



SHOP HOP SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

APRIL 7-8 AT THE RANCH

9-5 both days. Free Admission!

Demo Schedule:

Louisa Smith will be giving demos on her new book, Double Vision Quilts.

Demos will be at 10, 11, 1 & 2 on both Friday and Saturday. We will have books for sale and Ms. Smith will sign them for you. Ms. Smith will also have a trunk show display of her quilts that you don't want to miss.



We also have our traditional quilt show, showcasing quilts from the stores participating in Springtime in the Rockies.

And we will also have a showing of all of the tote bags entered into the contest. We will have at least 2 bags from our store in the competition. You will get to vote on your favorite bag, and the top 3 winners get prizes! (You vote blindly. You won't know who made the bag.)

And, most importantly I think, the weather will be GREAT! No rain, no fog, no snow. We should have perfect spring like temps for our Springtime in the Rockies!

Directions:

head down I-25 to the Windsor exit. Take the second right (2nd light--if you take the first light, you wind up in a parking lot for fast food places). Go a couple of miles, and you will see the Ranch on your right. There will be a big entrance on the right. Don't take the first entrance, take the second entrance, which is bigger. I know, not the best directions. If you take that first entrance, you'll just wander around a little more. Look for the First National Bank Building. That's us! And we will have signs up.



March 31, 2017

Becca told me this morning that she was going to play an April's Fool trick on me. I told her that the proper way to say it was April Fools', which assumes there is more than one fool in the world-but she wasn't listening. I also told her she wasn't supposed to announce she was going to trick me because that just takes the prank out of the

prank. She still wasn't listening.

"I'm going to make the cat disappear!" she said, grinning with that lopsided grin of hers.

"I don't want to know."

She just stared at me.

"Okay. How are you going to make the cat disappear? And her name is Lydia."

"I'm going to eat her."

"Becca. That's not an April Fools' joke."

She just stared at me.

"Okay, I'll give you some examples of real April Fools' jokes." (Are you paying attention here? Can you spot the joke(s) without using the internet?)

First, and you've probably heard this one. April the giraffe isn't really pregnant. The New York Zoo just wanted to get the public to watch its live web cam at all hours of the night-and day. So far it's worked. Becca said, "Well I heard a zoo official say that her due date can be anywhere within a 60 day period. They really won't know when the baby is coming until they see the feet poking out...." "Becca, just quit right there."

Second, Donald Trump is the president. Okay, that's too simple. Even Becca figured that one out.

Third, a giant python swallowed - wait for it: a 25-year-old man. A few weeks ago I told you about a boa constrictor that ate a porcupine, with disastrous results not only to the porcupine but also to the snake. This time the snake was a 23 foot python and it was discovered slithering awkwardly down the road in a village of Salubiro in Indonesia. A village official said, "We were immediately suspicious that that snake had swallowed Akbar (a local farmer) because around the site (his farm) we found palm fruit, his harvesting tool and a boot." Apparently pythons don't normally go for people, sticking to small animals instead. But in Bali a couple of years ago, a security guard for a luxury beachfront hotel was killed by a python. Becca said, "A 23-foot snake is kinda hard to miss, don't you think? How can you not see a 23-foot snake sneaking up on you." "Becca, Akbar had a family. He was harvesting his crops, not looking for snakes in the grass." "Well, I'd see it and bark at it and it would leave the....." She stopped talking and started thinking. I know that because she cocks her head and gets a pained expression on her face.

Fourth, Uber is coming to Wyoming. Well, that might not be new news, but what is new is that Uber is planning to introduce a fleet of 100 self-driving cars into Wyoming for testing. Said an Uber official, "Wyoming is perfect for the test. There is not a great deal of traffic on the roads, especially on the I-25 corridor and the roads are pretty straight. The self-driving cars will have fewer opportunities for mishaps." The official also said the extreme weather conditions in Wyoming also make for good practice conditions. And since the legislature is no longer in session, any bills that might prohibit Uber from rolling out its testing program won't get passed until at least 2018, giving Uber almost 11 months to work out the bugs.

