

# FINISH YOUR QUILT SALE!

## 20% off BINDINGS, BACKINGS, BATTING

Once again, we will have the "Finish Your Quilt Sale," on the first Saturdays of each month, through December. Any project, any size.

But....You must bring in your finished quilt top as proof that you are ready to back it, bind it, put batting in between it. Plus, we want to see your quilts! We love show & tell.

We only have one batting flavor in right now, Dream Orient, which is a mixture of silk, bamboo, cotton & tencel. It's very nice. By next month, we will have a wider assortment of batts.



September 6, 2019

This is news that every woman wants to hear: A 74-year-old woman in India gave birth to twins.

I'm not kidding.

I was so delighted when I hit that magic age that said: No more kids. Actually, that's not the delightful part. Women welcome menopause because it means the monthly adventures in hormones is over with.

Spoiler alert for all of you younger women: I'm lying about that. We just had a conversation in the shop about sleepless nights and I said my sleeplessness is cyclical and hormonal based: Menopause.

"I thought you were through with that," she said. "Nope, some things just continue to linger. Hormones." "The gift that keeps on giving."

Exactly. Women over that magic age trade one set of issues for another. Fortunately the trade off usually doesn't involved buying products every month. Although if you have had kids, bladder leakage issues....well, let's just not go there. Instead, let's talk about a 74-year-old woman giving birth to twins that she was not carrying for anyone other than her.

And her husband is 80. They said they have been waiting 60 years to have kids. The twins were delivered by c-section (were created by in vitro

fertilization, in case you were wondering), weighed about 4.4 pounds and are healthy. The doc said he didn't predict any major issues for mom.

Okay, stop laughing.

Really, stop laughing.

Because this next story may put you over the edge.

Dutch farmers are testing floating dairy farms. Think of Noah's Ark, but with just 32 dairy cows. Standing around on a floating pontoon in the middle of the Rhine River. Actually on a branch that feeds into the Rhine, so even narrower than the river, which means the cows can easily see land. All that grass, just waiting to be eaten.

The farmer thinks they're happy floating around, but she bases that belief on the fact that when they decided a week later to let the cows off the pontoon, the cows didn't seem eager to leave. My guess is the cows weren't smart enough to realize the off ramp from the pontoon meant "let's go graze."

Now before you start thinking that this is just another weird Dutch thing, like windmills, ice skating canals, dikes and polders (reclaimed land from the Zuiderzee) - well you're probably right. It's just another weird Dutch thing.

It's an experiment in rethinking how coastal cities can be supplied with dairy products. With hurricanes remaking our coast lines, with agri land being consumed by growing cities, places for farm animals is diminishing. So why not put them out on the water and let them float around?

The cows float on a \$2.9 million pontoon/barge/contraption. They are milked by robots. The surface they stand on is cleaned by robots. Robots bring them food-well, not exactly. Their food comes from grass from soccer fields, discarded potato peels from french fry places, and leftover bran from windmills. I didn't know windmills ate bran, but maybe it's a Dutch thing, too. Anyway, the food is delivered via electric cars.

If this is beginning to sound like a theme, you're right. It's got an environmentally eco-based theme to it. And the Dutch may not limit the experiment to just cows. Chickens may be next.

Unfortunately, all of this just gives Becca ideas.

"When are you putting in a swimming pool? I wanna have a floating raft so I can stay cool in this absolutely miserably hot weather," she said.

"The last pool I had, Cassidy sunk her teeth into it. It wouldn't hold water after that. You've got to talk to her about swimming pools," I told her. "And besides, it's not really that hot. I remember growing up in Omaha...."

"You're not wearing a fur coat. It's hot." She stomped outside.

Don't tell I said this, but she's right. It has been hot. Here's to fall weather .... some day.

Odd things around town-actually Ft. Collins

I've been to Ft. Collins a lot these past couple of months. I've had to make multiple trips to solve what should be simple problems.

I needed new contacts and I couldn't get in with my regular eye doc in Cheyenne until late September. So I chose a place in Ft. Collins that got me in within a week. Great, I thought.

