



## **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.



June 12, 2020

Our mask project will continue, but at a less aggressive pace for now. With more areas of the hospital and other medical areas opening up, everyone will be required to wear a mask. Which means, more masks will be needed, but right now there is an adequate supply. We are still delivering a couple of times each week, depending on how many masks have been returned to the shop.

If Cheyenne's case numbers start to rise, I will let you know if the community needs more masks. I will continue to cut kits and provide them to you. You have also been very generous with your own fabrics, and that is greatly appreciated.

## **Block of the Month and Other Classes**



wild flowers June 2020

#### EMBROIDERY CLUB TOMORROW

We will have the embroidery class/club tomorrow. Everyone must wear a mask and will sit apart from each other. I have lots of tables, so we shouldn't have any trouble staying 6 feet apart.

As for other classes: Sue says she's ready to start teaching. I will have what classes she wants to do in next week's newsletter.

I will decide what classes I will teach. Requirements for class will be: wearing a mask.

Everybody raise your hand.

"Who is tired of their own cooking?" Raise your hand.

"Who has binge watched everything they can think of on every possible movie/tv service?" Raise your hand.

"Who has read every fiction series ever created and doesn't know what to read next?" Raise your hand.

Well, have I got a solution for you.

Drinking. Yup. It's time to embark on the plan to taste all the various cocktails that can be made with frozen limeade and vodka. The word cocktail, by the way...

"Wait a minute," Becca interrupted. "You're telling people that what they should be doing now is getting drunk? I thought this was a family friendly, responsible kind of newsletter." Becca, if you don't know, is my mini Australian Shepherd. She worries about a lot of things and she's very opinionated. I don't think she drinks alcohol, but I haven't looked inside her dog house recently, not that she actually uses it. But I think she's built shelves inside and she collects all sorts of things. Things I probably don't want to know about. I mean, I know she has one set of snowshoes (because she didn't realize she needed 4), a flat screen television, a flag with a crown on it and a flag pole to raise it on, and I think she bought mini fridge and freezer, but I'm not sure. But I don't think she has any alcohol, unless Richard has been sneaking beer to her behind my back. But I'm getting off track.

"It's summer, Becca. Sitting on the deck with you and Cassidy, watching the sunset, reading a book, sipping a cocktail, what better way to relax and end the day. And besides, these are old fashioned recipes, gleaned from our forefathers, passed down through the generations by oral tradition..."

"Wait a minute," Becca interrupted. "What's a forefather and by oral tradition, do you mean drinking? What the h..." "Becca....., family friendly, remember" "are you talking about?"

"Well, my dad, a one generation back forefather, used to make cocktails in the evening. When I was old enough, I got to partake. He'd take a can of limeade, put it in the blender, add a can of vodka, and sometimes a can of seven-up. Then he'd blend it together with ice and voila, instant cocktail. Tasty and quick, and did you know there are 74,290 suggested recipes on line for cocktails using canned limeade?"

"How can you have 74,000 different recipes that only have 3 ingredients?" Becca asked. "The math doesn't add up." She's not dumb, I'll give you that.

"Oh, different people add different stuff, like rose hips, basil, mint, hibiscus flowers, tequila, beer, pineapple, cherry, watermelon, orange juice, blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, salt...."

"Water?" asked Becca. "To cut the lime and the alcohol?"

"Nah, the limeade is enough. You need one of those really big cans, though, and a blender. Ice is good, that's water I guess. And a big glass and some chips to go with and..."

"Wait a minute. have you been drinking?" Becca asked specifically. "I know you sometimes head down the sidewalk for one of those blended drinks at Vinos."

'Of course not. I wouhnd't be albe to type it I wer." Becca just snorted.

So the first cocktail is Skip and Go Naked. A 12oz can of lime-aid & pour into blender, use the lime-aid can and top it off with beer and pour into blender, pour vodka to the top of the lime-aid can, pour into blender. Mix well. BTW, these come courtesy of Jean and hubby.

The next is a Margarita: 9 big jiggers of mix; 1 big jigger lime juice; 1 small jigger triple sec; 4 big jiggers tequila. Mix well.

"Wait a minute, what's a jigger?" Becca asked. "I get those when I've been out in the grass. They burrow under the skin and itch and..."

"Becca, a jigger is a big shot glass that you use to measure alcohol," I told her. "It's kind of a navy measurement slang term."

