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November 24, 2017

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. Mine was delightful. It started with the Macy's Day Parade. Now, I usually don't watch this parade. It tends to be more about people I don't know promoting their latest "thing" (book, album, movie) with the parade hosts. I don't want what they are selling and I'd rather watch the bands, floats & balloons.

But this year, I watched on NBC and the two hosts just gave the spiel about what was being showcased in front of Macy's Department store, so you got to see the entertainment, floats & balloons without having to listen to a lot of idle chit chat.

And that made the parade a lot more entertaining. For example, you could watch the singing stars try to lip sync to their music. Some did pretty good—the ones who were actually singing along. The rappers and the singers who

had nonsense lyrics had a harder time. The cameras were on top of it, though. All the singers had to do was put the mic right in front of their mouths during the tricky parts, which seemed to be a signal to the cameras to pan back. And you knew they had to be singing to a soundtrack because there were no orchestra players stationed on the floats. I don't have a problem with this, as it makes for better sound, although I generally don't like the auto-tuned sound that comes with these kind of performances-way too tinny. But it is a little hard to sing in the middle of the street when it's about 38 degrees cold, so I can put up with it.

The other delightful part of the parade happened when the cameras panned away from the singers and showed the performers walking beside the floats. Now I'm sure these people were hired because they were semi trained; they weren't entirely clueless. I think there was one dancer in front that everyone tried to follow...to limited success. It was hilarious to watch the dancers trying to clap on the same rhythms (do we clap on 2 & 4 or 1 & 3?) or step to the left, or is it to the right, or you're going a different direction from me, am I right or are you wrong? They generally had no clue. It was great.

The other thing about this parade is you don't actually see the parade-at least on NBC, the "official" broadcaster for the parade. Each act in the parade gets staged right in front of Macy's once it's made the 2 1/2 mile parade route. The bands, floats and balloons all stop long enough to do their bit & then they're done. So you don't see bands marching down a street or floats turning corners.

Instead you watch the bands run in front of the store to get in position to start their act. Sometimes they make it in formation, sometimes not. The announcer said this one band had been working since last May to perfect their act. Unfortunately, with no lines on the ground, not everyone lined up as precisely as they had probably practiced. But all in all it worked fairly well.

Until Santa showed up. He was a great Santa, btw. Jolly, rolly polly (weird that those words don't rhyme) just like the Santa in Miracle on 34th Street. But as the float sleigh pulls up in front of Macy's over Santa's shoulder is a billboard for Victoria's Secret. What a great thing for kids: Santa & a bra-clad model. I think the camera kept trying to find other shots and I could just hear the director hollering in the control room, "No No Not that angle!"

And then Santa stood up and started swaying & dancing to "Here Comes Santa Claus." But it didn't look the poor guy was tied into the float. And he was way up in the air since the sleigh was positioned on top of a house with

the reindeer falling below him. Kinda like standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon and dancing a jig. But he seemed happy enough, a jolly old sort.

All in all, great entertainment. And then the parade started all over again & ran all afternoon. I took a nap. It was a great day.

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

The Christmas Mystery is ready....well, almost. The kits are done: 3 different colors ways: Blue/silver; red cardinals & silver/black & red; and traditional red & green. The quilt is 64" X 88".

There are 4 steps: Cutting (step one); sewing (step 2); sewing (step 3); and completing (step 4). I am working on the pattern, but each colorway has a little different way to cut because of the fabrics involved.

Here's how it works: Get your kit. When each pattern is ready, pick up pattern (you can get the pattern any time once it is "available"). You can cut and sew on your own OR check out our help sessions. Come in during those times and you can cut & sew or just get help. Make sense?

You can buy the kits now (we have 3 blue kits and one red/green left. I can cut more of the red/green).

Starting Nov. 17 get your kits. First pattern will be available Nov. 20. Second pattern available Nov. 24. Third pattern available Dec. 1 and last pattern available Dec. 8.