Four trips later, I'm not sure it was worth it: initial appointment, then back to pick up contacts, then back for another appointment because the first contacts didn't work, then back to back up new contacts, which didn't work either. Sigh.

Fortunately, I was able to time these trips to visits with the Subaru dealership. I'll be on my fifth trip next week to fix a recurring problem. Although the solution may be to buy a new car. Again. Sigh.

And I've learned a few things on these multiple trips. First, don't take Prospect Ave right now because school is starting, construction blockades are everywhere, and no one in Ft. Collins knows any other east/west street than Prospect. I swear the whole town was parked on that street yesterday. It was a good reminder as to why I don't want to live in Ft. Collins.

On the other hand, there are strange things that you might not see anywhere else: I was leaving the dealership, headed south to Harmony to avoid the pile up on Prospect, and saw a store on the east side of college called Christy's Sports. Which wasn't too unusual until you looked at the bottom part of the sign: Ski & Patio. That was not a pairing that I expected. And then across the street was a guy with a sign in his hands hawking REPTILES. So within a block of each other, you could buy skis for winter, patio furniture for summer and a lizard to hangout in your tree.

## Knitters Take Note!

We are going to put some structure into our Knit Pickers' Club. Each month we will feature a project and offer free patterns down loadable from Ravelry. We will show or teach something new or unique about the pattern.

This month we will feature cowls. I am working on a 3 stitch repeat cowl (3 knit, 3 purl), which can be knitted up in a variety of different yarn weights. All you need is one skein (say 200-300 yards) and suitable needles for that yarn (or to make it a little lacier, one needle size up). You can make this cowl bigger or smaller, but if it is bigger you may want a little more yarn. This pattern also is "charted," so if you have not learned how to read a chart, we'll show you (this chart is really simple). You will also get practice in learning to "read" your knits & purls.

Next month we will do fingerless mitts, plus covered fingerless mitts--where you can make a top to pull over your fingers. This project will feature double pointed needles, increasing & decreasing, and ribbing.

Each project will be easy to finish (meaning relatively small) so if you need Christmas gifts, you won't have to just give dishcloths for presents (dish cloths are treasured gifts, but sometimes it's nice to try something

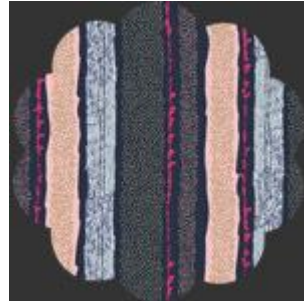
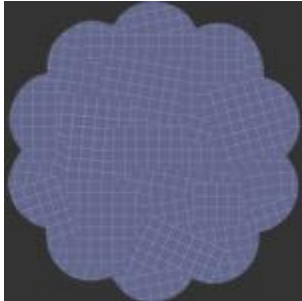
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Knit Pickers' meet this coming Wednesday, starting at 3. I will send out a reminder.

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## WHAT'S NEW!!

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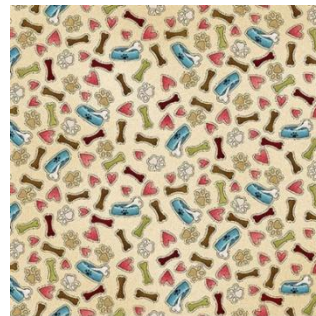




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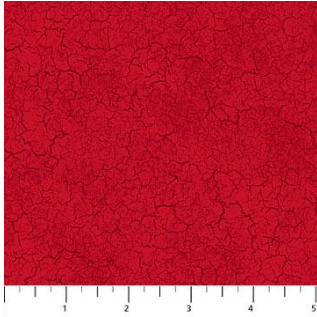


