

## **End of Year 40% off Sale PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BECAUSE THE RULES HAVE CHANGED**

Great News! We will still have our end of year sale, **but things will be different. There will be rules and restricted access and tickets to get in.** Please read carefully, because I will abide by the rules I have set. This is the only way I can feel comfortable about holding the year end sale. My choices were trying to figure out how to limit traffic, cancel entirely or hold the sale in July. And I didn't want to cancel or wait until July.

Because of the restricted access to the sale, I am holding the sale for a two week period, rather than just a day and a half, so that everyone who wants to come will have an opportunity. And you get to choose your sale date(s).

### **Part One:**

Between December 7-19 you must buy one item from the store to get your Wyoming Wind Express Ticket. This ticket will get you into the year end sale on your chosen date and time. I will have time slots from 10-1 and 1-4 each day, 8 customers per slot. (More about this below)

For the sale, I will restrict the number of customers in the store at any one time. And I will restrict how long you can spend in the store (don't worry, you can get up to 3 hours, should be plenty of time). If you want to come on several different days, you can get additional tickets, but....you have to **come back** to the store between December 7-19 and buy something else. Two different sales for 2 different tickets.

Sound complicated? Not really. For each sale between Dec 7-19 you can get a ticket. You get to select your time and date to come for the year end sale. This means, you need to know what day you want to come for the big sale. If you are eager to be first (on Dec. 20 if you are a Toad Toter) then be sure to be here on Dec. 7 to get your ticket and time slot. The first 12 to sign up will also receive a small gift. If you have to change your date after you have chosen it, that's okay. Just call and I'll let you know what other times and dates are available.

### **Part Two:**

If you are a Toad Toter or if you have a Keep Smiling (covid) t-shirt, your sale dates are between December 20-23.

For everyone else, including Toad Toters, the sale will be between December 26-31.

### **General Notes:**

If you are a Toad Toter, you must **either wear or bring your tote bag with you to the sale and bring your ticket.** When you pick up the ticket, if you tell me you have a tote bag or t-shirt that's all I need in

order to assign you a time & date. But in order to get into the store for the 40% off sale during Dec 20-23, you **MUST** have your tote bag or wear your t-shirt and have your ticket.

If you are not a Toad Toter, your sale will start on December 26. **You must bring your ticket with you on your chosen date and time in order to get the 40% sale price.**

I am not advertising this sale in the Traders in order to keep the general traffic down. I will allow other customers into the store (but they can't buy at sale prices without a ticket), so long as there are no more than 8 people in the store at one time. Keep that in mind-if you intend to bring family, they must have a ticket unless there are not more than 8 in the store at one time. If you want to guarantee that family or friends can get in with you, make sure they buy something between Dec 7-19 and get a ticket and assigned to your same time slot.

The only way to get the 40% sale price is to have a ticket. If you want to shop more than one day, you need additional tickets.

You must wear a mask.

Please use hand sanitizer both before you enter the shop and when you leave-carry your own supply in the car.

Please stay 6 feet from other customers in the store as much as you can. We have tight aisles so please be patient and try to stay distanced.

Please don't come to the store if you believe you have been exposed to covid-19, have been to any gatherings that are larger than they should be, or if you have traveled during the Christmas holidays.

And I will apologize for being so rigid, but this disease is spreading rapidly and easily and I don't want this sale to contribute to the escalation. I want you to feel safe in the store and I want you to have a good time. And I also want to protect my staff.

I love this year end sale because I get to see a lot of happy, creative people having fun. So I hope I still get to see all of you, but just over a longer period of time.

Thanks for being understanding.



December 4, 2020

NOTE: Block of the month will be held tomorrow and I think we can do it outside again, if it's not windy. If you have finished your quilt, bring for show and tell. We will give you a ticket for a drawing to win free quilting--you do the quilting on the long arm machine at the shop. We won't draw until January, so you still have a month to get your quilt top done.

Are you feeling it yet? That sniggling little feeling of hope that we will be able to start planning adventures, places to go, people to see? It's a sweet feeling, isn't it?

I tend to plan my adventures 6-12 months in advance, mainly in order to save up enough money to pay for them. So I've started dreaming about where in the world I want to go or what I want to do. And I've learned over the years that planning for something is often as satisfying as actually doing something. You get the excitement of the anticipation of the trip and then you get the excitement of the trip. It's wonderful. And we don't have that long to wait. That's what I believe.

"You're taking me with you, aren't you?" Becca said. Becca had just come in from outside and she'd been rolling around in the dirt.

"Well, you aren't going anywhere looking like that," I told her. "You need a bath." Becca snorted. "Besides you don't like going anywhere."

