

## **SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING CLASSES TODAY!**

**We are up & running & doing demos! We are ready to start our classes. Rentals will start in April. Right now all classes are on Wednesdays: 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30, or 6-8:30. Only 4 to a class. We will continue with classes in April and May and I will schedule some classes on Saturday and Sunday, time permitting.**



March 2, 2018

Maybe it has something to do with the MeToo Movement or maybe my mind just morphed the words fox and cougar together-it was one of those days. But as I was driving down the road, this song started playing, and I started humming along. It's a catchy little tune: Fox on the Run.

Now, I really don't think I ever paid attention to the words. But I gotta say I was startled when I finally realized the song wasn't about a fox running away from hunters, but a woman running somewhere, which led me to think "cougar." I mean, it's kinda like a fox, right? So now I'm thinking this song is about a middle aged woman either 1) trying to catch a younger mate or 2) trying to run away from a guy who is chasing her. Remember, I'm driving down the road and haven't any real clue what the words are, other than the chorus of "Fox on the Run duhduhduh everybody runs duhduhduh away duhduhduh Fox on the run."

You know how it is. There are all sorts of famous songs that everyone gets wrong, either deliberately or by accident: "Don't go 'round tonight, It's bound to take your life, There's a bath room on the right." (There's a bad moon on the rise-Bad Moon Rising by CCR.)

Or from Neil Diamond: "Money talks, But it don't sing and dance, And it don't walk, And long as I can have you here with me, I'd much rather be, The Reverend in blue jeans." For the longest time I couldn't figure out why Diamond was singing about a reverend, but then he did have that song about Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, so why not a reverend in blue jeans. Clearly, I never caught the name of the song: Forever in Blue Jeans.

Or from Bull Durham when Nuke is trying play the guitar and sing Try a Little Tenderness, and he thinks the lyrics are "Oh she may get wooly, women do get wooly, because of all the stress.... And Crash grabs the guitar away and tells him it's not "wooly," but "weary," and nobody's stressed, the woman is wearing a dress: "Oh she may be weary, Young girls do get weary, Wearing the same old dress...."

Or Whoppi Goldberg hollering at Mick Jagger as she's trying to figure out the lyrics to Jumpin' Jack Flash: "Mick, Mick, Mick! Speak English!" Actually, I thought I had part of that lyric figured out: "I was born in a class 5 hurricane." Made sense. There were such things. No, Jagger wrote, "I was born in a cross-fire hurricane." Never heard of one of those. Maybe they only happen in England.

But back to Fox on the Run. I couldn't understand the words over the radio, so I had to look them up-in today's world there is no excuse for not knowing the words. When I was a kid, I would play the record over & over trying to figure out what they were saying. Kids today don't know what they're missing.

But after reading the lyrics....all I know is that it has nothing to do with a fox running away from something. It must be about a break up gone bad or a band member mad at a roadie groupie or a plastic surgery job gone bad, and the guy is taking pot shots at his former girlfriend (although there is a 1975 cover by a German band that is literally about a fox on the run, being hunted for its fur, no lie) :

I don't want to know your name  
'Cause you don't look the same

The way you did before  
OK you think you got a pretty face  
But the rest of you is out of place  
You looked all right before  
Fox on the run....

I think sometimes when you live in Wyoming, surrounded by prairie and tons of rabbits, it's natural to think a fox is actually a fox.

And btw, I saw a flock (5-6) of mountain blue birds this morning. Spring is coming.

## **Springtime in the Rockies Shop Hop!**

### **April 20-21**

### **The Ranch, First National Bank Building, Loveland, CO**

**Our theme for this year's quilt show is Modern Quilts and we are asking for your participation. Design your own modern quilt or use a commercial pattern that embraces the modern quilting movement. To participate, fill out an entry form and bring it to the shop with your quilt by April 2. Forms are available here, just ask me for one. Quilts will hang at the Springtime in the Rockies Shop Hop at the Ranch, April 20 & 21. Gift Basket Prizes awarded: \$400 1st, \$300 2nd, and \$200 3rd, selected by Viewer's Choice. Quilts and prizes can be collected from me after the show.**

**A few rules: Quilts must be made by entrant and made within the last 6 months.**

Our challenge this year is cats & dogs! Big ones, little ones, funny ones, short ones, tall ones. Design your own project or use a commercial pattern. To participate, fill out an entry form (get from me) and bring it to the shop with your project by April 2. Wallhangings, totes or other interpretations of cats and dogs no larger than 60" X 60" will be accepted. Last year Tracy Wilson won! Can we take home the prize again this year?!!!!