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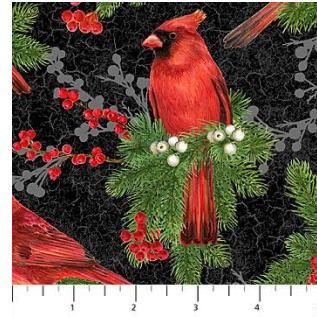
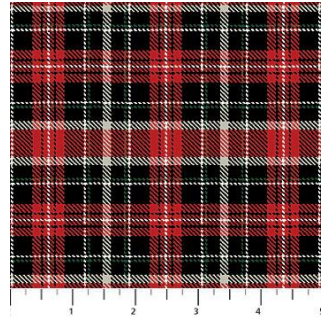
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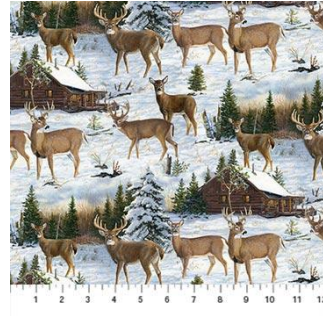
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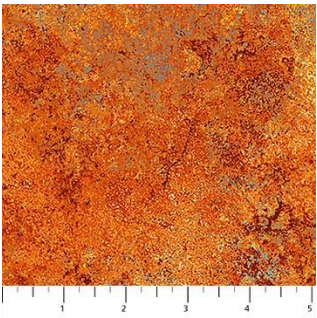
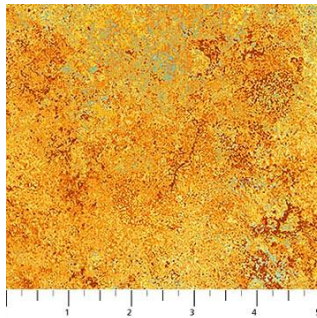
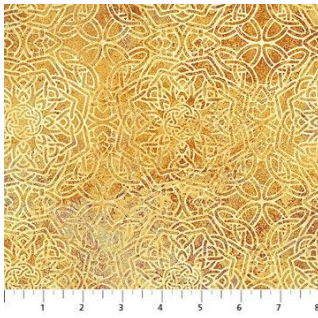
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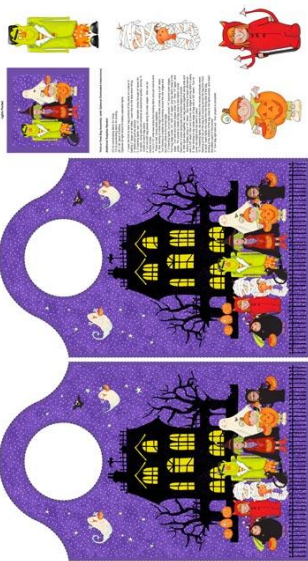
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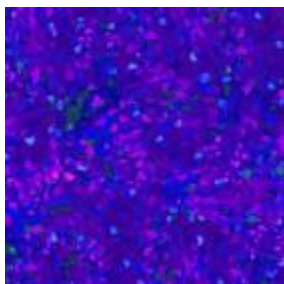


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From Clothworks:





From Wilmington:







From Alexander Henry:



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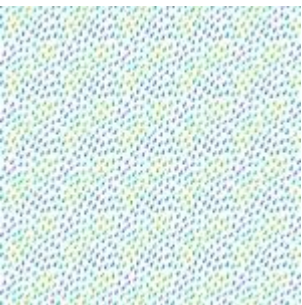