But Becca wasn't listening to this last story. She was still thinking about the snake.

"Becca?"

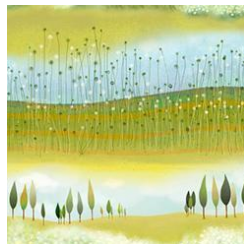
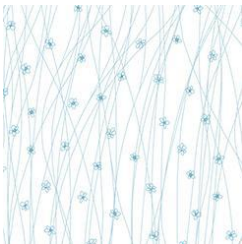
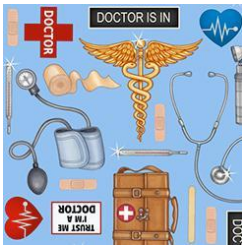
"How big do garter snakes get?" she asked. "Could they swallow a cat?"

"Becca!"

(Answers, scroll down)

WHAT'S NEW!!

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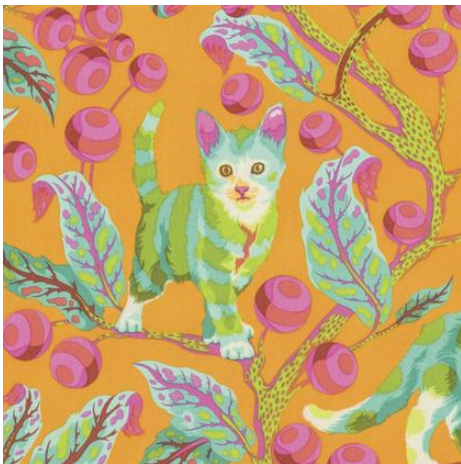
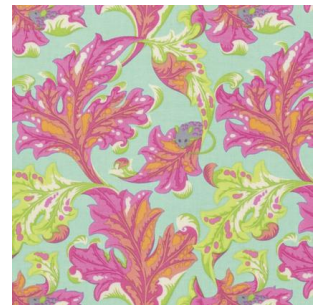
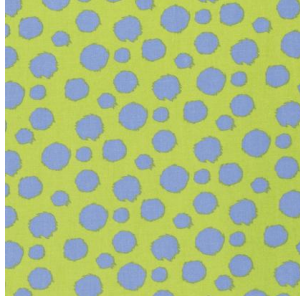
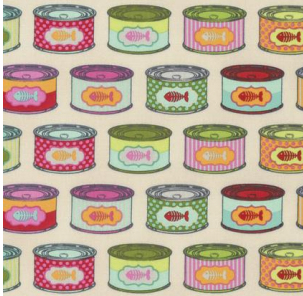


