

Row By Row 2019 S'More Camping



The theme is Taste the Experience. Our row is called S'More Camping! If you look closely, the tent fabric has sticks with marshmallows on it. When we run out of that fabric, we will have to substitute for something else. So if you're interested, don't wait too long. Kits are \$15.



June 28, 2019

I don't know why I don't these things. When I was younger I worried about stuff like this. I mean, I was sure everyone else knew, although I never figured out how they learned it. And when you're younger, it's too embarrassing to admit that you don't know stuff.

Sometimes it's just simple questions. For example, when I get my hair cut, the stylist will ask: Do you part your hair on the side or down the middle? Now, that's a hard question. Is it better to part your hair on the side? Are you more glamorous or stylish that way? Is parting your hair down the center a no class hick thing to do? What if your hair wants to part down the center? Will you be embarrassed all your life if you can't train your hair to part in a better direction? How do you admit that you don't know the correct answer to that question?

And what about bangs? Are they good or bad? Do I want them or not? How short? If you get bangs, will they ever grow out properly? These are hard questions and I don't know how to answer them. I don't know what the right answer is. I know that if I say, "It doesn't really matter, just cut it short. I don't really style it anyway" --- they will think that I have no fashion/style sense at all. They may even talk about me when I leave: I bet she uses \$4/bottle shampoo. When she came in it looked she didn't even own a comb. I wonder if she knows how to operate a hair dryer.

See what I mean? It's just hard. No one ever told me what these answers should be.

Or how to shave your legs properly. I've seen an ad on tv with a dad explaining the process to his young daughter. To my mind, she is scraping the wrong direction. You have to go against the hairs not with them. But what do I know? Nobody taught me. I was a swimmer when I was a kid. In the locker room I would see older girls with smooth legs and I would look at mine and they were hairy. I didn't know how to fix that. Do use water, soap, gel? How far up do you shave? Do you have to shave your thighs? Do you shave your feet? I just don't know the answers to those questions. I do know that dad got mad because I used his bladed straight razor because I didn't know how to buy something for me.

Other things. Why can't you shave your eyebrows that grow together in the middle? Why can't you use a razor instead of twizzers? What's with nose hair? Do you clip it and have empty sockets in front or do you leave it like a screen door to keep the bugs out? I just don't know.

How do you organize a kitchen? Where do the pots go, what about the silverware, is there a better spot for cups? When I first moved to Cheyenne, I rented a house that had a big kitchen. I put stuff anywhere I wanted. I lasted this way for several years until it became clear that I was not a housekeeper and I needed help keeping things clean & tidy. So Hazel came into my life. She cleaned once a week. And organized. I came home one day and she have moved the refrigerator to a better location and put all my kitchen stuff in different drawers and cabinets. She said it was better that way. But how did she know? She was right, but how did she learn stuff like that? I just don't know.

We won't have the toilet paper discussion about whether the end should go over or under the roll. I suspect this discussion is riddled with home decorator stylists who know exactly how it should be and everyone else is just wrong. That doesn't mean they are right, but it's hard to have simple conversation with those kind of people because at the end, when you walk away, you will feel everything you do is wrong, from how you load the washing machine, to what detergent you buy, to whether you have a top or front loader, or whether you wash your dishes before you wash your dishes, or whether you put the top sheet on right side down or right side up -- and does it really matter? I generally avoid these conversations because I know I am doing it wrong and I don't people to learn how ignorant I am.

I mowed my lawn & pasture this week. I suspect I don't know how to do this right either. I can tell you that if you don't mow when the grass is still short enough to see the ground you're in trouble. Because even though you haven't used the hose for over a year, you'll still get wet when the mower chops it into little pieces. I never saw it coming.

And that tree stump you thought you knew where it was? Well it either moved or my memory was off. It's amazing how fast a riding lawn mower will quit when it gets hung up on a stump. And when you get into the yellow weed grass, wild mustard, you can't see anything. The stuff is as high as my head while riding on the lawn mower. Good luck watching for holes, cans, bottles, and phone books in that stuff. Yeah, phone books. The one I left by the mailbox is now fluttering in pieces. The mower didn't like that one very much.

And the pretty flowers that are growing right now, they are all probably weeds. But I mowed around them so my front pasture looks a little bit like a drunk decided to mow: some places are clipped other places are clearly missed. And no, I wasn't drinking beer when I made this decision. Beer & long grass don't go together well. I had to learn that

one the hard way.

But thanks to my brother, I have learned one thing this summer. Gasoline will kill ants. I'm not sure how much I was supposed to pour on the ant mound. I can tell you that the bathroom smelled like gas for a week. I don't know if it was because the odor was seeping in from outside or whether it came in on my clothes when it dripped a bit on my pants. Either way, the ants are almost gone, and I'm praying my house won't get hit by lightning in the near future.