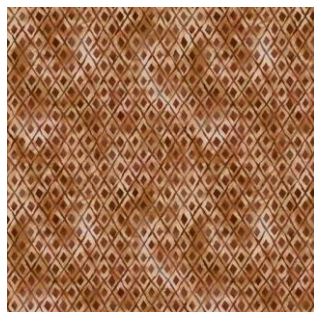


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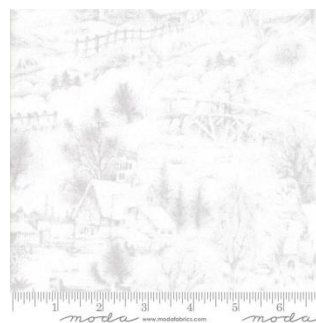
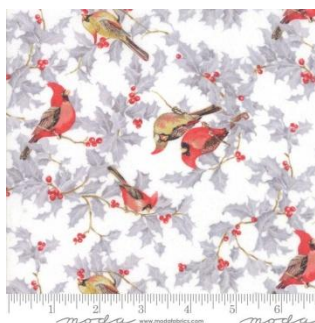
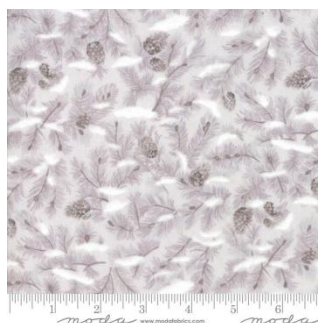
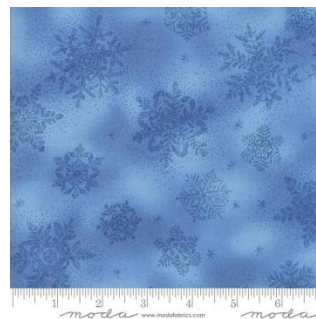
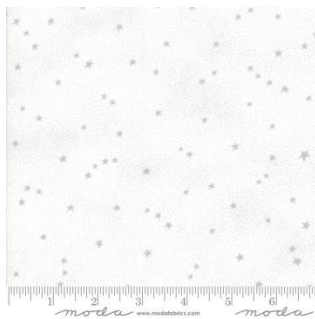


From Wilmington:





From Moda:



## 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.**

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2 <a href="#">Labor Day</a>	3 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	4 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	5 Live Each Season fall Applique Wall hanging Fall 1-4	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7 BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Teapot Sampler 4-6
8 Beginning Quilt 1-4	9	10 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	11 Long Arm classes 10:30-1:30; Knit Pickers' Club 3-7 Full Moon	12 Beginning Quilt 6-9	13 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Fat Quarter Quilt 1-6
15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16	17 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	18 Take 5 for the Holiday 10:30-4	19 Beginning Quilt 6-9	20 Long Arm Rental Day	21 Peeking Points, 10:30-4 AccuCut Rental 4-6
22 Beginning Quilt 1-4	23 English Paper Piecing 2-4	24 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	25 Back Basting 10-noon Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	26 Beginning Quilt 6-9	27 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	28 Fab 40s sampler 1-5
29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30					Color of the month: orange



# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>2</b> Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	<b>3</b> Live Each Season fall Applique Wall hanging Fall 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9	<b>4</b> Long Arm Rental Day	<b>5</b> BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Teapot Sampler 4-6
<b>6</b> Closed	<b>7</b> Holiday Lodge 10:30-2	<b>8</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>9</b> Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	<b>10</b> Beginning Quilt 6-9	<b>11</b> Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>12</b> Embroidery Club 10-noon Stack & Whack 1-6
<b>13</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4  Full Moon	<b>14</b> Light up Your Panel 10:30-4 <a href="#">Columbus Day</a>	<b>15</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>16</b> Hand Piecing, 10-noon	<b>17</b> Sidelights Halloween 10:30-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9	<b>18</b> Long Arm Rental Day	<b>19</b> Stack & Whack 10:30-4  AccuCut 4-6
<b>20</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>21</b> Holiday Lodge 10:30-2	<b>22</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>23</b> Intro to Wool: Needle Case 10:30-2 KnitPickersClub 3-7	<b>24</b> Beginning Quilt 6-9	<b>25</b> Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>26</b> Fab 40s sampler 1-5
<b>27</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>28</b> English Paper Piecing 2-4	<b>29</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>30</b> Hand Quilting 10-noon  Holiday Tote Bags 2-5	<b>31</b> Beginning Quilt 6-9 <a href="#">Halloween</a>		<b>Color of the month: green</b>