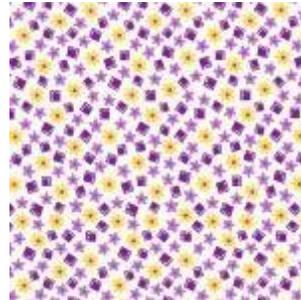
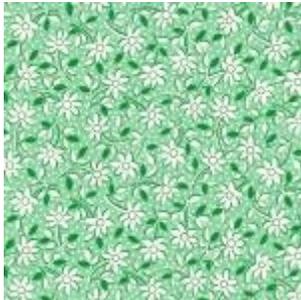
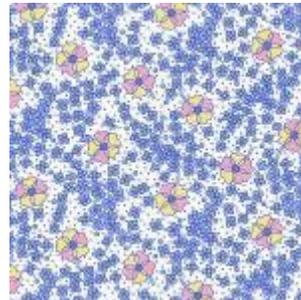
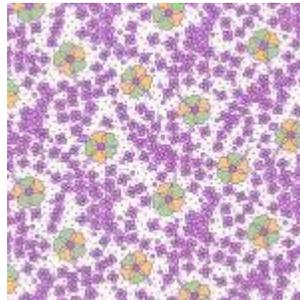
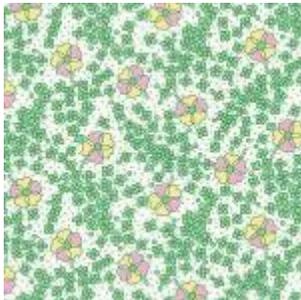
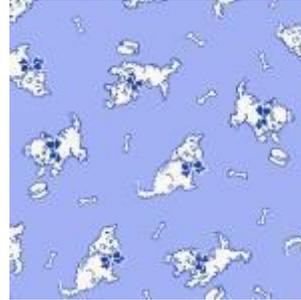
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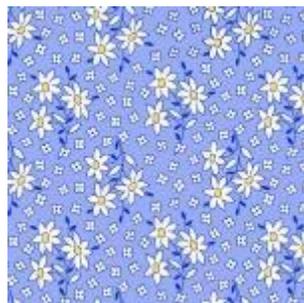
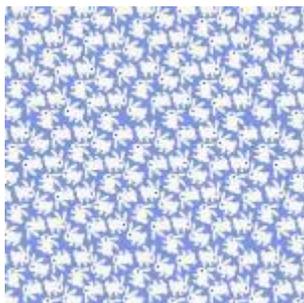
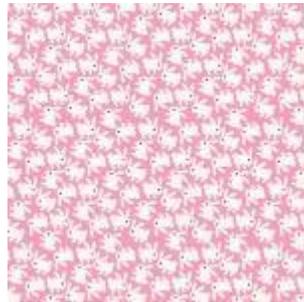
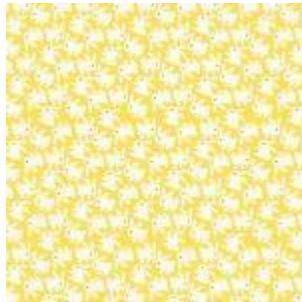
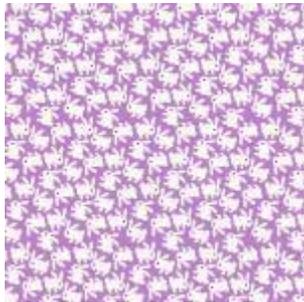
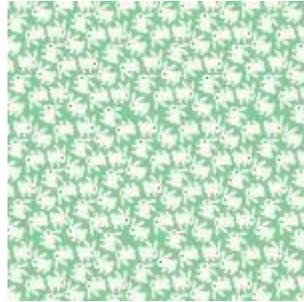
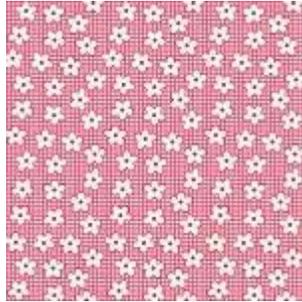