**Help sessions--for cutting and sewing:
Sat. Nov. 25 from 2-4 (cutting & sewing)
Fri. Dec. 1 (4-6) sewing
Sat. Dec. 9 4-6 (sewing)
Fri. Dec. 15 during open sew 1-4 (sewing)**

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 progra

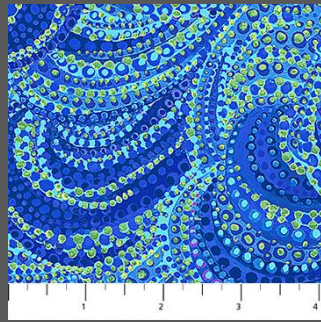
mmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needleup/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

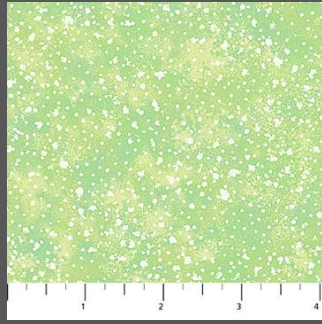
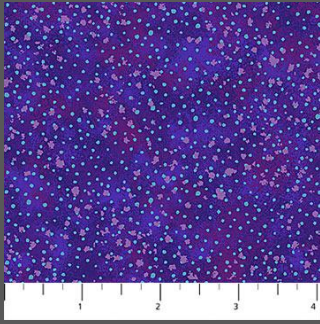


Nolting also has a commercial machine with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

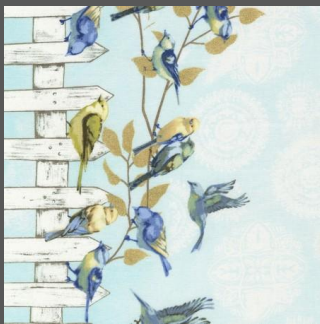
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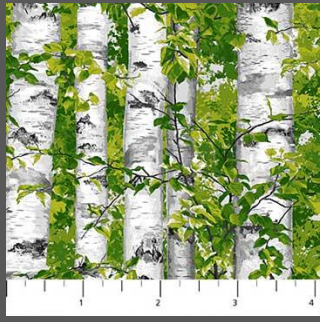




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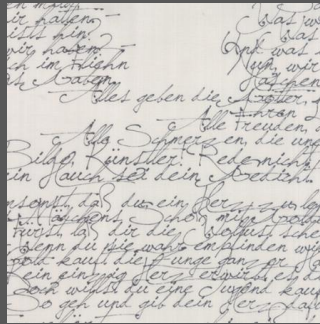
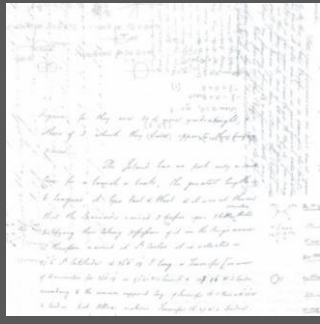
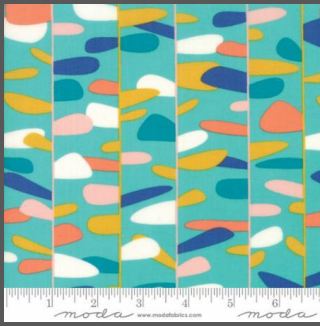
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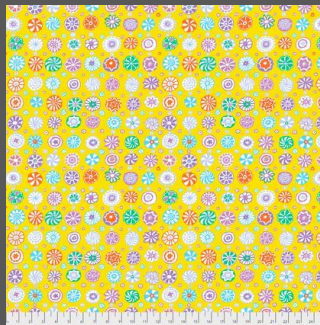
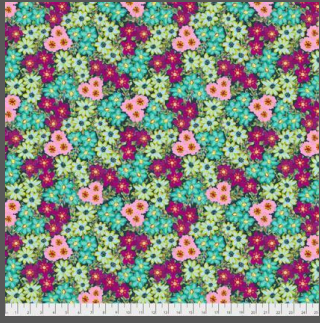
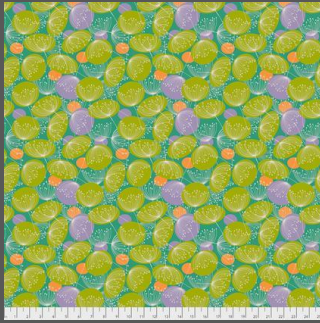
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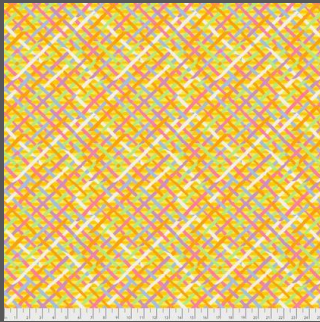
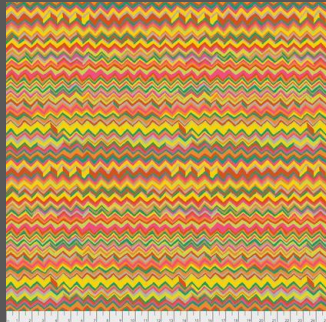