STONEHENGE CONTEST!

Northcott fabrics is holding a quilt challenge to celebrate 10 years of their fabric line, Stonehenge. This challenge runs from March 1 5-Sept 30.

The block is 12" finished and the kit is \$5. We are currently out of kits and fabric. I'll let you know when more comes in.



WHAT'S NEW!!

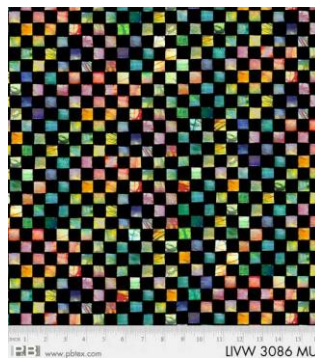
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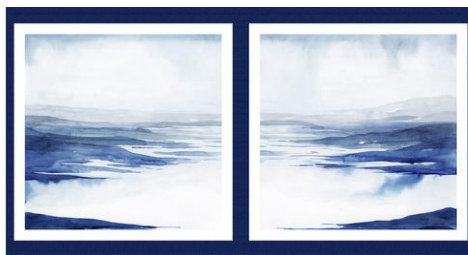
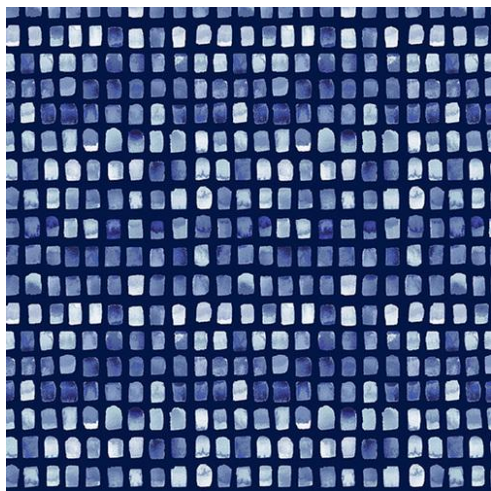


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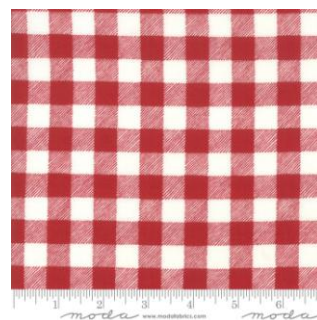
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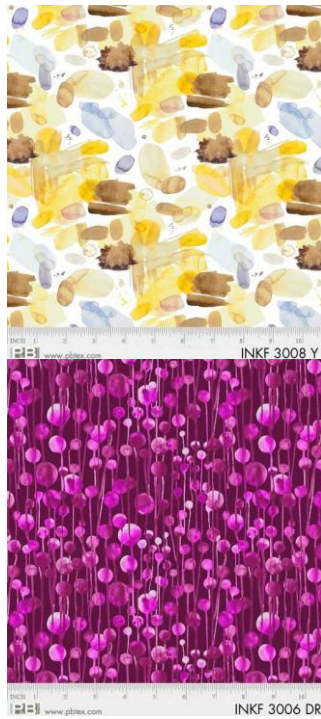
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NOTE: The red & black check probably 't be won't be around long, so plan your Christmas projects soon.

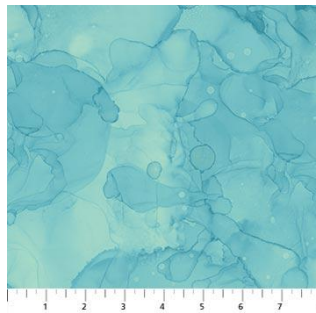
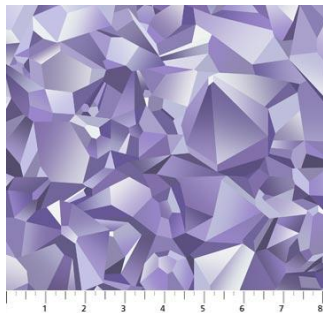
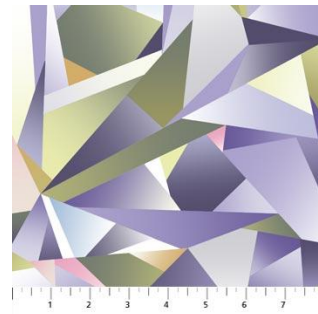
We also got in 10" squares and 2 1/2" strips in this collection.