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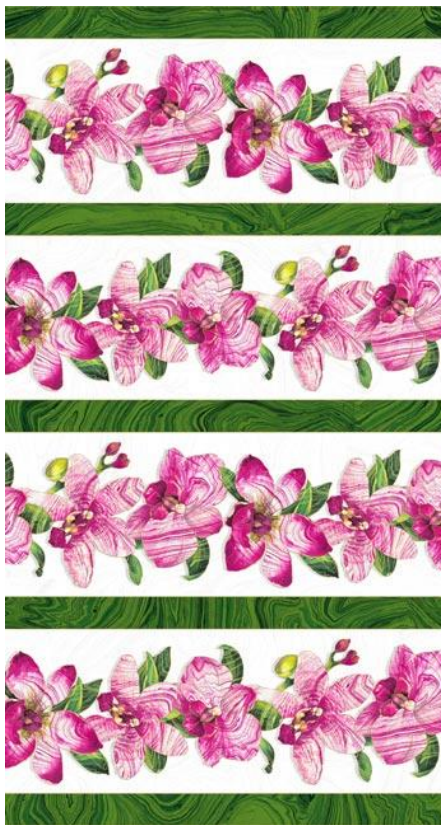
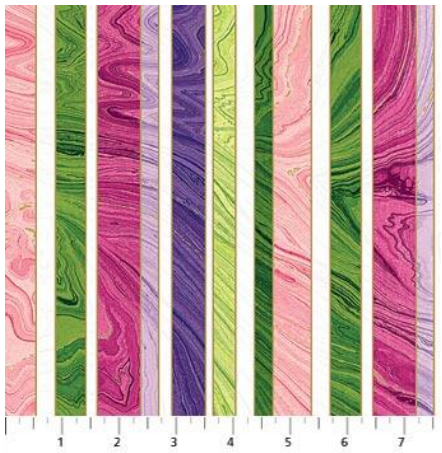
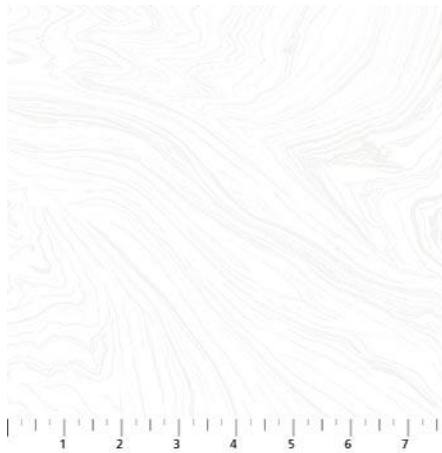
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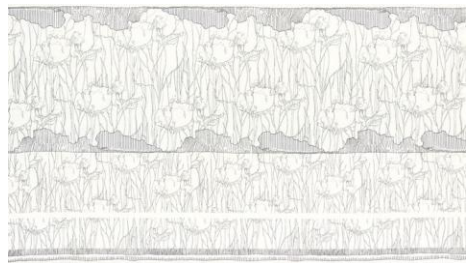
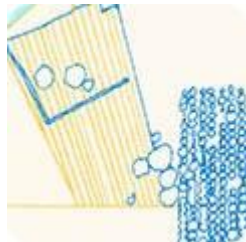
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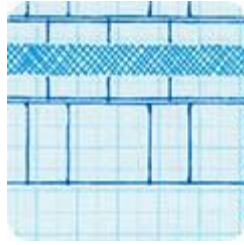
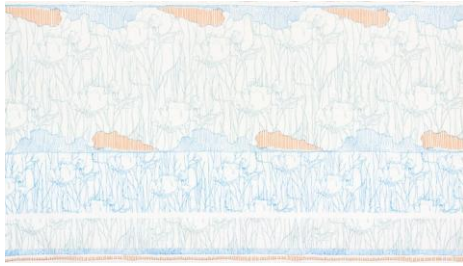


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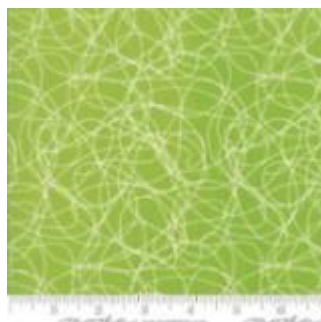
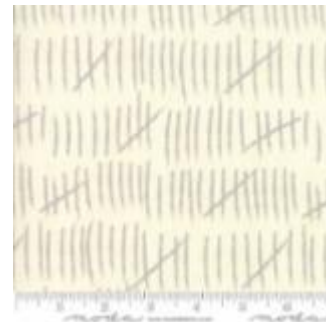
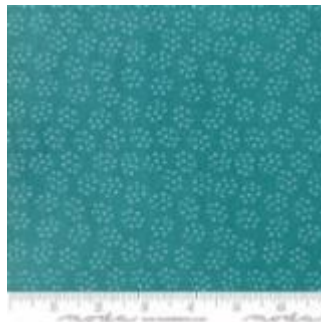
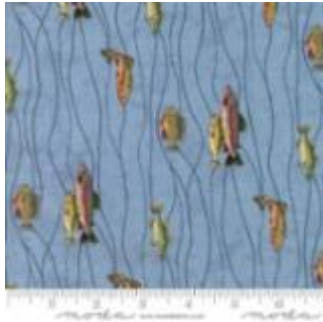


