



July 31, 2020

"Even if I make you a mask, you won't wear it," I told Becca. Becca, for those of you who don't know her, is my opinionated, very opinionated very stubborn mini Australian Shepherd. She's been bugging me to make her a mask for a couple of weeks.

"Yes I will." "No you won't." "Yes I will." "No you won't." "Yes I will." "No you won't." See what I mean. But she always get the last word. "Yes I will."

"Okay, but why do you want to wear a mask?"

"To keep you safe, so when I give you kisses, you won't get the pandemic." Okay, she doesn't always think straight.

"That's very thoughtful, Becca. But you don't have to worry. You don't have covid-19. You only spend time with Cassidy, the birds and rabbits. They don't have covid, either. And if you wore a mask, you wouldn't be able to give me kisses, anyway."

That stumped her for a minute.

"Don't worry. You're not going to make me sick. You can give me kisses whenever you want and I'll scratch your eyes in return."

Becca grinned and changed subjects. She has a short attention span, but don't tell her that.

"So when are you going to adopt another pet?" Becca asked.

That was from out of left field, not that we're really playing baseball at full steam yet. I gotta admit, watching one of the games with the crowd noise piped in and cardboard cutouts of people behind home plate -- that was kinda weird. But I digress.

"Do you want another creature living with you and Cassidy, in the

front yard, with all the birds?" I asked her.

"What we need is something to chase away all the birds. They make too much racket and they're always picking at stuff on the ground."

"What do you have in mind?" I should know better than to ask.

"Kevin and Carol, the emu brother and sister," said Becca. "You know, they live somewhere called Queensland, in a hotel and pub. They can even walk up stairs, just like me. They're taller than I am, so they could just reach up and eat those nasty birds right out of the trees." Becca grinned.

"Ahh...." I had to regroup before I could answer her.

So while I'm pausing, let me explain a bit about Carol & Kevin. The town of Yaraka is in the Australian Outback. Carol and Kevin have been greeting guests at the Yaraka hotel and pub by ambling up to the front porch to say hi.

About a year ago, they figured out how to get into the bar. Last week they learned to climb the stairs. So the owners of the hotel posted a sign at the top of the stairs: "Emus have been banned from this establishment for bad behavior."

Unfortunately, emus don't read, apparently, so the owners also installed a barrier: "We put the sign up, but we're not quite sure whether they're able to read or not. So, we've had to put a bar across there, as well," one of the owners told 10 News First Queensland. She also said, "You don't want to get between an emu and food," she told CNN Travel. "They've got very sharp beaks and they're a bit like a vacuum cleaner where food is concerned."

Back to Becca: "Where did you hear about Carol & Kevin?" I asked Becca. "Wait a minute. I don't want to know. I just don't want to know." Becca grinned and ran outside to sit beside the elevated cot that I got for her.



Free Block of the Month
Tomorrow we will be outside
again.
I can't wait for winter, 2 feet of
snow, hats, gloves, galoshes.....
Just kidding. We'll figure it out.

Toy Boat BOM August 2020



**The t-shirts
are here! All
sizes!**

The art work is by
Adam Orla-
Bukowski, a local
Cheyenne artist.

For those of you
who have
contributed 100+
you will get a free t-
shirt.

I'm also selling them
for \$20, with the
proceeds being split
among the store,
the artist and the
Hospital Foundation.

