



Two Notes:

First -- Whoever bought the Betty Boop fabric I still have it sitting on the cutting table. When you figure out you didn't leave with it, meaning I didn't grab it for you, give me a call.

Second--Masks for kids

I have been asked by several people about making masks for kids. This is a complex and difficult issue.

Helping get masks to kids is a priority for all of us, if school reopens. But I do not know how to do that. When we made masks for health care workers and first responders, we had organizations that were requesting masks because PPE was not available anywhere.

Today, PPE is available, generally. Plus quilters have been making masks for their kids, friends' kids, teachers and others. The kids that may be left behind are those who are in greater need, but I do not have a central contact group/organization/person who is coordinating such an effort on behalf of all school kids in Cheyenne, needy or not.

I also do not know how masks will be used, stored and cleaned.....etc. Consequently, when you ask me about making masks for school kids, I typically start ranting and tearing my hair out, for which I apologize. You don't need to hear my tirade while I stand on my soapbox.

Thus I am hesitant about stepping into this morass. However, keeping kids safe is a priority and I will try to help any organization that steps up with a campaign for making masks for kids, that has a plan for reusing/cleaning our cloth masks for kids (rather than simply discarding them or treating them as a one-use mask), and has a central distribution method that targets all schools. This may be an impossible ask.

I know that the state got app. 500,000 masks. We have app. 100,000 students in the state, about 15,000 in Cheyenne. If every child got 5 masks and used each mask for one week (these are disposable masks) and no one lost, forgot or discarded a mask after just one use, that gets us through 5 weeks of school. I don't know what will happen after that

and I don't know if these PPE masks are reusable--meaning able to be cleaned. And I don't know if more are available. And I don't know how they will be distributed.

So we could be headed toward a crisis where kids will be needing masks.

August 7, 2020

"Enough about Charles Dickens. Nobody wants to hear it. Nobody reads him anymore," Becca informed me haughtily. Only a mini Australian Shepherd can carry off haughty. It's a little disconcerting.

"Please." I'm pleading with a dog. Sigh. See what Covid-19 does to you? "I don't care what you say, I'm going to tell them anyway."

"But what about NASA?" Becca said. "They landed on Sunday. And crawled out of a dragon."

Becca is referring to the splash down of the first returning space capsule since July 1975. Now that doesn't mean astronauts have been trapped in the Space Station since 1975. Short history: Skylab was around in the early 1970s, the International Space Station was built a decade plus a couple of years later. My point is, astronauts have returned home, but they have landed using the Space Shuttle, which quit commuting in 2011. Or they've landed, with a big thud, on earth. So water is a little different, although not a lot softer, but it does give a little. Adding to the drama was that many of the news commentators weren't even born before 1975, so a splash down was an adventure for them. Oh to be so old....

Anyway, two months ago the first private/public space rocket was launched from Kennedy Space Station. The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket went to the ISS with astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley aboard. They came home last Sunday with live coverage from all sorts of stations. It was much more exciting to watch, or wait for actually, the capsule called the SpaceX Dragon 2, or Dragon Capsule, or Dragon Crew, which is a reusable space craft-this one is named Endeavor. Okay, don't ask why it has all these names. I didn't build it. Where was I Oh yeah. It was much more exciting to watch or wait for the Endeavor to come home than it was to roll

news footage of Covid-19 talking heads, kids going back to school, Biden's possible running mate, and Trump's interview with Axios.

And, as always, NASA doesn't fail to entertain. One commentator explained why Bob and Doug were being carefully removed from the capsule and wouldn't be walking to the medical bay on the ship that picked up Dragon. Endeavor. SpaceX. Whatever. He explained that coming back into gravity is a bit of an adjustment. You kind have to learn to walk again and get your balance back.

But he also said that Bob and Doug wouldn't be allowed to do normal kinds of activities for a bit, like drive a car or wait for it..... fly an airplane. Because of course, what we ordinary people normally do is go out and fly our airplane. Now, to be fair Bob and Doug are astronauts and they also may be pilots, but I can think of better ordinary things to do now that they are grounded. Pizza comes to mind.

"So have I explained the astronaut returning home story to your satisfaction?" I asked Becca.

"Yeah. And remember, they are going back in October, so we can watch the launch. And more astronauts are going, too. Seven or 8," she said. And she's right about that. The reusable SpaceX Dragon 2 will be cleaned up, polished off and refitted for the next crew in October.

So can I tell my Dickens' story?" "Okay," she said, and disappeared outside.