And the word cocktail, by the way, has many stories about its origin. One story comes from New Orleans, where an apothecary by the name of Peychaud served a mixed brandy drink in a coquetier, essentially a French eggcup. The shortened version/pronunciation: "cocktay."

Or this story from the Oxford English Dictionary: The earliest use found was on May 13, 1806, when a federalist newspaper in New York answered the question, "What is a cocktail?" The reply: any liquor comprised of sugar, water and bitters, often called a bittered sling. The editor of the paper said it was supposed to be a good electioneering drink because it made one bold but it befuddled the head.

So, this weekend, let your head get a little befuddled. Have a lime-aid blended drink, watch the sunset and read a good book.

Next week: Good books to read.

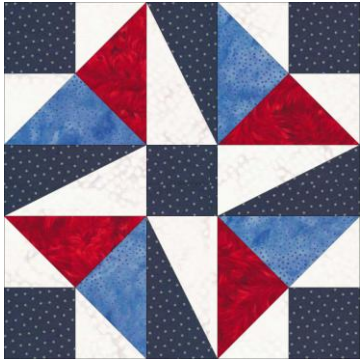
## Row By Row

Row By Row will start June 21. I have designed a star block, but I have also designed a 9" X 36" row of stars. These stars interlock. The pattern given will be for one block, but I will include cutting directions and the layout for the full 9" X 36" row. This row will be the first row for my Wyoming Row by Row quilt, designed since we were first allowed to participate. If you've been collecting since the first year, the top row will be these stars, then the mountain row, then (in any order) the horses, the camping, the log cabin and square dance (bow ties).



## State Shop Hop

The State Shop Hop has started. We have fewer shops participating this year because of the pandemic. The theme for this year's Shop Hop is Stars. And no, I'm not using the same star for the Shop Hop and the Row by Row. Please call ahead to the participating shops to find out if they have any special requirements for visiting.



## WHAT'S NEW!!

From In The Beginning:



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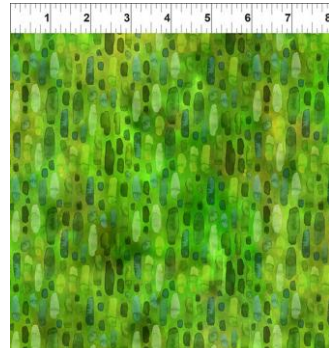
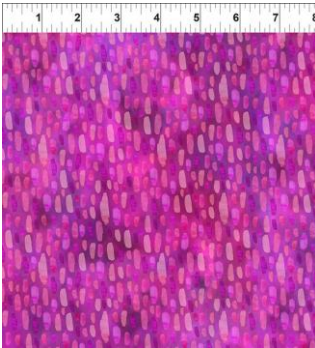
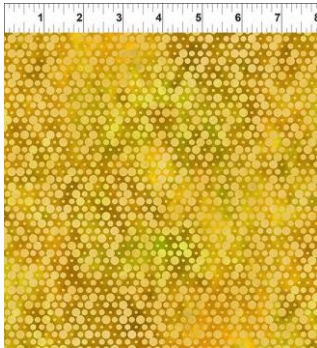
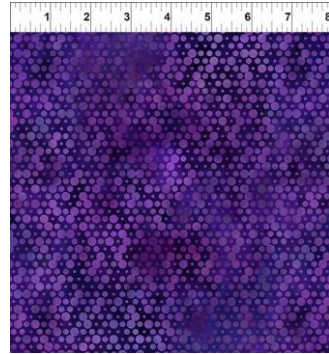
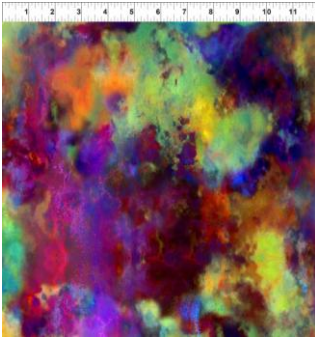


We will have limited kits: 2, maybe 3. Number of kits of dependent on how much border stripe fabric is required.