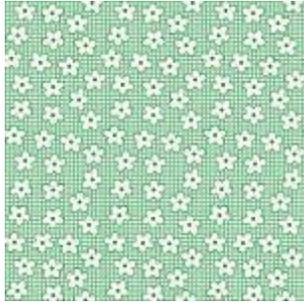
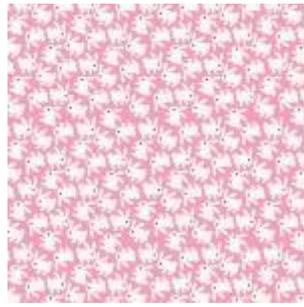
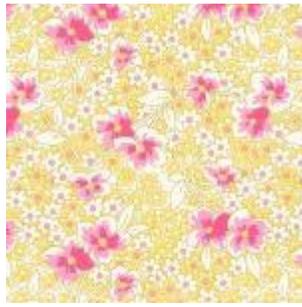
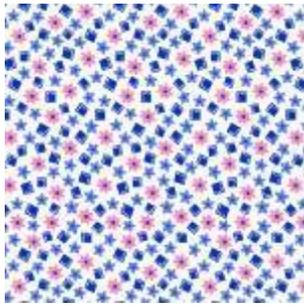
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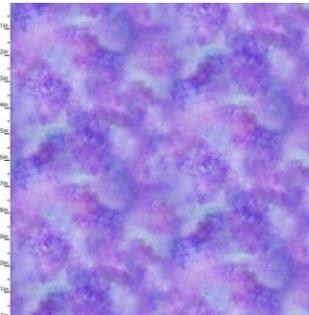
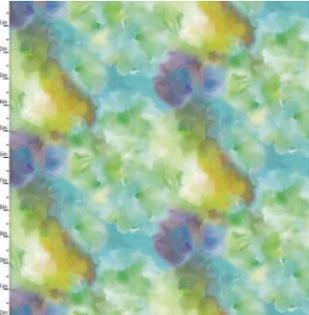
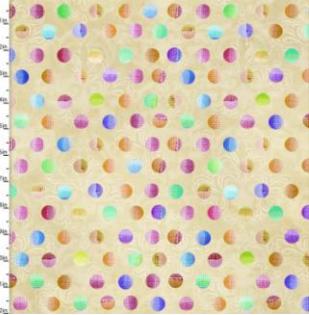
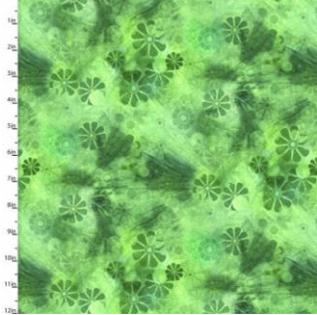
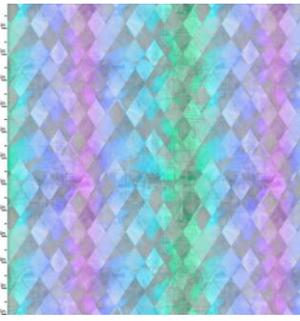
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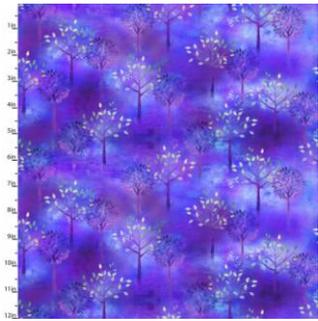
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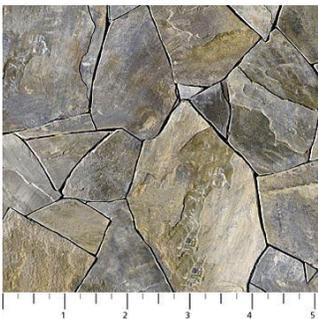


