

CHRISTMAS SALE ONE DAY ONLY! 25% OFF Tomorrow only, Saturday Sept 23

We are overflowing with Christmas fabric--I went a little overboard this year. I've even had to put more fabric down the hall (sale fabric) to make room for everything.

We have beautiful panels, new fabrics from Stof and great stripes for Triangle Frenzy table runners.

It's time to start thinking about making your Christmas gifts--probably past time. And help me corral the chaos -- because we have more fabric on the way!

And some of the new Christmas fabric is from Stof. I'll have pictures next week.



September 22, 2017

What your dog is thinking. I write this in honor of Ariel. Most of you don't know her, but she was a good dog.

Now, this list doesn't apply to Becca. Becca, for those of you who don't know, is my mini Australian Shepherd. She watches too much television and has an opinion on everything. She thought this list was a bit silly, but decided it was okay to share with you.

"I want to protect you."

When your dog stands on your foot, he's saying "I own you." When he sits on your foot, he's trying to mark you-"You're mine." Once you're marked, your dog will protect you. Becca laughed at that. Snorted, actually. She's having a few issues with allergies at the moment. The marking also makes your dog feel more secure-you're part of his pack. He may also "scout" for you when you are

out for a walk-making sure it's safe for you to be out there. Now, I laughed at that. I have to scout for Becca. She won't leave the back yard when we go for walks. I looked over at Becca. She wasn't listening to this and was actively examining her left paw.

"I can sense when you're in a bad mood."

Your dog can pick up on your feelings. If you're stressed, they're stressed. If you're happy, they're happy. "But you don't pick up on my moods," Becca complained. "That's because you worry too much." "No I don't." "Yes you do." "No I don't." "Yes you do." "No, I..."

Becca gave it up. She's knows I right. "No you're not." "Just quit while you're ahead, Becca."

"I need more exercise!"

Now, my dogs don't need more exercise. They are outside all day long, but that doesn't mean that they don't run circles around me at night when they come in. But dog behaviorists say that if a dog is chewing on furniture, running circles around the chairs, barking at everything, and, perhaps, peeing on the floor, he needs more exercise. It actually goes a little beyond just needing exercise. Bad behavior is generally a sign the dog is bored. "I'm never bored," Becca stated. "I know," I said. "You watch too much tv. You also bark a lot." "That's because I'm protecting you." "Yes, those joggers are dangerous." Becca just growled at me. To fix this problem, though, take the dog on a long walk each day. Or, make hide and seek games using food. Becca stood up, opened her mouth but before she could say anything, I told her, "I'm not hiding peanut butter inside bones. You don't need that kind of entertainment." Becca sat back down.

"I'm scared you won't come back."

Becca just smirked at this one. "I know, you don't care if I come back so long as you have food," I told her. "But why is it that you tend to snuggle a little more at night when you come up on the bed for pats." Becca looked away, clearly not wanting to admit this. But some dogs do get anxious when they are left. I used to advise my puppy buyers to leave the pup alone, kenneled, for short periods of time. And when you leave tell them you'll be back soon-or anything you like, but always tell them the same thing. They will learn that your words mean you're coming home. Even if coming home means two weeks from now. Some dogs worry more than others, I snuck a look at Becca, but she wasn't paying attention. But dogs don't tell time in the same way we do. So if you establish a routine, they know you will return.

"I need a routine, but with a little variety."

A dog's mental capacity is that of a toddler. Becca put on her "I've just be insulted" face. "They're not talking about you," I told her. "Of course not," she said. "They're talking about Cassidy." Cassidy is my full grown Australian Shepherd. "Becca," I started, but she was examining her right paw and not listening. But just like toddlers, dogs thrive on a routine. For example, my two know that they get treats at bedtime and when I get off the couch and turn off the light, they make a beeline for the bedroom. But experts warn that you need to change up the routine sometimes, otherwise your dog will start running you - like insisting on being fed at 5 a.m. on the days you want to sleep in. My dogs

are well under my control, from eating schedules to sleeping schedules. Becca just snorted again.