"But what about that dog park in Idaho?" she asked, ignoring everything I had just said. "The one with the two-story motel that looks like a beagle? Seriously, how many people can say they've stayed in a beagle?" Her little stub of a tail was wagging.

"You're talking about Sweet Willy, aren't you," I asked. "You've been on the internet again."

"Yes, and no. Yes about Sweet Willy and no about the internet. I just read you mail from Sylvia about the Dog Bark Park Inn." I was stunned. I didn't know she could hold two concepts in her mind at the same time.

"You read my mail...." Becca grinned, turned around and ran outside, but not before saying, "Just think about it, okay?"

This motel is located just off a highway near Cottonwood, Idaho. It has a two story (give or take) motel shaped like a beagle, with a 12-foot beagle along side for decoration. Motels in the 1930s and 40s were often built around a theme shape - like the Wigwam Motel chain, where the rooms are all individual teepees. You can still stay in one on Route 66 in Holbrook, AZ; or Coffee Pot buildings masquerading as gas stations; restaurants that look like milk bottles. You know. Kitschy. Like the Dogs Playing Poker artwork.

Today you can find unique (or odd, depending on how you look at it) hotels all over the world. You can sleep in a room where a giraffe can

poke its head through your window (Giraffe Manor in Nairobi); or sleep in a Conestoga Wagon in Conestoga Ranch in Utah; or at Jumbo Stay in Stockholm, where you camp out in the cockpit of a jumbo Boeing 747; or in what looks like a small striped awning circus tent where you can pretend to be a knight during the middle ages at a place called Knight's Glamping in Kent, England; or in an ice hotel in Quebec called Hotel de Glace; or in an igloo at Lapland's Hotel Kakslauttanen; or in a toadstool or tree stump at Norrqvärn Hotell & Konferens in Sweden; or in a crane (not bird, but one of those tall mechanical things) called Faralda, where the rooms are located 50 metres above an industrial wharf in Amsterdam; or a two story Trojan horse (among other concept suites) in Durbuy Belgium; or in a silver mine, or an oil derrick/rig, or a treehouse, or a fortress out at sea; or .....

"In a Becca motel," Becca said trotting back inside. "You could build a model of me out by the road, and run a B&B for tourists," she said. "I'll even wash the towels."

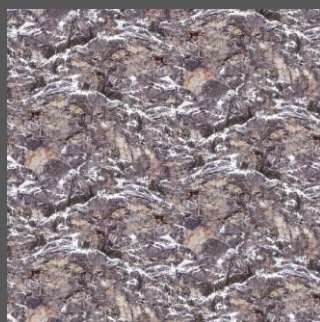
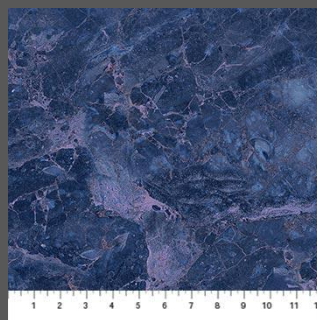
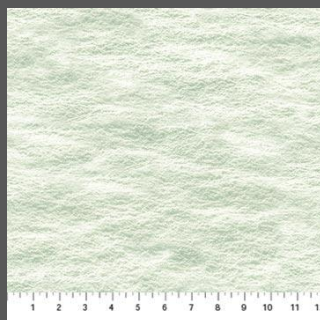
"Becca, you're not even tall enough to reach to controls."

"I'll fold then. You can ask Richard to build it. I'll give him beer from my fridge." With that she trotted back out outside, probably planning on where she'll erect her Queen flagpole.

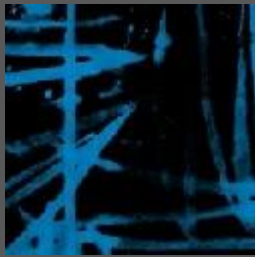
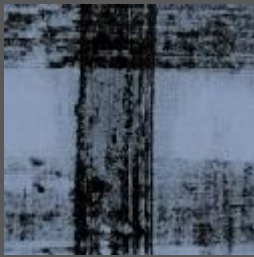
So, where will your dreams take you? While Becca will never get farther than the front yard, where will you go, what will you do?