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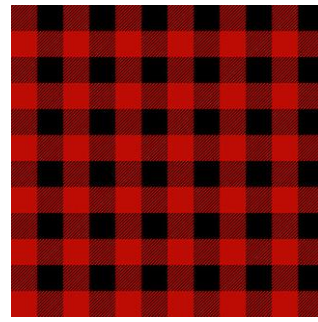
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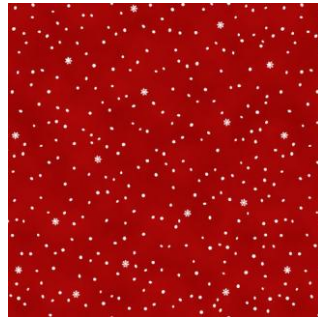
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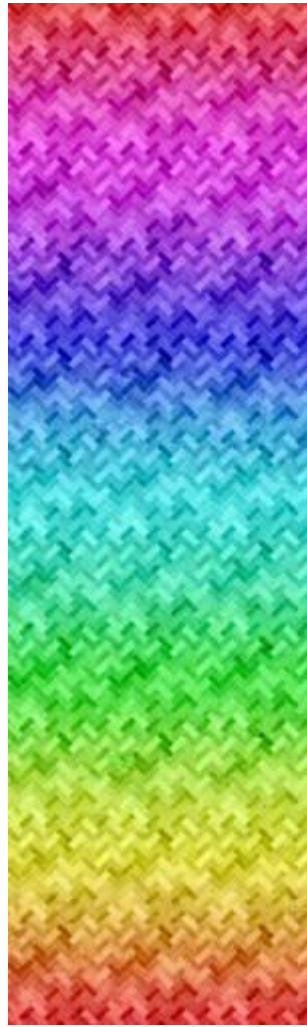
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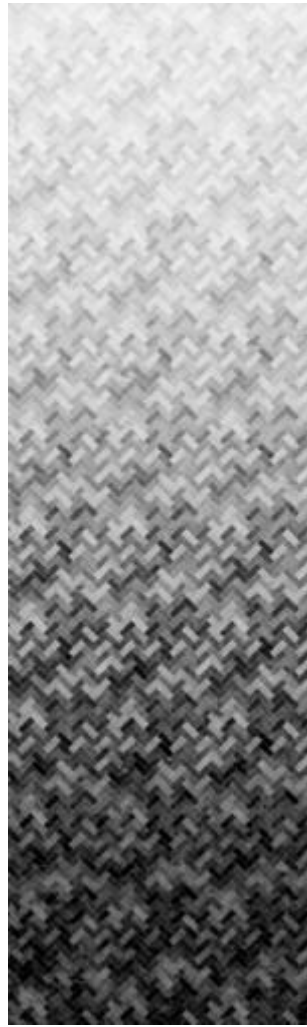


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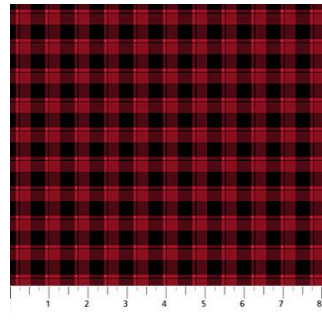
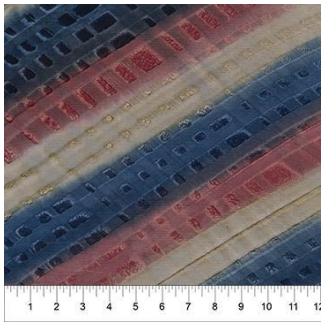
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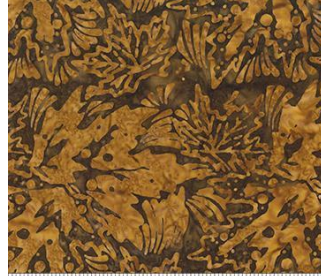




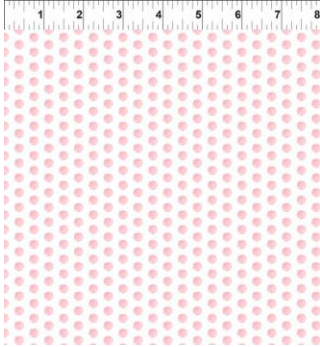
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From In the Beginning:



From Moda:



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Also have layer cakes
and jelly rolls.