It's never dull living with a dog, or a cat. They speak to us in many ways and enrich our lives. Ariel was a good dog and a good companion. She will be missed by her family.

THE PONY EXPRESS BLOCK PARTY

Runs September 9th-24th, 2017

Exclusive to the States on the Pony Express Trail:

Missouri, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, California, Nebraska and Kansas

Quilt Roadies on You Tube Watch for updates

We had a visit from Anna Bates, who writes a blog called Quilt Roadies--which is also a You Tube video. She called me & wanted to know if she could come and film. The answer was yes.

She came on Saturday, which was the kickoff for the Pony Express. It was a fun chaotic morning with Anna filming, shoppers wanting the Pony Express fabric, and the free embroidery class all going on at the same time. Anna joined our embroidery class for awhile. We didn't have the pony rides, but Jo did bring in stick horses. We also had trail food, including trail mix, beef jerky, honey and cookies from the Bread Basket.

Lots of quilters came by that day and had lots of show & tells, which Anna got on film. Anna's video will be posted soon, so you can check it out at Quilt Roadies on You Tube--just Google it. She has lots of videos posted from her travels around the United States. She likes to highlight quilt shops as she goes and it was great to have her here. The latest posting is from Crawford, Nebraska. We'll be up soon.

I'll keep you posted regarding the video from our shop, but for now, check out all of her videos and you will find great tutorials on a variety of quilting topics plus quilt stores from around the U.S.

It's time for the Finish Your Quilt Sale!
First Saturday of the month, through December

Bring your finished tops (they don't have to be quilted) and get your backing, binding and/or batting for 20% off. We want you to finish your quilts by Christmas! But remember, you have to bring in your quilt because, well....we love to see quilts!

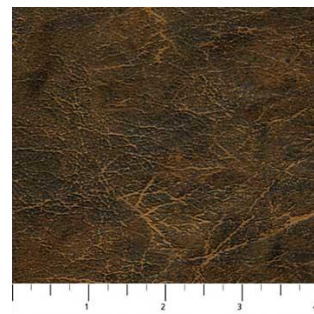
WHAT'S NEW!!

We have some new fabrics from Stof, Moda and Henry Glass. But the computer decided to update on Thursday and 2 1/2 hours later.... I didn't have time to input those fabrics. I went to Quilt-A-Fair today, so the newsletter didn't get done until late Thursday.

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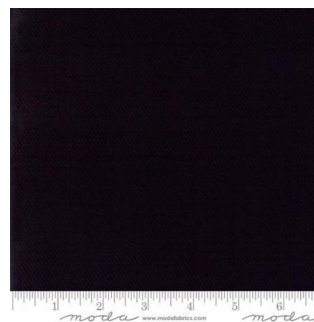
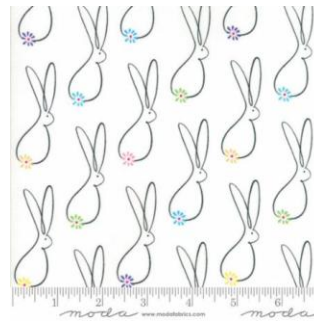
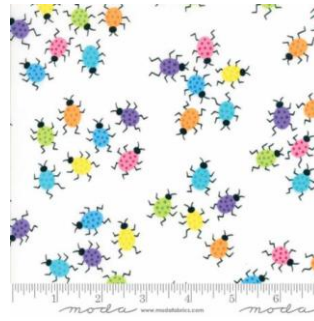
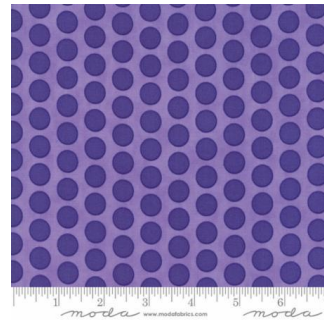
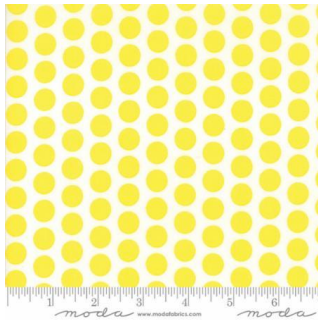