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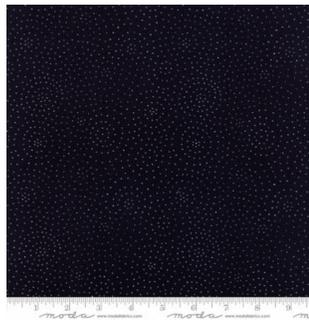




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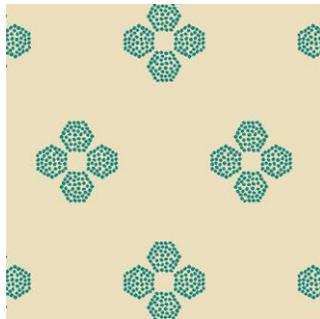
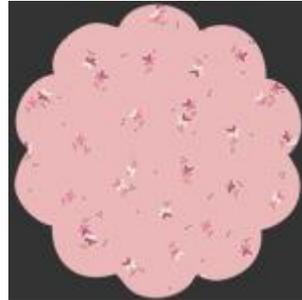
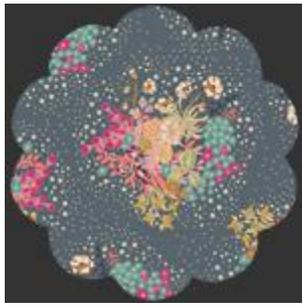


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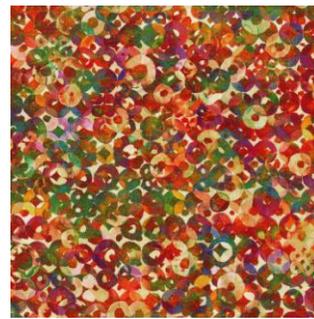
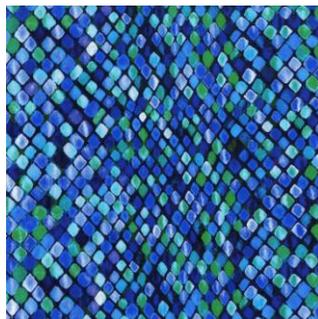


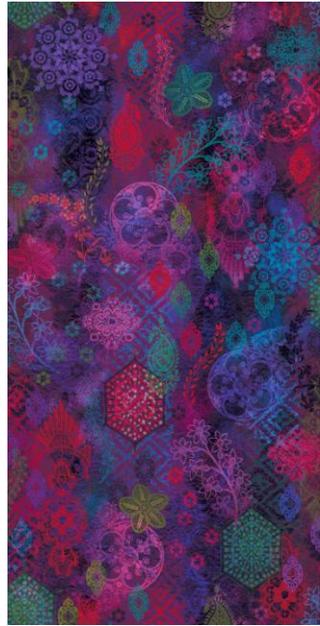
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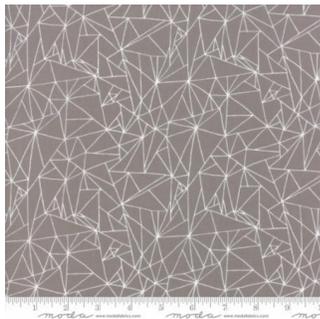
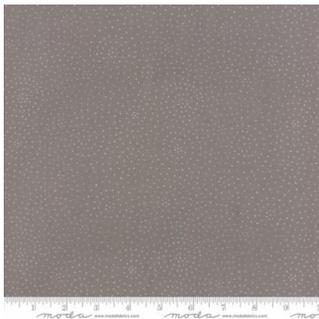
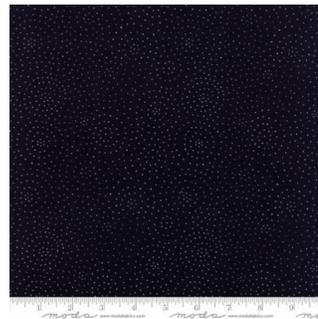
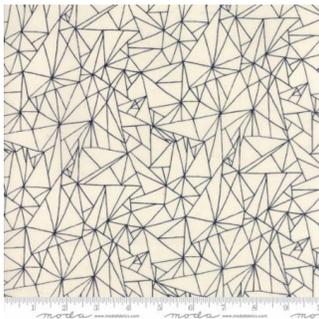
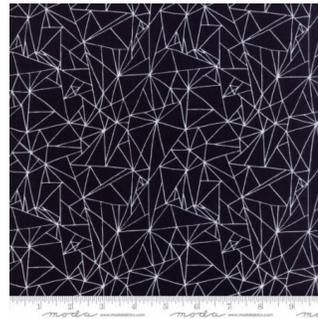
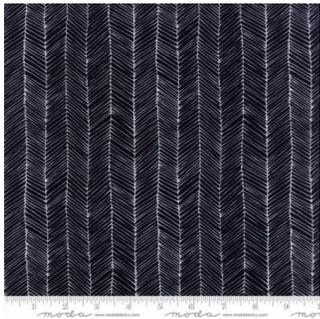
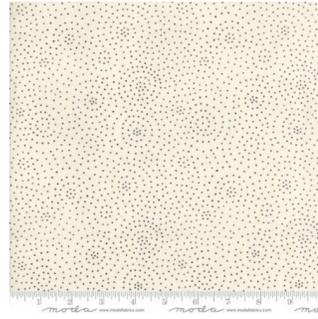
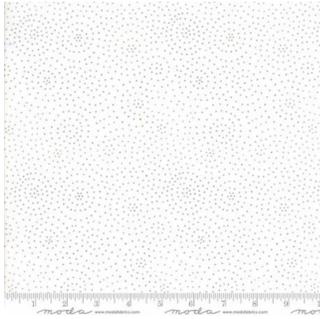
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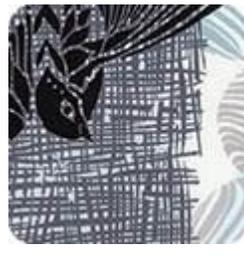
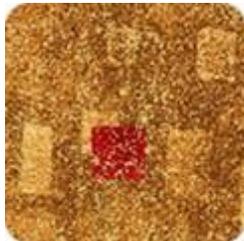