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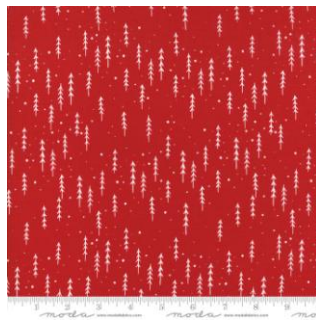
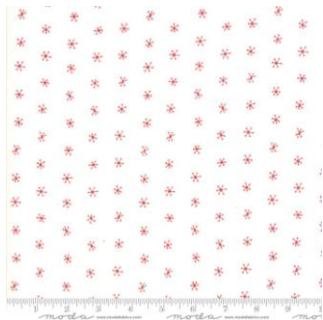


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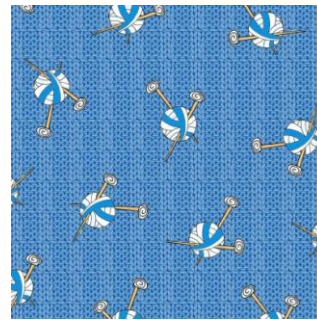
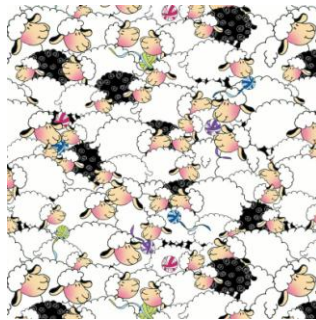
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**SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING
CLASSES TODAY!**

Classes are on Wednesdays and some Saturdays: 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30, or 6-8:30.
Check the calendar for dates. Only 4 to a class.

Rentals have started for those who have taken the class. Tuesdays and Fridays, and a couple of Saturday and Sunday rentals. Check the calendar for rentals. Generally, there are 2 rentals times per day: 10:30-2 and 2:30-6. \$25/hr or \$85 for 3 1/2 hours. \$50 minimum. Plus \$5/bobbin for thread. Most quilts (double and smaller), even for beginners, will take about 2 1/2-3 hours. We will discuss what you plan to do on your quilt and will help you estimate how long it will take.

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

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
2 Closed	3	4 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	5 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	6 Live Each Season Wool Applique Wall hanging Summer 1-4	7 Long Arm Rental Day	8 Embroidery Club 10- noon
9 Beginning Quilt 1-4	10 Paper Bag Log Cabin 10:30-5	11 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	12 Knit Pickers' Club 3- 7	13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14 Open sew 3- 7 Long Arm Rental Day	15 Fan Faire 10:30-5

16 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Father's Day	17 Froggy Quilt 10:30-4 Full Moon	18 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	19	20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21 Long Arm Rental Day	22 Turning 20 10:30-4
23 Beginning Quilt 1-4	24 English Paper Piecing & Hand Piecing 1-4	25 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	26 Knit Pickers' Club 3- 7	27 Beginning Quilt 1-4	28 Open sew 3- 7 Long Arm Rental Day	29 Bear-y Quilt 10:30-4
30 Beginning Quilt 1-4						Color of the month: blue

July 2019						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid	Sat

	1	2 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	3 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30	4 Closed Independence Day	5 Long Arm Rental Day	6 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
7 Closed Beginning Quilting 1-4	8 Jelly Roll Race 10:30-4	9 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	10 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	11 Quilt Wyoming	12 Long Arm Rental Day Quilt Wyoming	13 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fan Faire 11:30-6 Quilt Wyoming
14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15	16 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day Full Moon	17	18 Beginning Quilt 1-4	19 Long Arm Rental Day	20
21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22	23 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	24 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	25	26 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	27 Mexican Star 10:30-4
28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29 English Paper Piecing & Hand Piecing 1-4	30 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	31			Color of the month: Christmas

August 2019						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid	Sat

				1 Beginning Quilt 1-4	2 Long Arm Rental Day	3 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
4 Closed	5	6 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	7 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30	8 Beginning Quilt 1-4	9 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	10 Embroidery Club 10- noon
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Color of the month: blacks						

Summer Classes

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. We will add a couple more classes, time & energy permitted, so keep an eye on the calendar.

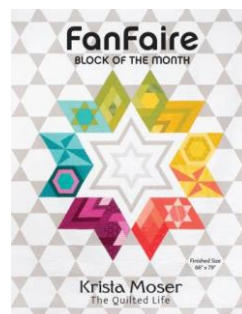
Ongoing Classes & Clubs

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 black & white + one color quilt. The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is work within the black & white palette (plus one color placed where ever you like). For the color choice, we are drawing paint chip cards, covered in newspaper so you can't see what color you're getting. But...if you don't like the color you've drawn you can 1) swap with a neighbor, or 2) draw a new color. And if you just can't bring yourself to work in neon green and no one will swap with you, you can just choose your own color.