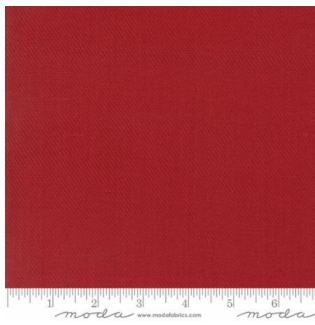
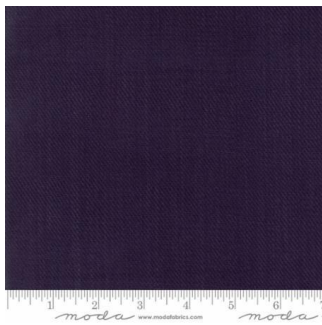
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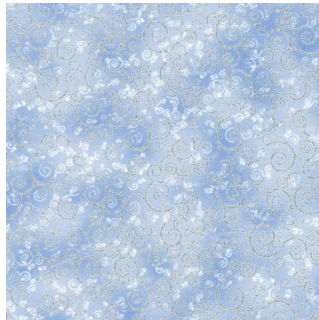


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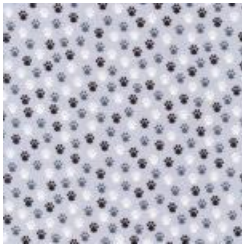


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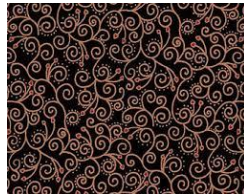
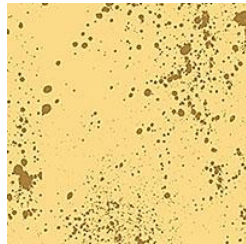
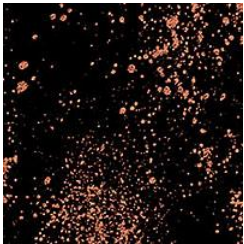
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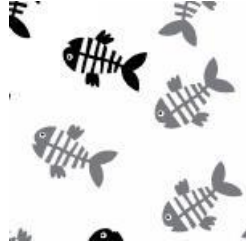
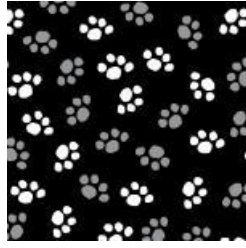
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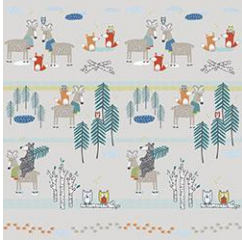
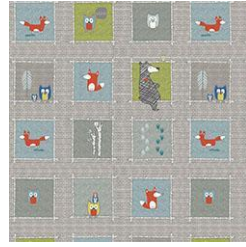
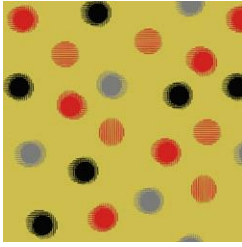
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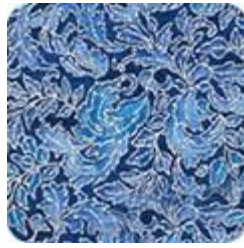


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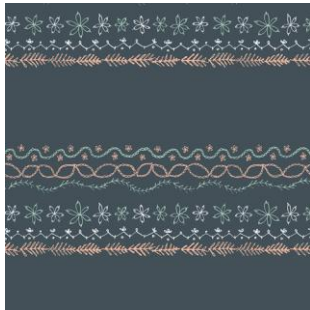


From Robert Kaufman:





From Art Gallery:





From Hoffman:



Fall Classes (through October)--Alphabetically arranged!