## WHAT'S NEW!!

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From Windham:



From Henry Glass:

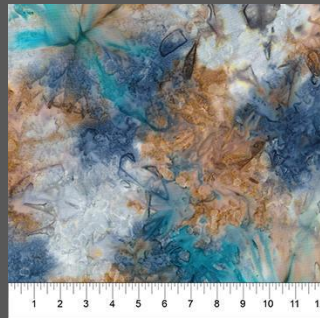
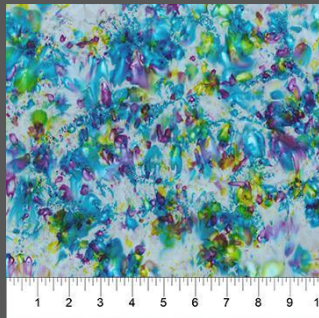
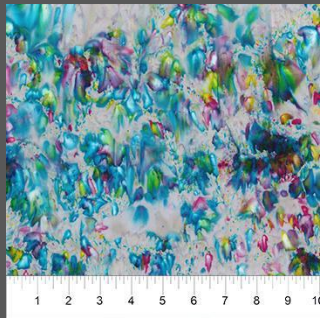


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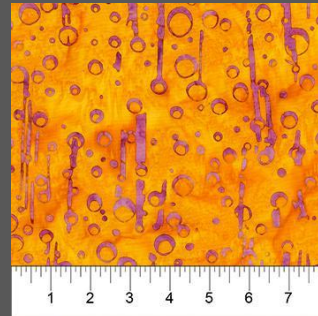
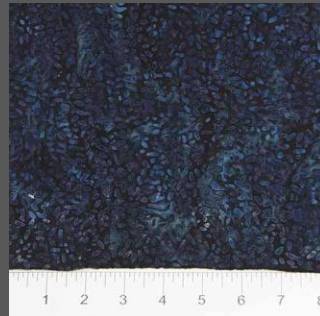
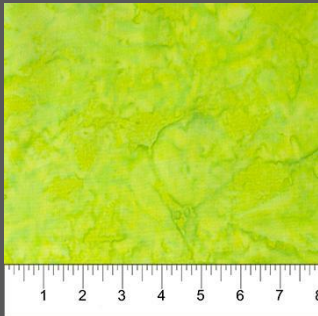
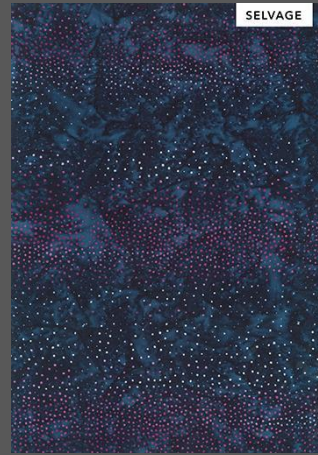
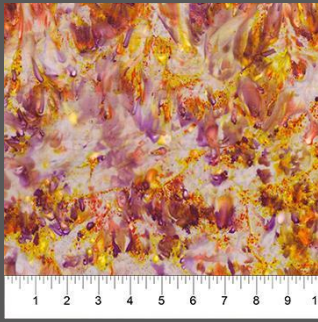
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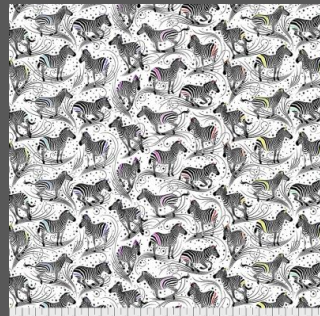
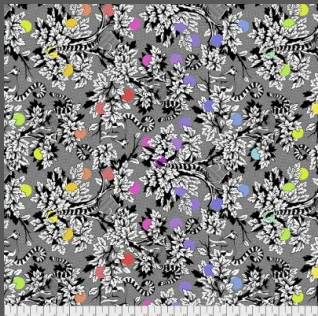
From Northcott:







From Tula Pink:





wideback



One Daybreak kit

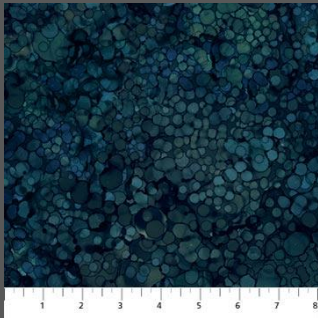


10" squares & fat  
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limited supplies

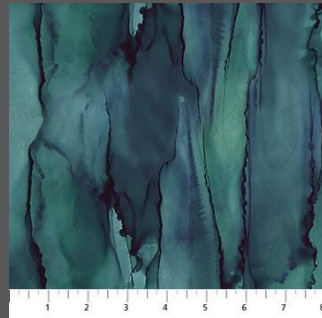
From Northcott (really cool):



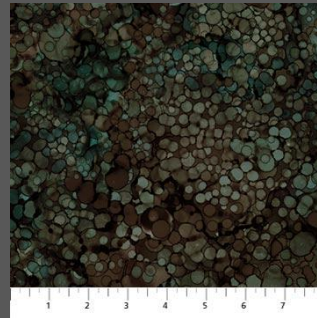
The wide back is back  
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We've ordered more.  
But it won't be here  
until April.