FanFaire Sat May 18, June 15, July 13 11:30-6 Jean Korber \$25

This quilt is a Krista Moser quilt, no template piecing. FanFaire, is a 4-month block of the month. Each block is made twice totaling twelve blocks. Every block teaches you a new way to use the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Ruler, designed by Krista Moser. Cut a combination of diamonds, triangles, hexagons, parallelograms and trapezoids to create this fun quilt, and all with one ruler! This quilt goes together fast and is oh so striking!



Grandmother's Flower Garden, English

Paper Piecing last Monday of each month, 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (one time fee)

We will teach the basics of English Paper Piecing, the simple & easy way to hand piece. 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 we're doing this year. We will also show how to hand piece the traditional way, also, if you are interested.



Hand Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE KathySconce

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 Gardner's Alphabet Quilt Block of the Month by Crabapple Hill. We will explore a variety of embroidery stitches for each block each block (2 letters per month), plus we will learn how to color with regular crayons to enhance the 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.



Knit Pickers' Club 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 3-7 Carol Moler
We are changing up the Knit Pickers' Club. We're going to knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, and we'll start earlier in the day at 3. For those of you who work, we'll still be knitting 'till 7. 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 work on some felting projects, fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. And we are working on a group project-meaning everyone does the same pattern. Each month we will learn a different pattern, make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one project-afghan, scarf, bag, etc.

Live Each Season Wool Applique Thurs: Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, April 11, May 9 (& rest of year) 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

This wool wall hanging has 4 rows: Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter. We will start with the Winter Row in January. We will take 2 months per row, and we'll take July & August off. You will learn wool applique, various embroider stitches, and how to add fun embellishments to your wall hanging. **Note: we are taking July & August off. We'll start on the pumpkin row in September.**



Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for specific 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.

Mystic Garden

For those of you who missed the retreat, we will schedule a couple of extra classes to help get you going on your quilt. And for those that did attend the retreat, we will work on the blocks that we didn't have time for. Watch the newsletter for dates & times.

June classes

Bear-y Quilt \$25 Sue Frerich

Southwind Designs makes curved patchwork a breeze. This cut cuddly quilt is perfect for that new member of your family - or for anyone who loves the outdoors. Skills learned include basic patchwork plus dimensional straight line curved piecing. How's that for an interesting explanation to pique your interest!



Beginning Quilting 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.

Teapot Sampler (class is free with purchase of kit -- \$175) 3-4 months Barb Boyer

Jason Yenter & In The Beginning Fabrics have done it again! This beautiful quilt combines fusible applique with easy to do piece blocks. We will do the quilt as a block of the month, doing 2 blocks a month (there are 9). Skills learned include fusible applique, machine applique with mono filament thread, mitered borders and basic pieced blocks. We have kits!



July Classes

Jelly Roll Race \$20 Sue Frerich

On your mark, get set, SEW! Okay, you don't have to race, but this is another class where you can get the inside of the quilt finished in a day. (Some people can do it in an hour. I looked it up.) All you need is 42 2½" strips. We have Jelly Rolls, Tonga Treats and Bali Pops if you don't want to cut your own strips. If you do want to cut your own strips, you can use the AccuCutter and your scraps. Skills learned include how to sew straight (again, I'm not joking), piecing on the diagonal (without drawing your lines) and being brave to let the colors fall where they may. This is another quilt that is perfect for that project that needs to be done yesterday,

Mexican Star \$25 Sue Frerich

Eleanor Burns has done it again with this striking criss crossing quilt. The sample quilt shown has a black background, but the pattern shows a white background, so you definitely have options. This quilt uses a special wedge ruler to help you get the perfect angle on your strips. This is another quilt where you can use precut 2 ½" strips. Skills learned include handling angles, using a new ruler, and color placement for your stars.



August Classes

Jelly Roll Race \$20 Barb Boyer

See explanation in July. Same quilt, different day.

Fab Forties Quilt \$25 Sue Frerich

Our final Log Cabin quilt of the year involves both log cabin blocks and 12-14 other pieced blocks. Eleanor has been taking her old quilts, with classic blocks, and turning them into fabulous! patterns. This quilt will be taught as a (several) block of the month-it will continue into the fall schedule. Skills learned include how to use lots of new rulers (Eleanor has a ruler for many of her blocks which make the cutting and piecing easy peasy); how to make lots of new blocks; and how to choose the right color palate.



CLUBS

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB FREE!

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.

Hand Work Club FREE!

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4, join us to just sit & hand stitch, crochet, bind, or knit group. Bring what you're working on, sit up at the table in front by the window and work on your projects for awhile. You can get advice & suggestions from your fellow quilters and share your experiences about your projects.

Knit Pickers' Club FREE!

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Monthly Mini Club FREE!

First Saturday of the Month from 4-6.

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Toad Toters Club

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: June 17; July 16; August 15

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

June blue; July Christmas; August blacks.

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.



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Color of the Month

January red; February purple; March green; April yellow; May white.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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