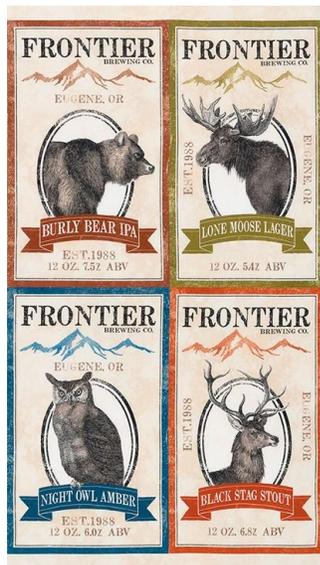


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From Robert Kaufman:





Class descriptions follow the calendar, so keep scrolling. Classes are listed alphabetically.

## March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30 <b>FULL MOON</b>	2 <b>Long Arm Quilt demo10:30- 1:30 (maybe)</b>	3 <b>BOM 10:30 Floral Menagerie 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4-6</b>
4 <b>CLOSED</b>	5 <b>Long Arm Quilt demo10:30- 1:30 (maybe)</b>	6 <b>Long Arm Quilt demo10:30- 1:30 (maybe)</b>	7 <b>Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 OR 6- 9</b>	8 <b>Beginning Quilt 6-8:30</b>	9	10 <b>Embroidery Club 10-noon</b>

11  Beginning Quilt 1-4	12	13	14 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30- 1:30 , 2:30- 5:30 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	15	16	17 National Quilt Day!  French Braid10:30- 5
18 Beginning Quilt 1-4	19	20	21 Long Arm Quilt class 10:30- 1:30, 2:30- 5:30 OR 6-9	22 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 and 6- 9	23	24 Spider Web 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, 2:30- 5:30 OR 6- 9	29 Beginning Machine Appique 1-4 and 6- 9	30	31 French Braid10:30- 5 FULL MOON BLUE MOON
Color of the month: Green						

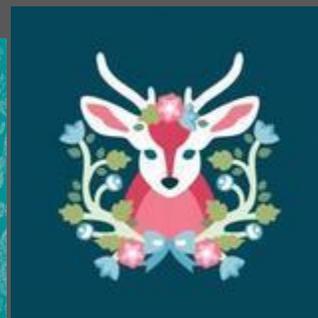
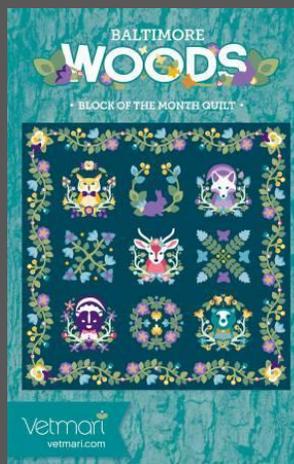
## April

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CLOSED EASTER			<b>Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30</b>			<b>Embroidery Club 10- noon</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20 Shop Hop	21 Shop Hop
22	23	24	25 <b>Long Arm Quilt class 10:30-1:30</b>	26 <b>Paper Piecing 1- 4</b>	27	28 <b>One Block Wonder Panel 10:30-4</b>
29 <b>Pillow Case Party 1- 4 FULL MOON</b>	30 <b>English Paper Piecing1- 4</b>					<b>Color of the month: Yellow</b>

**Baltimore Woods Block of the Month 2nd Saturday of the month through April 1-4 \$25 Sue Frerich.**

This Baltimore album inspired quilt features adorable woodland creatures including an owl, fox, deer, skunk and bear along with a modern takes on some traditional Baltimore blocks. These blocks are fused and machine



applied in place.