So this is Dickens' take on the proper form of deportment or demeanour for a young lady:

'Papa is a preferable mode of address,' observed Mrs. General [think of her as a matronly companion/teacher for young ladies]. 'Father is rather vulgar, my dear. The word Papa, besides, gives a pretty form to the lips. Papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes, and prism, are all very good words for the lips; especially prunes and prism. You will find it serviceable, in the formation of a demeanour, if you sometimes say to yourself in company - on entering a room, for instance - Papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes and prism, prunes and prism.'

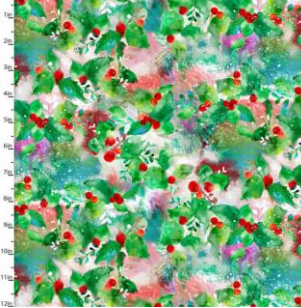
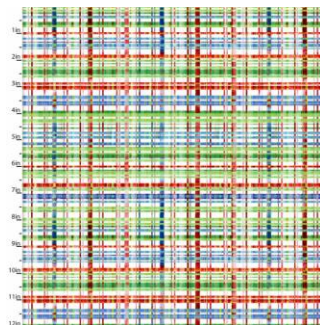
So, the next time you are allowed to gather in a group greater than

five, make sure as you walk through the door you recite the words
papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes and prism. It's kinda like saying the
word "money" instead of "cheese" when you pose for pictures.

And that's probably why Becca left the room.

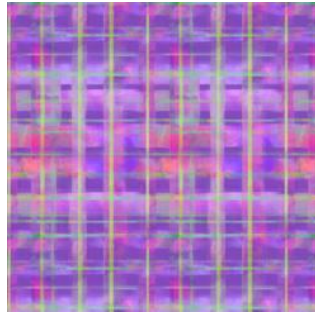
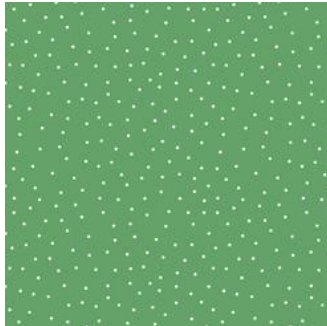
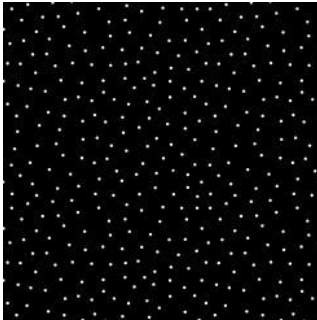
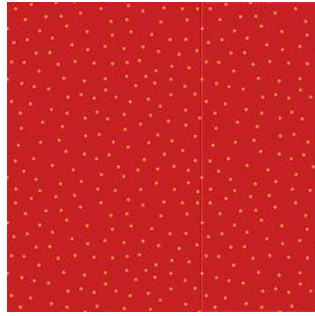
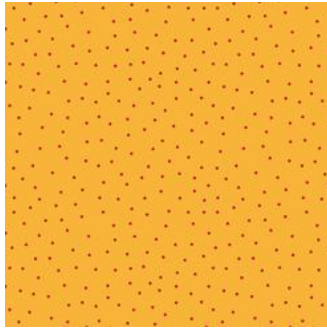
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From Quilting Treasures:





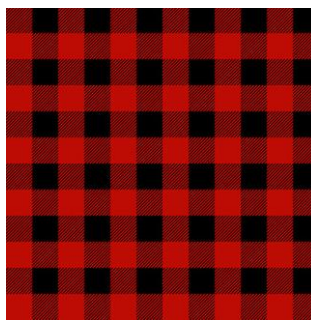
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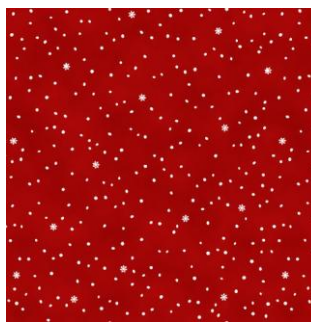
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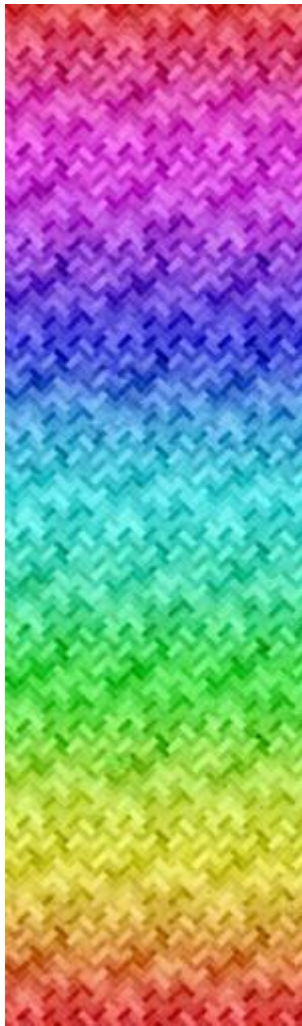
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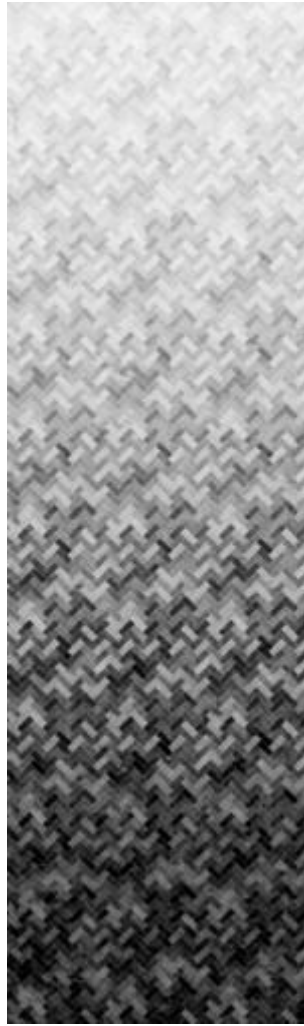


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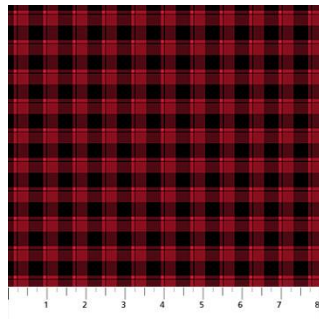
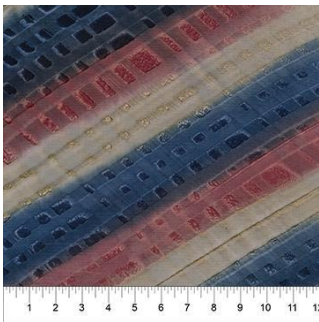
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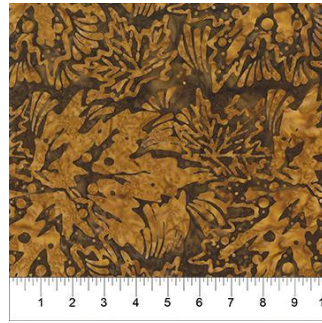
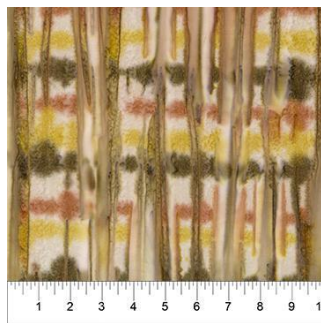
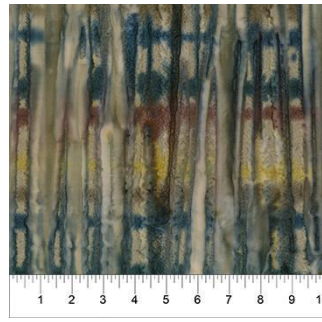
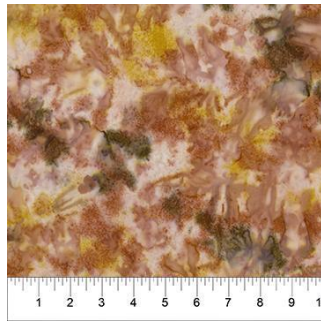




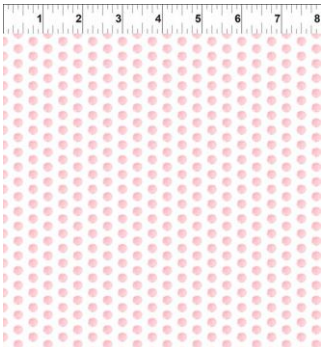


From Northcott:





From In the Beginning:



From Moda:



Christmas Card line
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and jelly rolls.