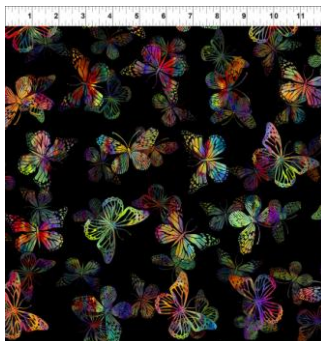
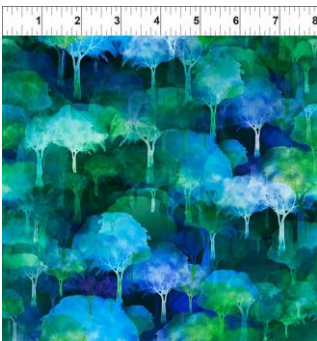
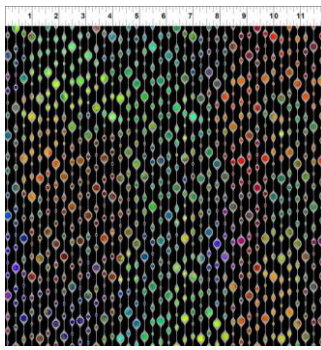
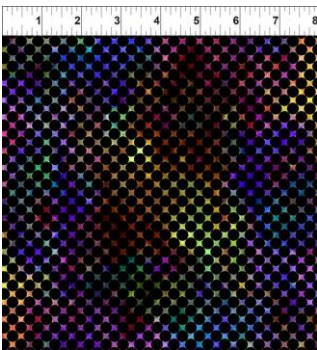
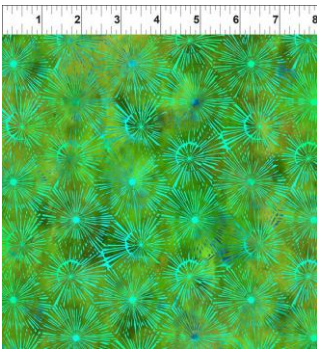
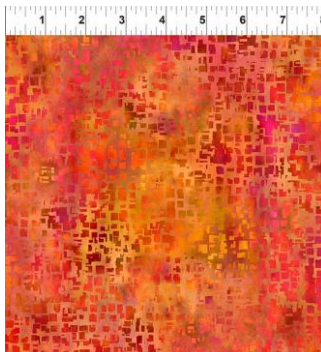
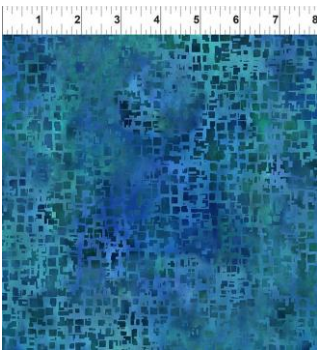
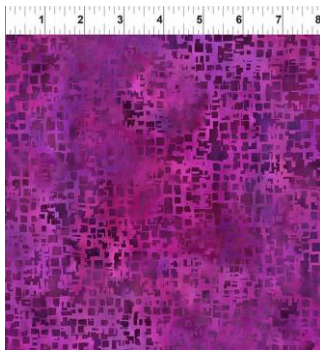
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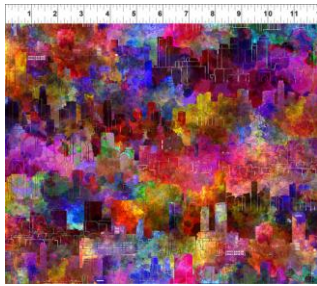