**Beginning Machine Applique Thurs Mar 29, 1-4 AND 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 Thurs Mar 22, 1-4 AND 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 Thurs. starting Jan 18 6-9 OR Sun Jan 21 1-4 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 "modern" quilt. Something new, something different. I will provide some other options as we explore the modern quilt world.



**Cardinal Waltz Sat January 20, 1-6 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

This quilt features the classic 54-40 or Fight block paired with a Snowball block. The combination is often called Tennessee Waltz. Pattern will be provided and a special ruler will be required. While this quilt is made in Christmas colors of red and green, the cardinal fabric that used is timeless and can be displayed any time during the year.



**English Paper Piecing Club 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 STILL doing this year. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

**Floral Menagerie 1st Saturday of Month thru June, 1-4 Barb Boyer free with purchase of kit**

This adorable, bright & sparkling quilt is a snap to do. The quilt is kitted and the class works as follows: Buy the first installment for \$123, which contains all of the background fabric, the pattern and the first 2 blocks. Then every month, for \$16 you will get the fabric for the next 2 blocks. During class, you will have time to cut and piece your blocks- you may even get them done! I will also teach how to do the machine applique on the animals. We have 5 kits left- these kits will not be on the Customer Appreciation Sale.



**French Braid March 17 & 31 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$25**

Are you looking for a little challenge & new technique to learn? That results in a spectacular quilt? Then come learn how to do the French Braid quilt. Casca

ding colors make this a very striking quilt- and it really is easier

than it looks. Techniques learned include how to handle bias, color placement to create a great cascading effect, and, of course, how to French Braid!



**Hand Applique/Back Basting Wed Jan 17, 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 Kathy Sconce**

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. You can work on your own

projects or you can join the project we are doing. This year we are following a purchased pattern called My Crazy Life. It is wool appliques on flannel backgrounds. Then we will explore a variety of embroidery stitches to embellish each block-4 six inch blocks per month (or whatever you choose to do), for a total of 48 blocks. 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. We will also discuss wool, felted wool, wool felt, various threads for embroidery, various techniques for the wool applique and setting options for the quilt.

**Hand Quilting Wed Jan 31, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$25**

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.

**Hunter Star, the easy way May 19 10:30-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (Watch this date, it may have to change)**

The Hunter looks complicated, but with the fast & easy tool, it's a snap. We are getting beautiful collections that I bought specifically for this class. If you are looking to learn a new technique, this is a great quilt for that.



**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. This year we are doing a knit along project involving 6" squares. Each month we will learn a different pattern (or 2), make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one project-afghan, scarf, bag, etc. Join us & learn some new stitches!

**Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays in February, March & April from 10:30-1:30 or 6-8:30 and Saturday Feb. 17, 10:30-1:30 & 3-6, Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for times & dates)**

In this class you will learn all about the Nolting long arm quilting machines: loading, threading, quilting. I'll demonstrate how to load and thread, set stitch length, change tension, wind and load bobbins. Then I will load a practice quilt onto the machine and show how to do hand guided quilting. Each student will be given at least 15-20 minutes of practice time. (Each class is limited to 4 students). You will be able to do free hand quilting plus you can practice following a pantograph. Any quilter who wants to rent to machines must take this class first, regardless of whether you have experience on a long arm machine. This class is not designed to teach you everything there is to know about long arm quilting-it's just a start.

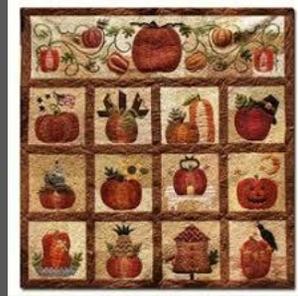
**Long Arm Quilt Demonstrations Wednesdays in January from 1-3 Barb Boyer FREE!**

Come watch long arm quilting in action! I will have a quilt loaded onto our Nolting long arm machine and I'll demonstrate various quilting patterns and basically show how the machine works. Come & watch, stay as long as you like. I have the classes

scheduled to begin on the 10th, assuming our new space is up & running.

**Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec. 4-6 FREE**

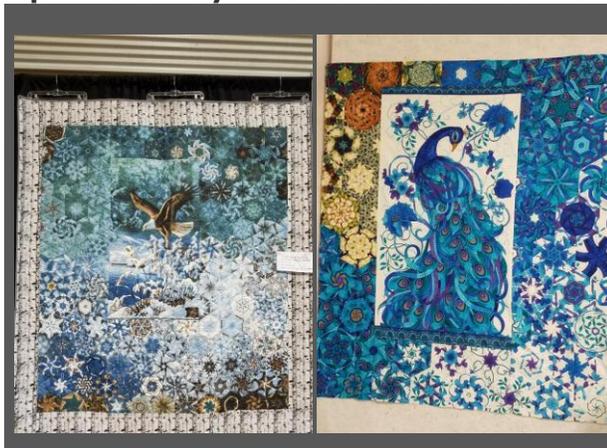
This year we are going to do the Great Pumpkin Quilt, a purchased pattern. It will start in February because we are still finishing last year's Holiday Houses in January. Starting in February we will work on the Great Pumpkin quilt. We will plan to do 2 blocks a month, and do the top banner section over two months. In class we will discuss use of color in the backgrounds and pumpkins. We will also discuss and learn various machine applique techniques to use on the blocks.



**One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Sat April 28 & May 12 & 26 see calendar for times**

**\$30 Sue Frerich**

For all of you who missed the class before, you don't want to miss this class-we won't have it on the schedule again for awhile. 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. April 29 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!

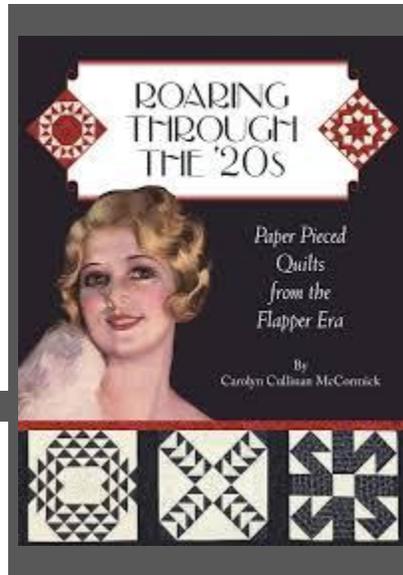
**Rain Stick Quilt, Saturday Feb 17 10:30-4 Sue Frerich \$25**

This is a brightly colored, almost color wheel flavored quilt. It's a cascade of color in strips and squares, imitating the visually the sound a rain stick makes. We will have precut strips available in cascading colors for your convenience.



**Roaring through the 20s, Foundation Paper Piecing Thursdays Feb 1 & 15; Mar 1 & 15, April 5 & 26. 2-4 Sue Frerich \$30**

The blocks are classic, but you can put a modern spin on the blocks through your fabric selection. Learn to do a variety of paper pieced blocks-2 blocks per class and class every other week (for the most part) to keep you going. This is a great dorm quilt for your new grad, a mom's day quilt, a wedding quilt-just think of the May gifts you may be needing and make this quilt as one of your gifts. It's a perfect way to learn paper piecing.



**Spider Web Quilt Saturday March 24. 10:30-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

Everyone who has the 60 degree triangle for making the Triangle Frenzy table runner-here is a quilt that you can do using this same ruler! It's a strip pieced quilt (strip size of your choosing). Turn your strips into triangles and turn your triangles into rows, creating "spider webs." Great for scraps or precuts.



**Spoon Quilting Wed Feb 7, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$25**

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).

**Strippy Quilt Feb. 24, 10:30-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

This is a great plaid quilt-but one where you don't have to worry about keeping anything straight. It has strips, squares, and diagonal striped blocks, very geometric. Perfect for scraps, flannels, brushed cottons, solids, and I can envision a stunning version all from batiks.

**Take 5 Quilt, Monday February 19 10:30-54 Barb Boyer  
\$20**

In 5 minutes you can find 5 fabrics and in 5 hours you will have a quilt. You can do it, but most people take a little longer. This is a quick & easy quilt. It's great for a kid's quilt, a dorm quilt, or just a quilt to showcase big and bold prints. Come sew all and see how far you get!



## **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 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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#### 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.

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#### 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 1, Jan 31, March 1, March 31, April 29**

**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.**

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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