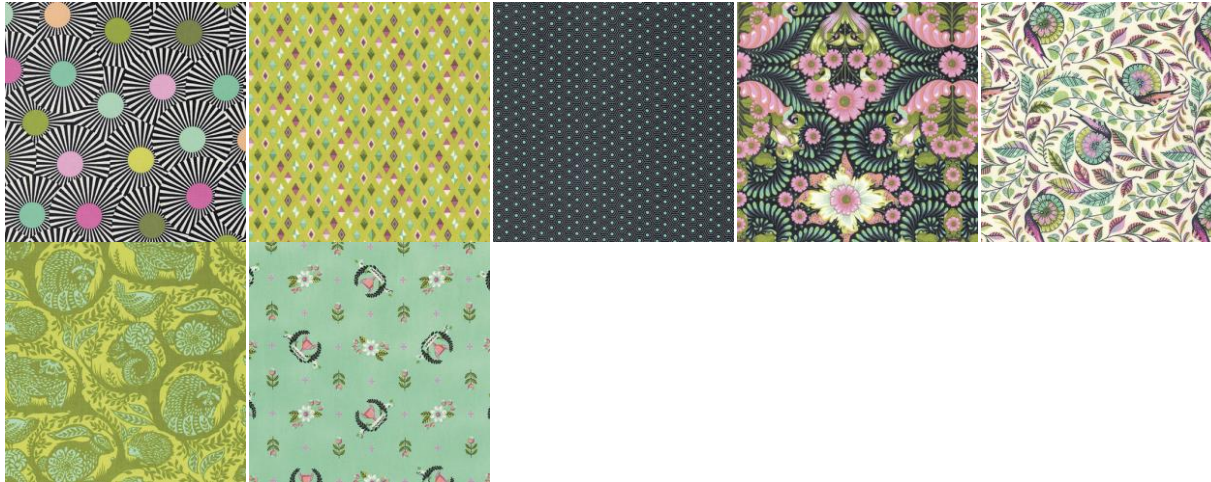


We got a lot of the truck patterns in, both larger & smaller



and more books

From Tula Pink:



From Camelot--Star Wars & Star Trek:





Villains:



Alexander Henry:



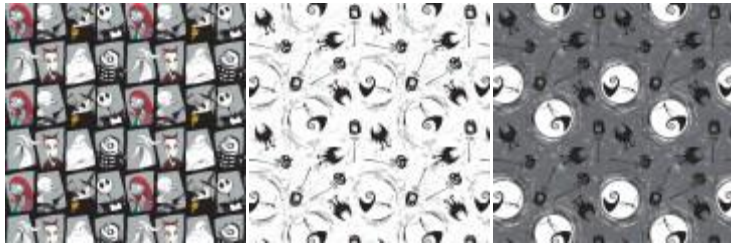
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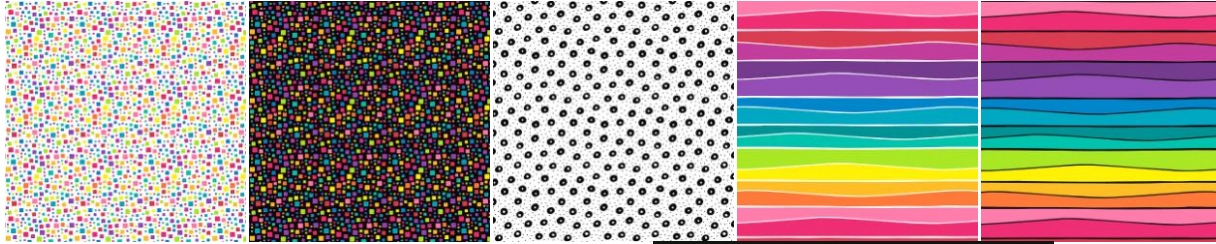
Star Trek--

Nightmare Before Christmas





Sweet Treats:



January Classes & Special Events

Block of the Month Sat. Jan. 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!

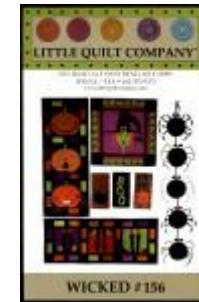
ROW BY ROW Sat Jan 7, 1-5 Free, if you bring your Row By Row Westward Ho! Row for 2016. If you did not make the row, then the cost of the class will be \$20 & you get a free ruler! In class you will be given a packet of fabrics to make blocks using the ruler Extra fabric packets are available so you can turn your blocks into any size quilt you want!

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Thurs. of each month, 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.

All Things Halloween! 2nd Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

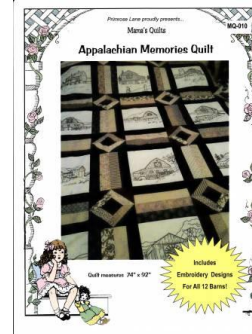
We will do 5 Halloween projects this year, including a full sized quilt, a table runner, an ornament, and other fun projects. You can pick and choose which projects you would like to do or sign up for all of them and get 1 class for free! First project is a table runner called "Wicked ." We will have limited kits available for sale.



Hand Embroidery Club 2nd 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 is \$20 + \$12 for printing. Each month, I will print the barn on Transfer Ez for you. and supplies (floss, hoop, scissors, etc), and we will sit & stitch on the blocks during requirements will be provided in the first class.



COST. The patterns Bring your fabric class. Fabric

Fat Quarter Fun Sat. Jan. 14, OR Mon Jan 23 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. First quilt: Hearts! Just in time for Valentines Day.



Beginning Quilting Sun. starting Jan 15 1-4 OR Wed Jan 18 6-9 **8 weeks**

\$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.

Stripped Flannel (Zigger Zag) Mon. Jan. 16, 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

It's Holiday! Perfect time to sew. The Zigger Zag pattern is done with 2 ½" strips. If you were lucky and got a kit, bring it to class. If not, bring your fabric and we can cut strips for you using the Accu Cutter.



Misty Pond-ongoing Thurs. Jan 19, 1-4

Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler Quilt ongoing Jan. 21

Wild Orchid Raven Quilt Fri. Jan 30, 2-4 \$20 (ongoing, but you can join anytime)

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.

Lone Star Sat. Jan. 28, , Feb 18, Mar 18 1:30-4 \$25 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Bucket List Quilts this year and next. Our Bucket List quilts traditional, 2) employ a unique sewing technique or skill, 4) quirky (Stack & and 3)everyone talks about wanting to make sometime in their life. Last year we quilts: Log Cabin, Bear's Paw, Double Nine Patch, Stack & Whack and a Paper Pond). This year we will make a Lone Star, a Grandmother's Flower Garden Piecing style), Tennessee Waltz and a One Block Wonder. And that's just for Spring! The Lone Star quilt uses a Le Moyne Star construction, or Y-Seam. It is also a perfect quilt for hand quilting!



are those that are 1) Whack, Buggy Barn), did 4 Bucket List Piecing quilt (Misty English Paper

English Paper Piecing 4th (or last)Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including **Grandmother's Flower Garden-this is the pattern I am doing this year**. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.



January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED New Year's day	2	3	4	5	6 Open Sew1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30 Row By Row
8	9	10	11	12 Full Moon Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	13 All Things Halloween 1-4	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6
15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16 Stripped Flannel 10:30-4 M L King Day	17	18 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	19 Misty Pond 1-4	20 Open Sew1-4	21 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 1-6
22 Beginning Quilt 1-4	23 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	24	25 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	26	27 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	28 Lone Star 10:30-4
29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30 English Paper Piecing 2-4	31				Color of the month: Purple

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: 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,

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