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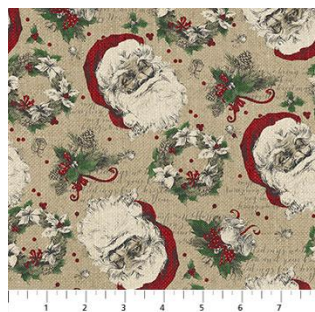


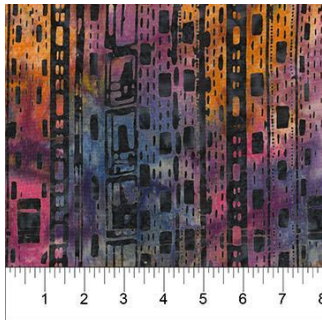
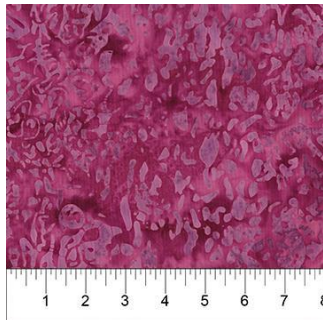
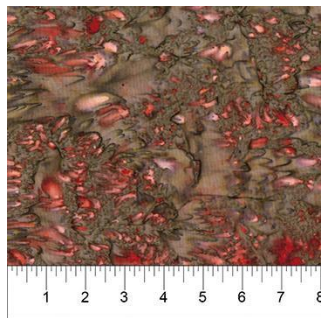
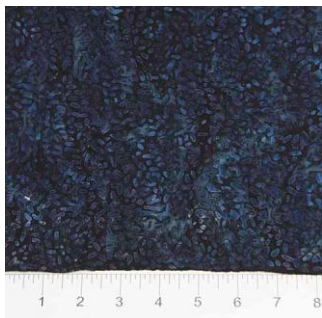
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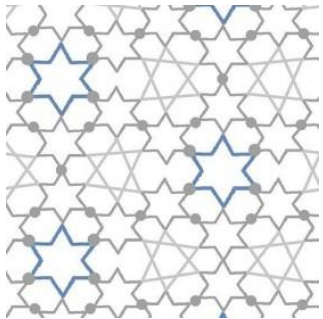
54" x 65"

Northcott:





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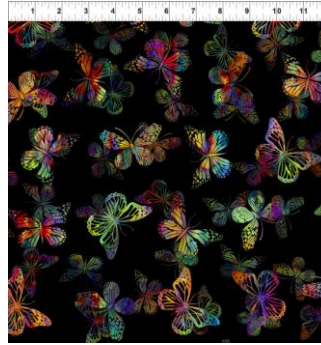