A Canvas to go with
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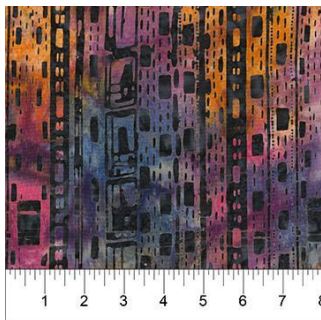
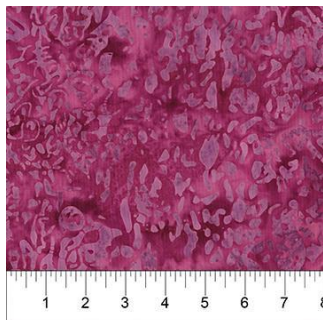
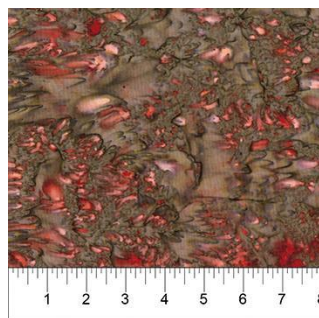
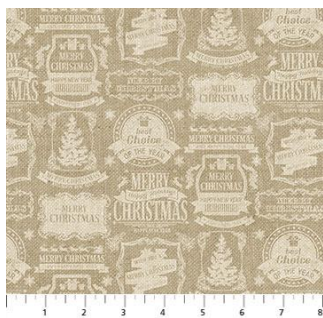
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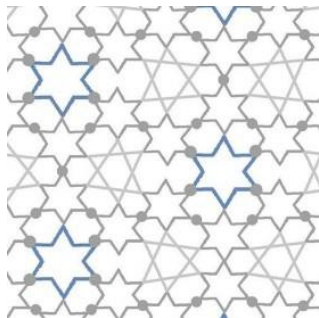
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Northcott:





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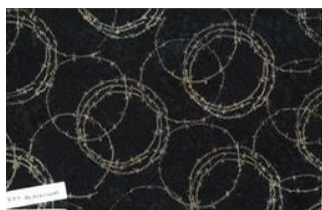
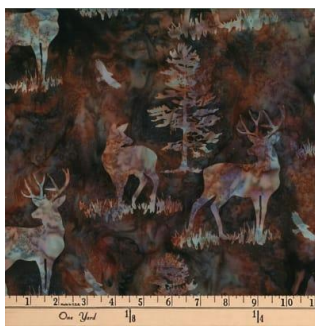
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AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
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2 Closed	3 Magic Triangle Quilt, 11- 3 Full Moon	4 Hand work Club 2-4	5 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	6	7	8 Embroidery Club 10- noon Embroidery Club 10- noon Magic Triangle Quilt, 11-3
9 Closed	10	11 Hand work Club 2-4	12	13	14	15 A Study in Subtle 11-3
16 Closed	17	18 Hand work Club 2-4	19 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	20	21	22 Zootropolis 11-3
23 Closed	24	25 Hand work Club 2-4	26	27	28	29 There be Dragons Here 1-5
30 Closed	31 Color of the month: blacks					

A Study in Subtle August 15 11-3 Sue Frerich \$30

This is one of the quilts we were not able to teach this spring. The quilt uses soft shades of taupes, grays, browns, and other subtle colorations to create light and medium/dark blocks. The block is simple, but small, and there are tricks to getting everything to line up. You can also make this quilt in any combination of fabrics, so it is perfect for scraps.

Let There Be Dragons Quilt Sat Aug 29-5 \$25 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!

Magic Triangle August 3 11-3 OR 8, 1-4 Sue Frerich \$25

This is a "design it yourself" styled quilt. The block is simple, but placement is key. You can create many different patterns depending on how you twist and turn your blocks. The "magic" part is how you cut your blocks in half, thus avoiding all those pesky triangles.

Zootropolis August 22 11-3 Sue Frerich \$35

You've seen her quilt. You want to make one, too! Zootropolis is a skyscraper of animals, each to its own window. You can use a simple fusible process for raw edge applique for the animals, or you can use a special product that allows you to turn under all of your edges so it looks like you've hand appliqued everything in place. The fun part of the quilt - well there are a lot of fun parts: choosing the fabrics for each animal, adding embellishments to your animals, and then choosing fun quilting patterns for each block. This class will have follow up class(es) in the fall.



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 needle up/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.

Normal Shop Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10-6
Sunday 1-5
Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

Covid-19 Hours
M-S 10-5. Closed Sundays

Color of the Month and Full Moon Schedule

Since I don't have classes posted, I forgot that I also didn't post the full moon and color of the month schedule.

Full Moon: June 5 (today, but we will observe it tomorrow as well); July 6, August 3 and September 1.

Colors: June blue; July Christmas; August black; September orange.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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