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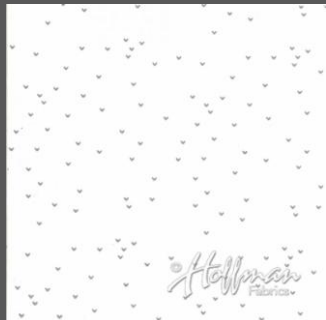
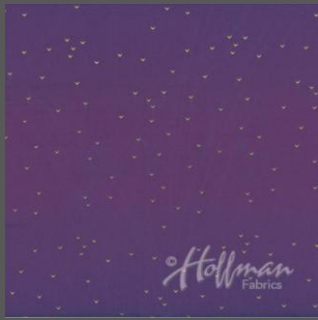
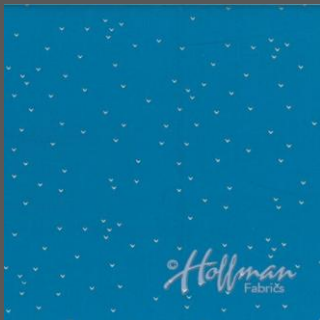
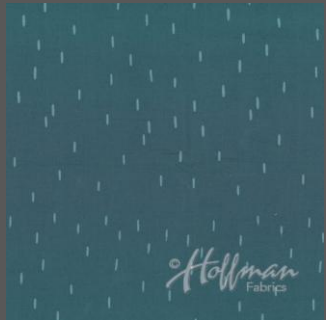
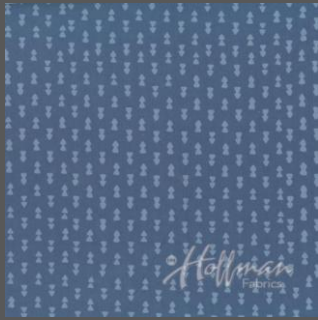
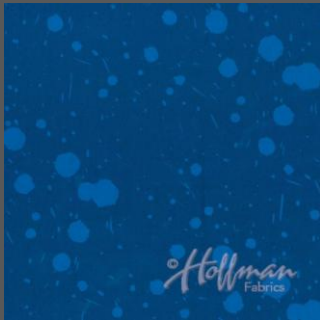