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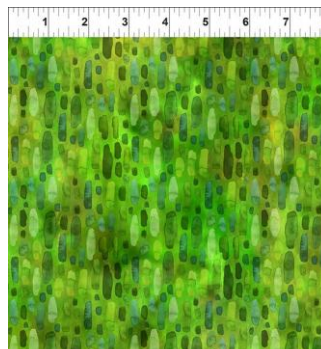
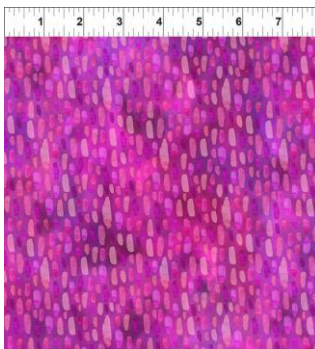
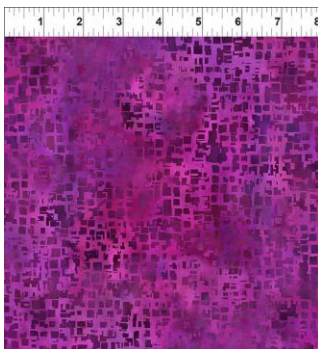
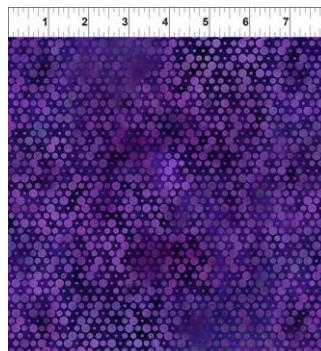
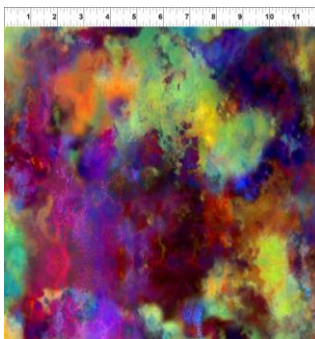
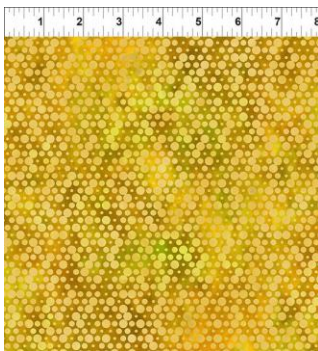
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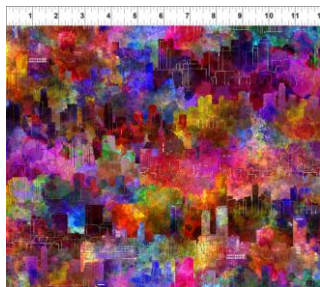
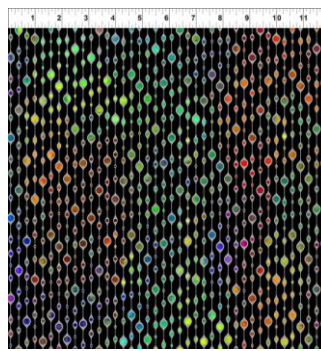
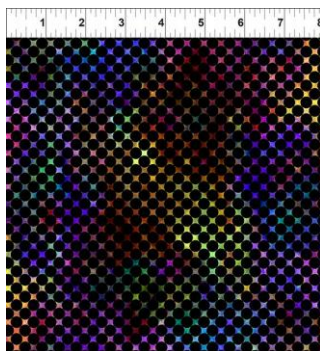
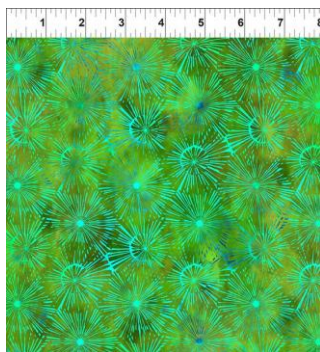
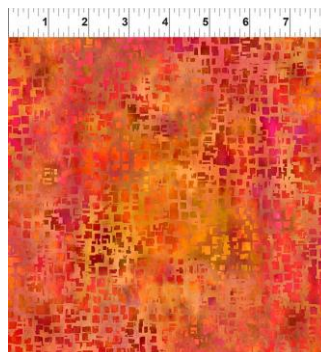
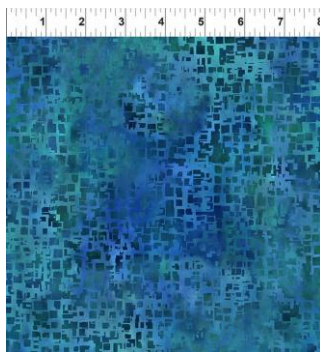


We will have limited kits: 2 maybe 3.