All Things Christmas! 2nd Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class
Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich
Our Christmas project for October is the cute yo yo Santa, pattern from
Happy Hollow designs. We have kits!

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!

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.

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Nov 15, 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Beginning Quilting Sun. starting Sept 10 1-4 OR Thur Sept 14 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.

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. Oct 18 \$20 Barb Boyer

If you haven't done a Triangle Frenzy table runner -- why not? We have all sorts of great Christmas 10" border prints that are crying out to become a Triangle Frenzy table runner. And we have a couple of new patterns that show different ways to put your triangles together.

Cowgirl Star Sat Oct 14, 1-6 \$20 Sue Frerich

Lasso up your 10" precut squares to make this cute, easy, and fast quilt. You

do a little sewing, you do a little slashing, and you wind up with a quickly pieced star. Fun! Pattern will be given in class.

Cora Thurs, Sept 21, 28 1-6 \$25 Sue Frerich

Cora the Owl is a Laura Heine pattern, involving multiple fabrics, layered on top of each, all cut & created to design...an Owl. You can use flowers for eyes, stamens (centers of flowers) for the nose, petals for wings-all sorts of choices. Sue will guide you through figuring out what fabrics will look best for your Cora.

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.

Fat Quarter Fun Sat. Sept. 9, OR Mon Sept 11; Sat. Nov. 11 OR Mon Nov 13 1-6; \$20

Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

Every other month we will make a quilt using fat quarters (plus additional fabrics for borders). The September Fat Quarter Fun Quilt is called Between Friends, and it is out of the Happy Hour book. November's quilt is a wonky 9-patch-which will be on display soon.

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.

Hoffman Wildlife Quilt using Hoffman's Call of the Wild panel and a Mountain Peaks Creation pattern. Wed Oct 25, 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer
The class will focus on how to fussy cut the panel to turn your quilt into a "looking through the window" styled quilt. You need 2 yards of the Call of the Wild panel-don't wait too long. This fabric sells out quickly! \$20

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.

Pumpkin Panel with lights Mon Oct 9 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

Add fun borders, learn about some fun machine quilting ideas (you won't have time in class to machine quilt) and find out how to illuminate your pumpkin patch wall hanging! We have the lights!

One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Sat Sept 23, 30 & Oct. 28 see calendar for times

\$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!

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!

Pony Express Messenger Bag Mon Sept 18, and, if needed, Sept. 25 10:30-5 \$20 Sue Frerich

This messenger bag is a free download from Northcott. The bag has a great shape, has plenty of pockets, and is a great way to show off your Pony Express fabrics. We will have a few kits made up using the Pony Express fabrics.

Pony Express Quilt Mon Sept 11, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We have our own version for the Pony Express May wall hanging and it includes the block from our shop. We hope to have the quilt done in time, but we will at least have a picture of it. We are also doing a full sized Pony Express quilt, using our shop's block-this quilt definitely will not be done in time, but, again, we will have pictures and fabric requirements. In class, I will hand out pattern instructions for both quilts.

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).

Trip Around the World Sept 13, 27, & Oct 4 \$25 Barb Boyer

This is a Trip Around the World-on Point! The quilt measures app. 95" X 95" and is panel sewn using 8 different fabrics. Pattern is given out in class only. You don't have to choose your fabrics before class-the first class is all about color!

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Orange					1	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Advent Calendar 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
3 CLOSED	4 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 <u>Labor Day</u>	5	6 Full Moon	7	8 All Things Halloween 1-4	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 Pony Express Kickoff Party all day
10 Beginning Quilt 1-4	11 Pony Express Quilt 10:30 5	12	13 Trip Around the World 10:30-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14 Beginning Quilt 6-9	15 Open Sew1-4	16 Judy Niemeyer's Bali Wedding Star 10-2
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29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30 English Paper Piecing 2-4	31 Halloween				Color of the month: Green

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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