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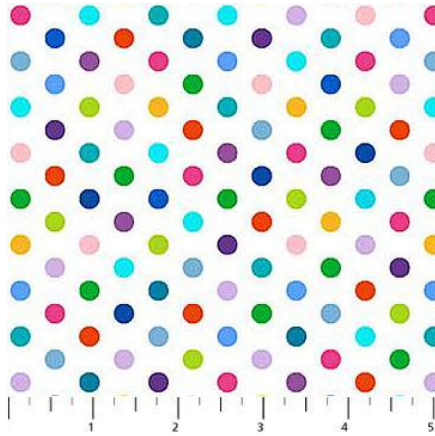
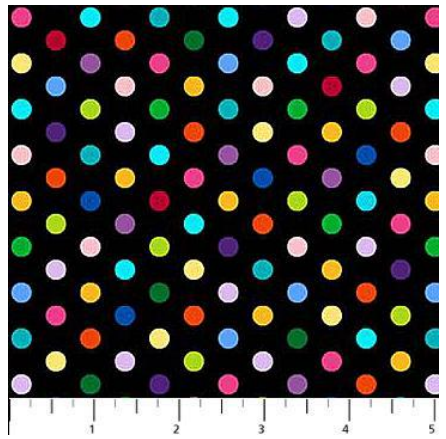
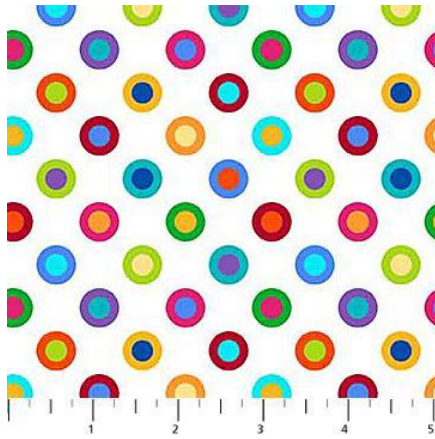
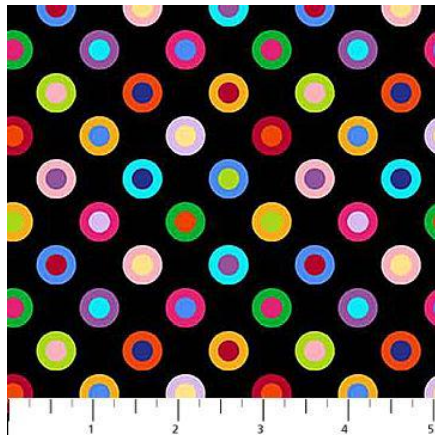