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Color of the month: flannels					<b>1</b> Long Arm Rental Day	<b>2</b> BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Intro to Sashiko 4-6
<b>3</b> Closed	<b>4</b> Fall Mystery Part 1	<b>5</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>6</b> Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	<b>7</b> Churn Dash Flannel 1-4 Beginning Machine Quilting 6-9	<b>8</b> Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>9</b> Embroidery Club 10-noon Paper piece Christmas Tree 1-6
<b>10</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>11</b> Fall Mystery Part 2 <a href="#">Veterans Day</a>	<b>12</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day Full Moon	<b>13</b> Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	<b>14</b> Churn Dash Flannel 1-4 Beginning Machine Applique 6-9	<b>15</b> Long Arm Rental Day	<b>16</b> Boxy Tote Bag 10:30-4 AccuCut 4-6
<b>17</b> Pillow Case Party 1-4	<b>18</b> Fall Mystery Part 3 Triangle Frenzy 10:30-2	<b>19</b> Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>20</b> Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	<b>21</b> Machine Binding 1-4	<b>22</b> Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	<b>23</b> Triangle Frenzy 10-1 Fab 40s sampler 1-5
<b>24</b> Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4	<b>25</b> Fall Mystery Part 4 English Paper Piecing 2-4	<b>26</b> Hand work Club 2-4	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Closed <a href="#">Thanksgiving Day</a>	<b>29</b> Black Friday Sale	<b>30</b> Shop Small Business Sale Boxy Tote Bag 1-6

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2	3 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	4 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	5 Dragon Quilt 10:30-4	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7 BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Long Arm Rental Day 3-6
8	9 Intro to Wool Applique: Ornaments 1-4	10 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	11 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	12 Christmas Stockings 10:30-4 Full Moon	13 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy 1-6
15 Traditional Binding 1-4	16	17 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	18 Credit Card Holders 1-4	19	20 Long Arm Rental Day	21
22 AccuCut 1-4	23	24	25 Closed <a href="#">Christmas</a>	26	27	28
29	30	31	Color of the month: red			

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates.

## Ongoing Classes & Clubs

AccuCut Rental Sept 21, 4-6, Oct. 19, 4-6, Nov 16, 4-6, Dec 1-4 \$10/30 minutes

We have an industrial size AccuCut cutter with several dies: strips, squares, triangles, rectangles. Sign up for time of the AccuCutter to change your stash into usable strips, squares, rectangles and triangles. We will rent to machine in ½ hour intervals (you can get a lot cut in ½ hour).



**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.

**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** **Cthis 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Sept 5, Oct 3, Barb Boyer \$20**

This wool wall hanging has 4 rows: Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter. We started the project last year with the Winter row. We've done the Spring and the Summer and now it's onto Fall. You can join us for this last row, and then pick up the other rows if you want to do the entire wall hanging. You will learn wool applique, various embroider stitches, and how to add fun embellishments to your wall hanging.

**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.

**Teapot Sampler (class is free with purchase of kit -- \$150) 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!

## September classes

### **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.

### **Christmas Fat Quarter Quilt Kit \$60 + book Barb Boyer**

We have a bundle of Hoffman one-yard cuts of Christmas fabrics. Each person will need 20 fat quarters. Here's the plan: Each student will get 5 one-yard pieces, which she will cut into 4 fat quarters (in class). You can keep five of the fats that you cut, and the rest will go into a "community" pile for sharing. You can barter and swap fabrics until you get 20 fats that you like. Then, we make our quilts! There will be no sample of this quilt, but I can show you which quilt in the book we will do. Limited to 10 students.

### **STILL TIME TO JOIN! Fab Forties Quilt Sat Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26, Nov 23 1-5 \$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.



**Gravity \$25 Sue Frerich 1st Sat/month 1-4 starting Sept.**

This is a Jaybird designed quilt that uses the Hex N More and Super Sidekick rulers. The diamond design creates a color wheel or splash of rainbow colors in solids or prints-but no set in seams. There are 9 different blocks but because of how the blocks are set into the quilt, it looks like you have 18 different blocks. We have 1 kit left, but we can also help you create your own color wheel quilt out of prints, or from the In The Beginning Dit Dot collection, or any other combination you want to try.



#### **Hand Applique/Back Basting Wed Sept 25, 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!

#### **Peeking Points Sat. Sept 21, 10:30-4 \$20 Sue Frerich**

Peeking Points uses log cabin techniques to make a wacky combination of angled squares and a star in the secondary design. You can make it any size from table runner to king. All you need are 2 ½" strips.