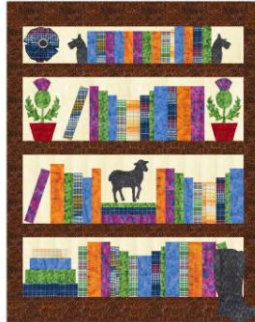




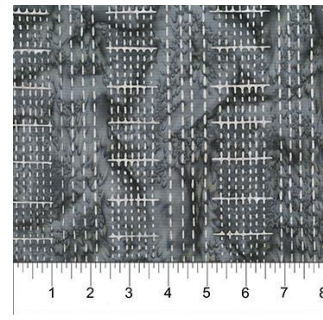
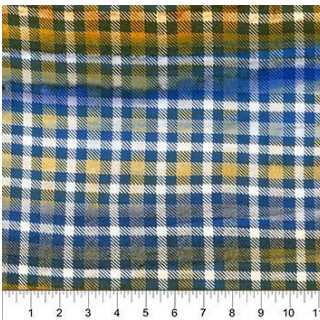
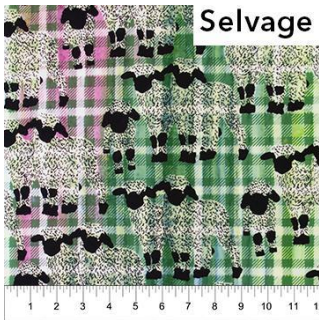
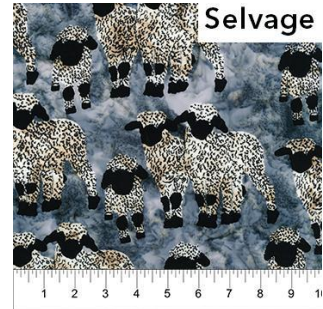
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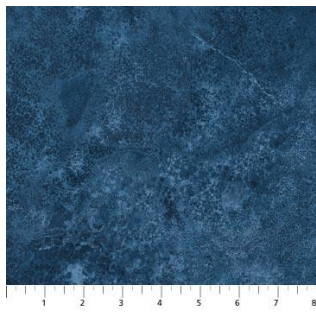
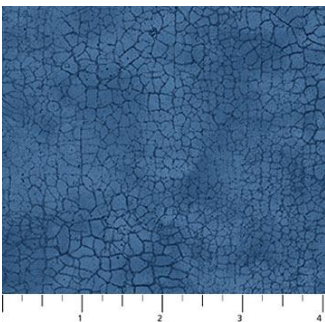
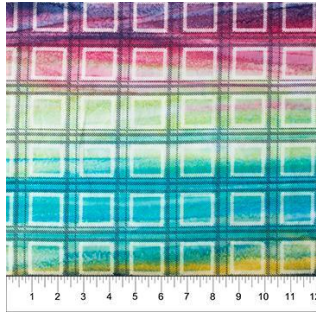
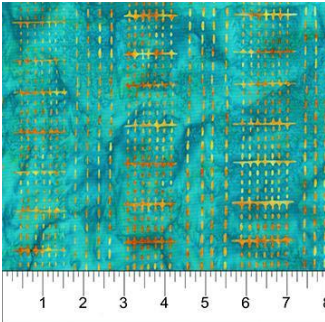
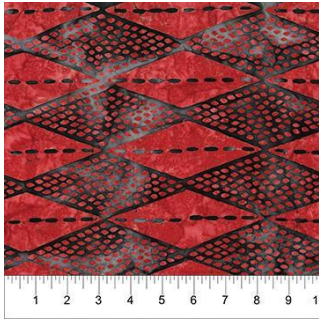
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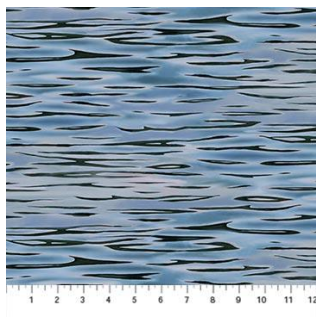
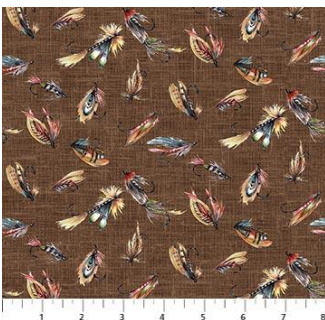
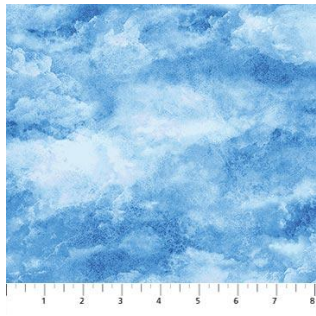
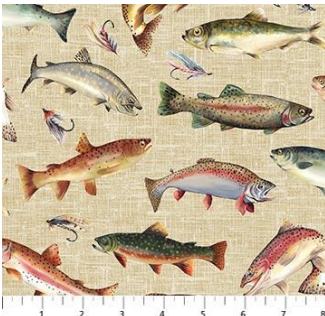
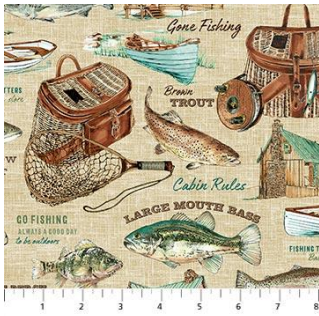