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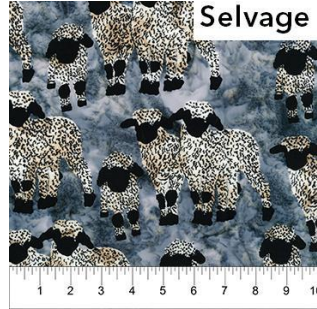
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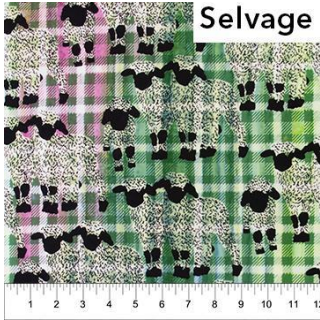
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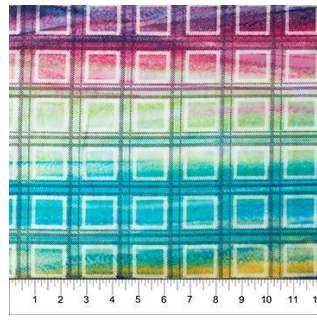
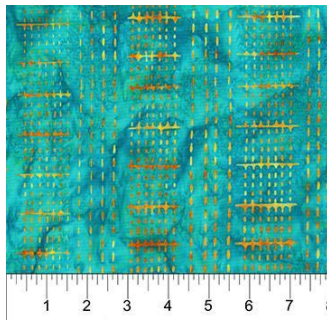
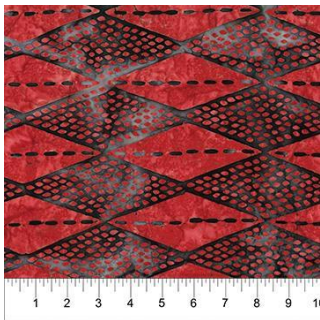
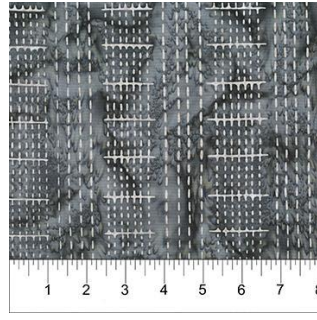
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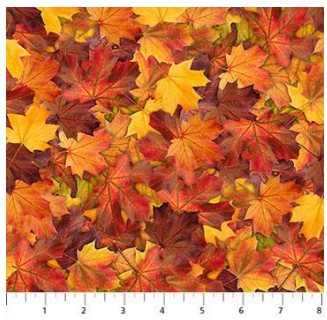
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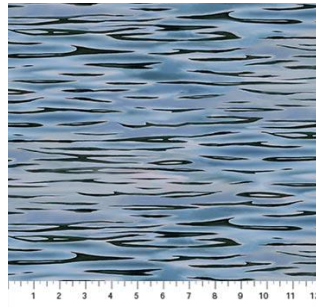


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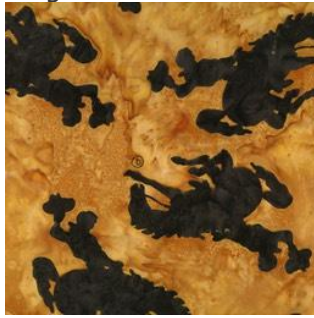
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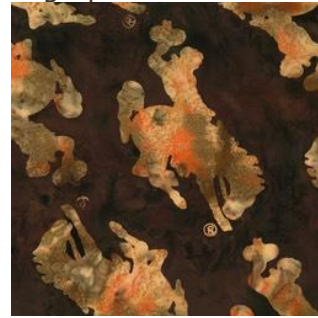
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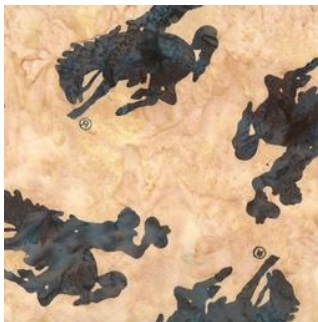


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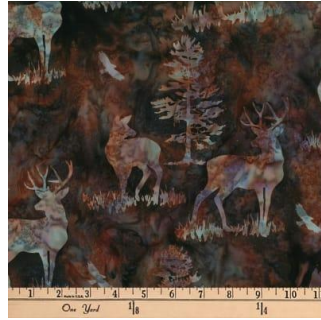
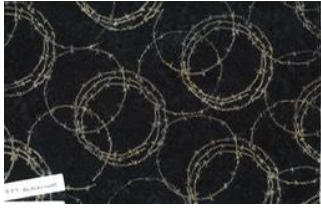
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AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Saturday
						1 BOM 10:30 There Be Dragons 1-5
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
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 1 1-5 \$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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