#### **Take 5 for the Holidays Quilt Wed Sept 18, 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

We have a beautiful red cardinal & poinsettia border quilt all kitted up for the holidays. You can choose to use the kit or make your own Take 5 quilt: Christmas, Halloween, or any other combination. This quilt is easy to do, quick to cut & quick to sew. Perfect for that Christmas gift you've been meaning to make.



## **October Classes**

#### **Hand Piecing Wed Oct 16 10-noon \$25 Sandra Freeburg**

Everyone who quilts needs to learn to hand piece. Sometimes we need to have small portable projects to take with us in the car, to doctor appointments, and sometimes, just for relaxing stress free quilting. Learn to hand piece with traditional methods. There are many patterns that are so difficult to piece by machine, but are beautiful when done by hand.

#### **Hand Quilting Wed Oct 30, 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.



**Holiday Lodge Mon Oct 7, 21 10:30-2 \$20 Jean Korber**

This cut holiday quilt features the classic red truck. We have 3 box kits (from Moda) left, so don't wait too long to decide. The quilt features a Moda panel, some trees and an old fashioned woodsy looking house. A perfect quilt for a cold winter day.



**Holiday Tote Bags Wed Oct 30 2-5 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Just in time (barely) for Trick or Treating: Make a cute tote bag to fill with candy for Halloween. Or make a Christmas tote bag to "wrap" your presents in, or just make some "green" holiday tote bags for carting groceries from the store.

**Intro to Wool Applique Wed Oct 23 10:30-2 \$20 Barb Boyer**

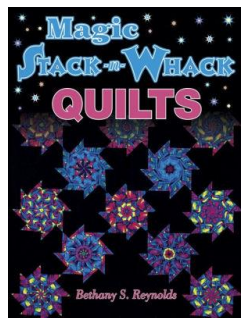
We will make a small needle case (to hold all of your hand piecing, hand applique, binding, embroidery needles). We will have small kits ready for stitching. You will learn various methods for wool applique and will learn several embroidery stitches for the embellishing.

**Light Up Your Panel Mon Oct 14 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Take a panel, put some blocks and borders around it, quilt it, then light it up! We will show you how to take a panel and turn it into a fun "light up" wall hanging, perfect for the holidays.

**Stack & Whack Sat Oct 12 (1-6) & 19 (10:30-4) \$20 Barb Boyer**

Stack & Whack quilt take quilting fun to a new level. We can help you choose your fabric to make this kaleidoscope beauty. I like working with fun novelty prints, but big florals, Japanese prints and almost anything by Alexander Henry works great. You will need 8 repeats for your yardage: best to come in and we'll help you find the right fabrics. The class is taught in 2 parts: First Saturday is cutting; second Saturday in sewing (but if you get things cut early, you can start sewing).



## November Classes

**Beginning Machine Applique Thurs Nov 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer**

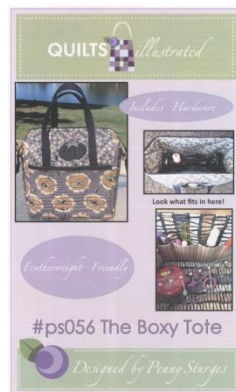
So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

**Beginning Machine Quilting Thurs Nov 7, 6-9 or Nov 24, 1-4 \$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!

**Boxy Tote Bag Sat Nov 16, 10:30-4 and Nov 30, 1-6 \$25 Jean Korber**

This adorable tote bag was designed to carry your small sewing machine, but it can be used for so many things. The Boxy Tote has pockets all the way around on the outside and inside! Heavy duty formed metal stays keep the bags mouth wide open, easy to get your Singer Featherweight sewing machine in and out. Jean has dissected the pattern and made it easy to follow.



#### **Churn Dash Flannel Quilt Thur Nov 7 & 14, 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Three sizes of churn dash blocks make up this delightful flannel quilt. You need 14 fat quarters, but if you like our sample, we have 4 kits. The quilt is a little bigger than a lap size, bordering on twin, but you could add borders to make it bigger. Perfect for our winter weather soon approaching.