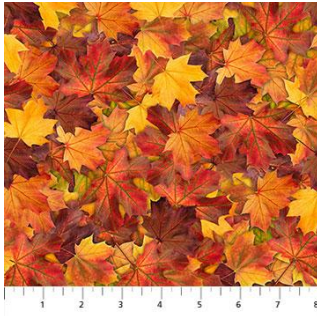




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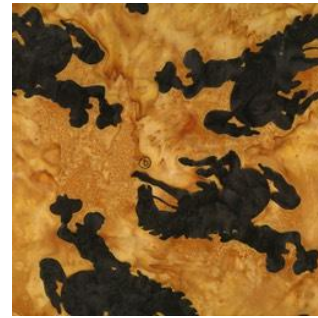
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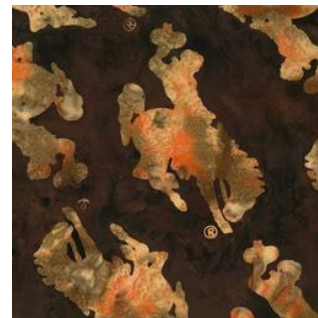
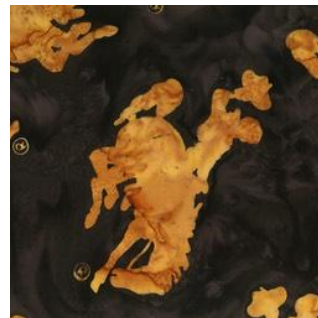
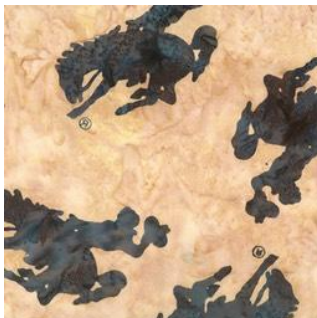
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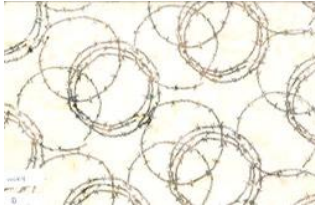




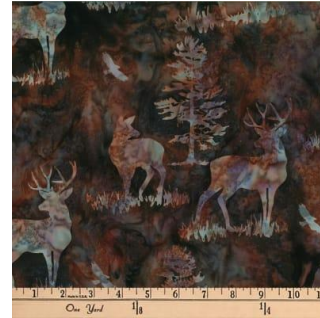
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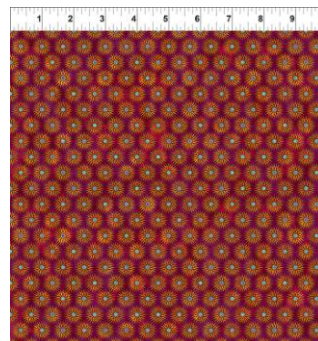
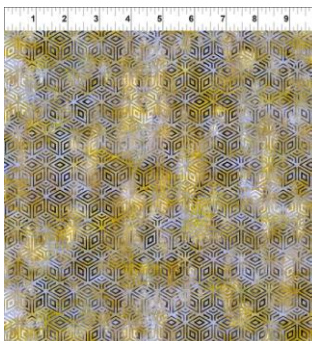
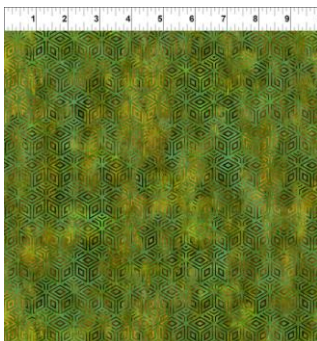
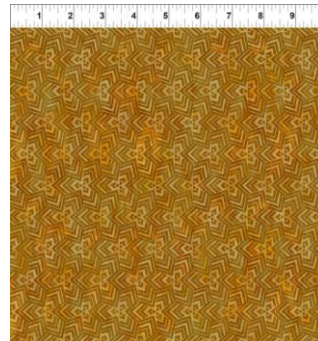
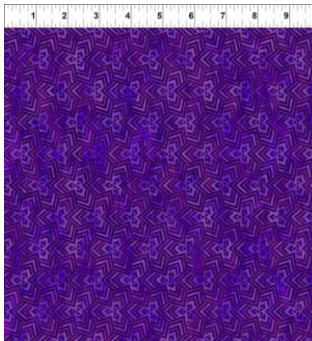
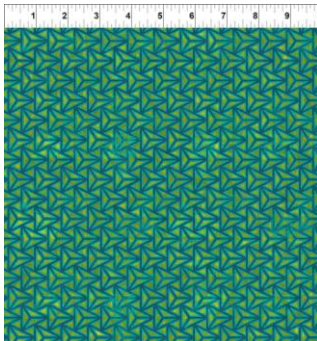
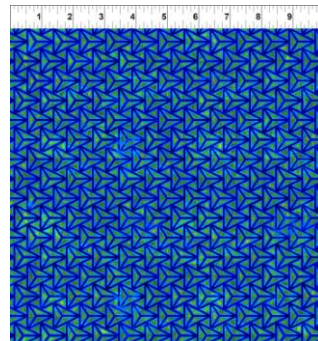
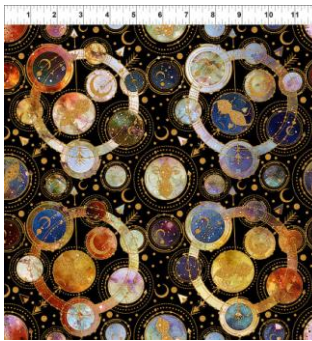