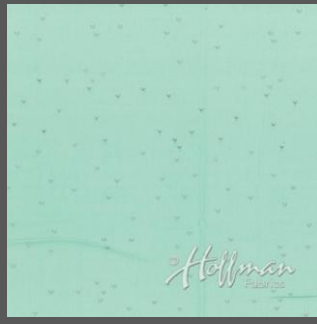
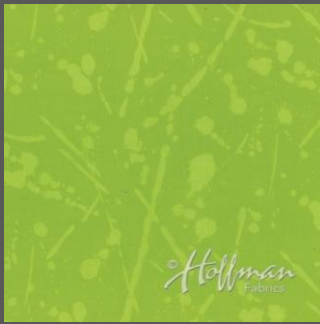
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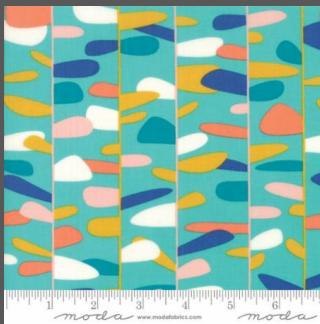


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From Camelot Lord of the Rings:



Fall Classes (through October)--Alphabetically arranged!

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.

Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Nov 29, 1-4 OR 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Block of the Month First Sat of month 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!

Christmas Triangle Frenzy Wed Dec 6, 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

Last minute gift? Need a table runner for your Christmas table? Come to class & you will get at least one runner done (the top) and you may get 2 done--one for you one for a gift! We still have some nice Christmas 10" stripes that will work great for this table runner.

English Paper Piecing 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (But not in September, sorry)

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.

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.

Gypsy Wife First Sat of month, 1-4, Oct through at least December \$25 Sue Frerich

This is a quilt mad from strips, blocks, more strips & more blocks. It's not a sampler quilt, but it contains many different blocks in different sizes. It's not a strip quilt, because it contains blocks. But it is a stunning quilt, one where you can use your scraps and go crazy or stay a little more coordinated by using a collection. The best description is a picture.

Hand Applique/Back Basting

Wed. Sept 27, 10-noon 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!

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) We are finishing up our barn project that we started last fall. In January we are planning a new adventure, staring wool! Come to class, see what we're

planning, and don't forget to bring a project to stitch on.

Hand Quilting Wed. Sept. 20, 10-noon \$25 Sandra Freeburg

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Wed 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. We're currently working on some felting projects, but we're planning on heading into fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks.

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.

Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 26 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!

Santa Christmas Panel Sat Dec 9 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer This panel has 3 parts: splitting the panel into a mock attic window setting; making stars with a new ruler from Creative Grid; and learning how to light it up & make it sparkle!

Spoon Quilting Wed. Oct 11, 10-noon \$25 Sandra Freeburg

No more sore fingers! Learn to Spoon Quilt, with a special spoon quilting tool. This tool helps you keep your stitches tiny and even without pricking your finger. Need to have basic quilting skills (rocking motion quilting).

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Hoffman Wildlife 10:30-4	2 Beginning Quilt 6-9	3 Full Moon	4 BOM 10:30-11:30 Gypsy Wife 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
5 Beginning Quilt 1-4	6 Santa Christmas Panel w/lights 1-4	7	8 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	9 Bargello 10:30-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9	10 All Things Christmas 1-4	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 Wonky 9-patch Veterans Day
12 Beginning Quilt 1-4	13 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 Wonky 9-patch	14	15 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9	16 Bargello 10:30-4	17 Open Sew 1-4	18 Judy Niemeyer 10-5
19	20	21	22	23 CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	24 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	25 Mystery Quilt help Part 1 2-4
26 Pillow Case Party 1-4	27 English Paper Piecing 2-4	28	29 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	30		Color of the month: flannel

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 CLOSED	4	5	6 Christmas Triangle Frenzy 1-6 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	7	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Panel w/lights 1-4
10 Hand and Machine Binding 1-4	11	12	13	14	15 Open Sew 1-4	16 Judy Niemeyer 10-5
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED Christmas	26	27	28	29 Year Endsale, Toad Toters 3-	30 Year End Sale 10-6
31 CLOSED						

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

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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