#### **Fall Mystery Quilt Mon Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 \$20 Barb Boyer**

We have 6 Mystery kits-Once a week you will pick up instructions: Week 1, cutting, Week 2 piecing, Week 3 piecing, etc. You won't know what it will look like until the very end. Don't worry, the pattern isn't hard, but we will keep you guessing as to what the final quilt will look like. And we've already made it up, so we know what it will look like, and trust us, it's a very cool fall colored quilt. You will only pick up your patterns each week; you will do your sewing at home.

#### **Intro to Sashiko Sat Nov 2, 4-6 \$20 Kathy Sconce**

Sashiko is a form of decorative reinforcement stitching from Japan. Traditional Sashiko embroidery used white thread on a blue background, but today's sashiko uses many colors of thread, including variegated, and a variety of different colored backgrounds. The main stitch is a type of running stitch and the patterns are often geometric. Learn the basic stitch in the intro class and make a small wall hanging, tea towel, or quilt.

#### **Machine Applied Binding Thur Nov 21 1-4 \$20 Jean Korber**

Jean will show you several ways to cut and apply binding, completely by machine. Then if you bring a small project, that is already quilted and ready for binding, you can use Jean's techniques and tricks to apply the binding to your project. You probably won't finish your binding, but you will get hands on experience so you can take what you've learned & finish at home.

#### **Paper Pieced Christmas Tree Sat Nov 9, 1-6 \$20 Sue Frerich**

We have several kits to make this wonderful black & white (plus a hint of red) Christmas tree. If you have not tried paper piecing, this is a perfect class to get you started. We will also have some individual patterns, so if you want to choose your own fabrics, you can do so. This quilt would look great hanging on the back of a door or on the wall for Christmas.

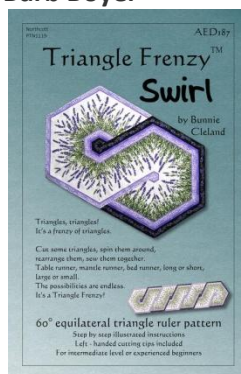


### **Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 17 1-4 FREE**

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!

### **Triangle Frenzy, back again for the holidays Sat Nov 23, 10-1 \$20 Barb Boyer**

This table runner uses a 10" border stripe and a 12" 60 degree ruler to cut large triangles then spin them around to arrange them in a swirling pattern. Simple & easy to do. You may even be able to make 2 during class.



## **December Classes**

### **Binding Sun Dec 15 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

You'll learn how to accurately cut you bindings, whether bias, cross or straightBand when to use which one. You'll learn how to cut, the sew, join (so easy) and hand stitch part. Bindings so easy peasy you=ll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

### **Christmas Stocking Thur Dec 12 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Learn to make pieced Christmas Stockings just in time to hang for Santa's arrival. These stockings can be as simple or complex as you want to make them. We'll talk about different lining and cuff options.

### **Credit Card Holders Wed Dec 18, 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Make a fast,easy credit card holder that is lined with that special stuff that prevents hackers from stealing your info. Two fat quarters will make several card holders, or you could use a fat quarter and our cork fabric, to make an extra special card holder.

### **Dragon Quilt Thus Dec 5 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**



In the Beginning has created this marvelous dragon fabric: in orange & flame colors, or cool blues & purples. The dragons are in a panel and there is a coordinating border stripe. The blocks are easy and the panel makes this quilt go together quickly. You will also learn how to miter the borders-a new skill to add to your toolbox!

### **Intro to Wool Applique Mon Dec 9 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer**

We will make some small ornaments, using a kit. You can make either mittens, stocking, or credit card holders. You will learn various methods for wool applique and will learn several embroidery stitches for the embellishing.

### **Triangle Frenzy, back again for the holidays Sat Dec 14, 10-6 \$20 Barb Boyer**

This table runner uses a 10" border stripe and a 12" 60 degree ruler to cut large





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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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