From In the Beginning -- we also have 4 kits of the quilt:

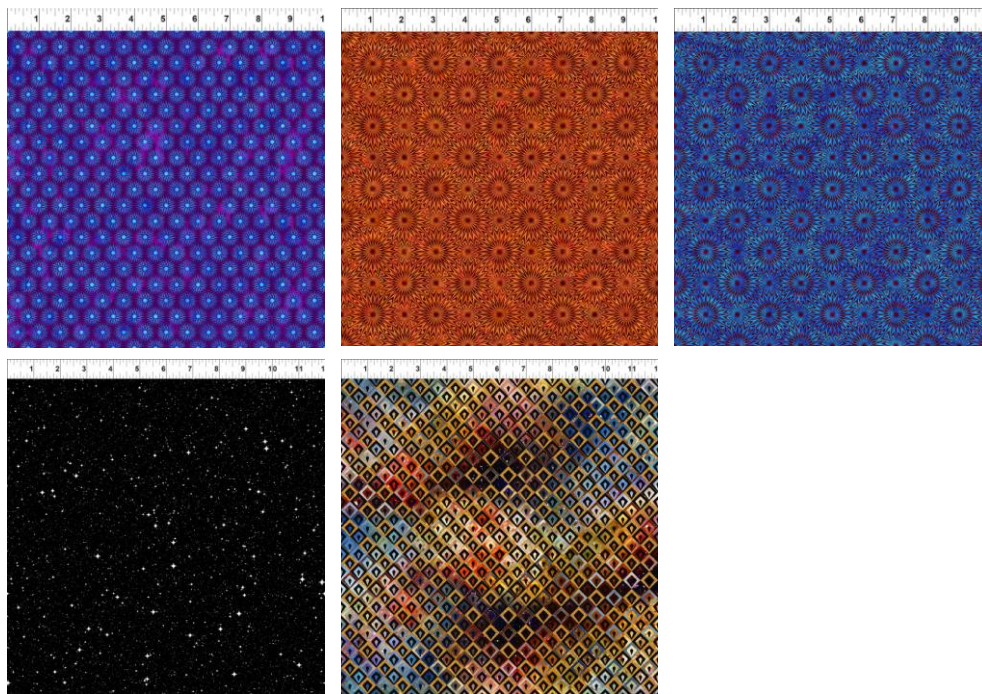




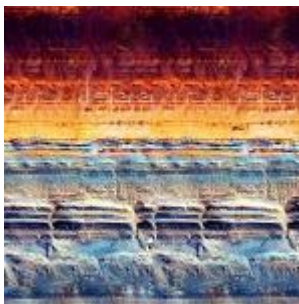
Quilt: 4 kits available







From Hoffman:





**All Classes are on hold for right now. I will come out with a new calendar as soon as things calm down.**

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## 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!

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