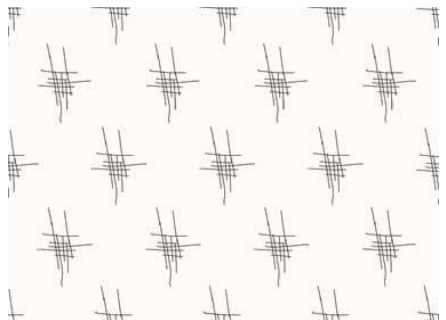
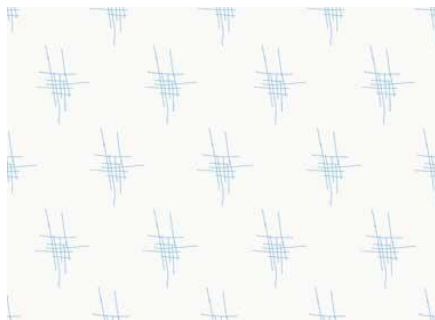
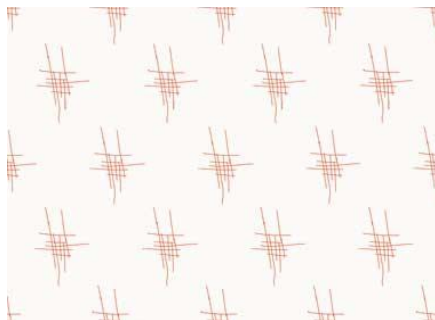
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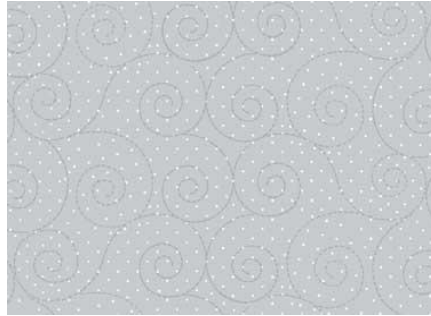
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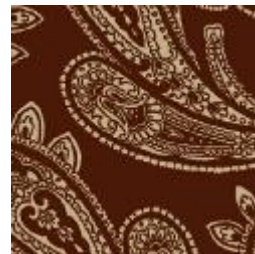
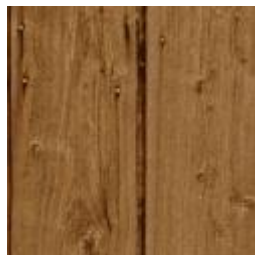
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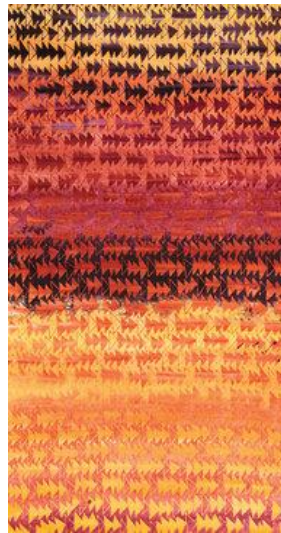
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March Classes and Special Events

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.

April Classes and Special Events

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 1st Sat of the month, OR 1st 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, Harriet 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.

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Look for info in the Newsletter on the Tote Bag contest

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 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.

Level 2: Machine Quilting Wed April 12, 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

You've learned the basics, now what do you do? Join Sue as she shows you how to add fun background filler patterns, feathers, leaves, and one of a kind designs that you can create.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd 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 Christmas! 2nd Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich
We will do 6 Christmas 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! Second project will be ornaments from Happy Hollow Designs. Kits will be available, but you must sign up early (a month ahead would be helpful) so I know how many kits to get.

Back Basting Wed. April 19, 1-3 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!

One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Thurs April 20 & May 4 & 18; OR Sat April 20, May 15 & 29.
1-4

\$25 Sue Frerich

You don't want to miss this class. The technique is called One Block Wonder and you need 7 panels for the quilt. Sue used a beautiful eagle print (keep your fingers crossed, we may be able to get 1 bolt). But we have lots of interesting panels that would make a fantastic One Block Wonder Panel Quilt. (I'm looking at the Star Wars panels....). The technique used is similar to a Stack & Whack quilt, but the difference is in how it is sewn together. This is truly a stunning quilt. You don't want to miss this class-and we're offering it twice!

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 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (fee per year)

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5 CLOSED	6 Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America 1-4	7	8 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	9 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	10 All Things Halloween-Witches Night Out 1-4	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6
12 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	13 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6	14	15	16	17 Open Sew1-4	18 Lone Star 10:30-4
19 Beginning Quilt 1-4	20	21	22 BeginningMachine Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9	23	24	25 Tennessee Waltz 10:30-5
26	27 English Paper Piecing 2-4	28	29 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 OR 6-9	30	31 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	Color of the month: Green

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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.

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.

April Fools' Answers: I don't know anything about April, the giraffe. Trump is President. The snake did swallow the guy. And while Uber is coming to Wyoming, or at least Cheyenne, it isn't planning on using self driving cars here. As for Becca, I'll know tomorrow if the cat is still around.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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