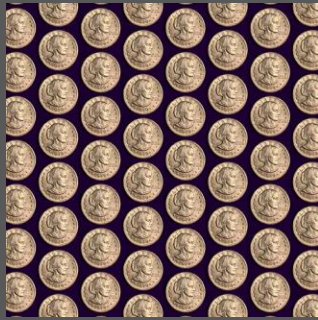


I will be able to make a  
few more kits from the  
fabrics that arrived  
today. Then we have  
to wait until April.



From Benartex (and more from this line should be coming)





From Studio E:

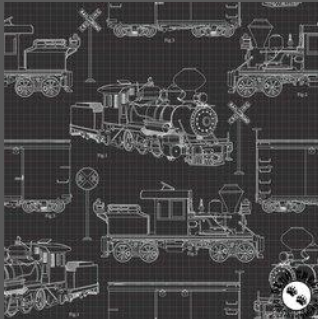
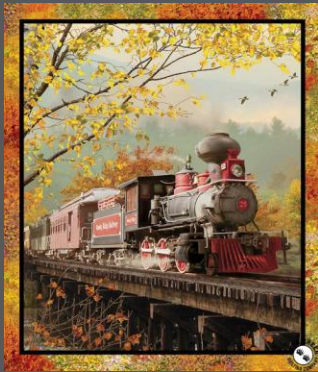


From Quilting Treasures:



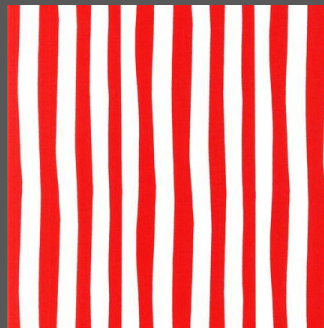
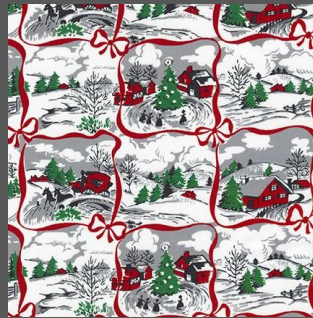
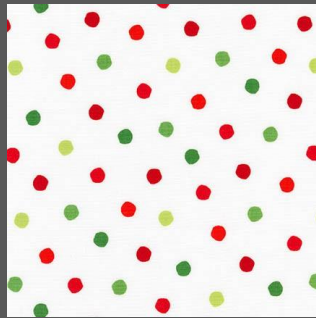
From 3 Wishes:





We're working up a quilt for this one, off a free pattern using this fabric.

From Robert Kaufman:



# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	Color of the month: red	Hand work Club 2-4		Long Arm Rental Day		BOM 10:30 Pillow Case Party! 1-4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Long Arm Rental Day		Pillow Case Party 1-4
Closed		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7			Embroidery Club 10-noon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Hand work Club 2-4		Long Arm Rental Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Toad Toter sale	Toad Toter sale	Toad Toter sale	Toad Toter sale	Closed		Customer Appreciation Sale
		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7		Christmas Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
Customer Appreciation Sale	Customer Appreciation Sale	Customer Appreciation Sale	Customer Appreciation Sale	Customer Appreciation Sale		
			Full Moon			

**Please look on the calendars above for times and dates.**

### **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 the challenge is to use polka dot fabric in each block. The quilt will be whimsical, and will lend itself to bright colors, stripes, stars, and dots. To start you off we will give you a fat quarter that you must use in your blocks use (at least in some of them). But...if you don't like the fat quarter or dots, you can choose any color scheme you like.

**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. We are still doing the 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. We are also looking at new patterns, for those you do not want to do the Alphabet quilt or who have finished those blocks.

**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.

### **Other Classes**

TBA Our schedule is limited this fall because of the pandemic. Face masks will be required in class and space will be limited. Classes will not run through lunch, so no eating (snacking & water okay, but no lunching). Bathrooms may or may not be available, but there are facilities within walking distance.

Other classes that I hope to schedule include Hand Quilting, Hand Applique, teaching long arm quilting, pillow case class, a quilt using our new ombres, machine quilting, machine applique, and machine applied binding. So stay tuned as we continue to tweak the schedule.

### **December Classes**

**Pillow Case Party -- FREE Sats Dec 5 & 12, 1-4 Barb Boyer**



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## CLUBS

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### 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 a while. You can get advice & suggestions from your fellow quilters and share your experiences about your projects.

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### Knit Pickers' Club FREE!

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). We are discussing trying to do 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.

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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: September 1, October 2 & 31 (we'll do something special for this Blue Moon), November 30, December 30

#### 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

September orange; October green, November flannels, December red.

# 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 10-5  
Sunday 1-5  
Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)**

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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