



Here is our t-shirt!
The art work is by
Adam Orla-Bukowski,
a local Cheyenne
artist.

The t-shirts will be
available on May 22--
post office willing.

For those of you who
have contributed 100+
masks to the store,
you need to tell me
ASAP! if you're not
there yet, you still
have time. 100+ers
and other major
donors are considered
major contributors and
you will get a free t-
shirt.

Depending on how
many I have left, I will
sell them for \$20, with
the proceeds being
split among the store,
the artist and the
Hospital Foundation.



May 8, 2020 We keep cutting kits, but it's a moving target as to how many we will have when you come through the door. We've cut more than **6062 kits** now, and that does not count the hundreds of masks that individuals have cut and donated from their own stash! We have delivered at least **4122 completed masks (not counting what will be delivered today)** to a variety of groups in the medical /first responder groups. And that does not count the masks that you have made and have given away. The hospital foundation reports that of the 5,000+ masks that have been donated, half of those came from us!

We will continue to supply the health care community and I ask that you keeping making masks. With the state reopening, there will be a greater

need. You will also be asked to make masks for your friends and family. I will sell elastic as long as I have some to sell.

I ask everyone who comes in wanting masks to sew at least 5 masks, keep a couple and bring the rest back for donation. If they can't sew, they know someone who can. Within two degrees of separation, you'll find a quilter, a mom or grandmom with a sewing machine, a neighbor, a friend, a friend of a friend. Anyone can operate a sewing needle and can stitch these by hand. It's not hard. I challenge every regular customer to make at least 5 masks and bring them back for donation.

Classes may resume in June. A lot will depend on Wyoming's numbers. We will keep the mask policy in place until at least the end of May and I'll reevaluate then.



"Guess what?" asked Becca. Becca, for those of you who don't know, is my know-it-all Mini Australian Shepherd. Just ask her. She'll tell you she knows everything.

"What?" I said, before realizing what I was getting into. In my defense, I was distracted. Covid-brain makes one always distracted.

"Someone else is getting snow this weekend! It's going to be a bomb cyclone thunder snow somewhere not here."

"Becca, that's not nice."

"I don't care. I won't have to camp out under the cot on the deck."

"You do have a very nice dog house," I reminded her.

"It's too close to Cassidy's doghouse. We're supposed to be socially distancing."

"Cassidy doesn't use hers either," I reminded her.

"Doesn't matter. Even the jackasses and donkey down the road socially distance from each other," she said.

"Who are you talking about.....Oh, how do you, never mind." She was talking about the house on Iron Mountain that has a donkey and two mules. How she knows what those three are doing, I'll never know. Of course, I'm not home during the day..... But, like always, she's right. The three of them stand about 8 feet apart, grazing or lying in the sun, never too close, never too far away from each other.

"Even Tom Cruise is socially distancing," she reported.

"What??" Sometimes I just can't keep up with her.

"He's going all the way to space to get away," she said.

"Becca, he's making a movie about space in space. He's not doing that to socially distance."

"Still, it's a pretty good idea, don't you think? I bet the virus doesn't exist in space because it can't wear a mask so it can't breathe and it dies." Becca grinned, thinking her logic impeccable. "I wonder if it screams when it dies. You know, 'In space, no one can hear you scream,'" she pointed out.

"Wait a minute. First of all Covid-19 can't talk, so it wouldn't scream and in any event, it's not in space."

"How do you know," she said. I ignored that.

"And you've got to quit watching spooky movies. It keeps you up at night." She had quoted a tag line from the movie Alien, if you missed the reference.

"I know what," Becca said, switching topics as only a mini Australian Shepherd can, "I can go with you when you make deliveries, you know masks, fabric, thread, beer. You can put the bags around my neck and I'll take them to the door."

"Beer?" That was my take away from her list.

"Well those two golden retriever puppies are doing it. They carry the beer cans around their necks and then they go knock on the door to deliver. Why can't I do that?"

She's referring to Barley and Buddy, a couple of golden retriever pups who have been going on deliveries for Six Harbors Brewing Company in New York, to the delight of customers.

"Becca, they don't actually carry real beer cans. It's too heavy. Besides I don't sell beer."

"You should. It's more essential than thread. But thread is lighter weight. I can carry that."

"Becca, you don't like to go ..." She was staring at me. "You'd get lo...." She sat and grinned at me. "You'd worry...." She cocked her head.

"Guess what? The moon is going to participate in a smiling emoji event on May 16th. It will be really cool."

"Can we watch?" she asked, standing up and turning circles. It's easy to distract a mini-Australian Shepherd.

"Yup. A crescent moon will sit underneath Jupiter and Venus, early in the evening after the sun sets. It will look like a smiley face."

"Cool," Becca said. "Just keep smiling." She grinned and ran outside.

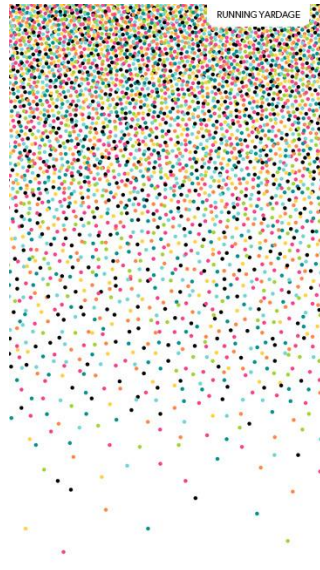
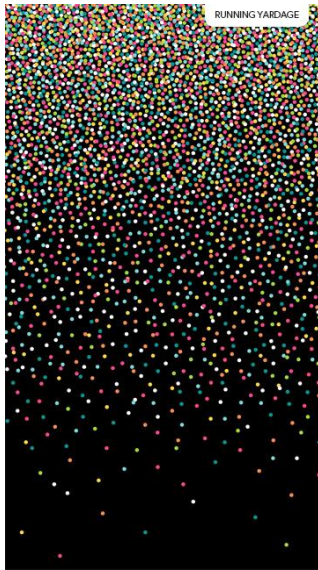
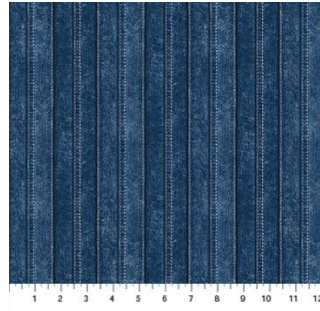
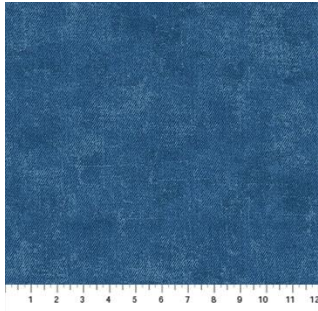
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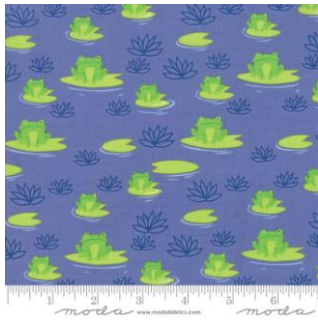
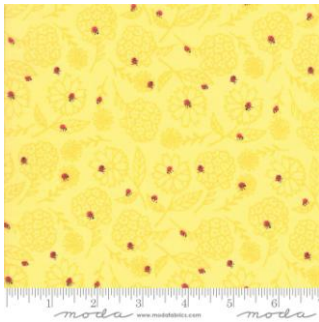
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in.

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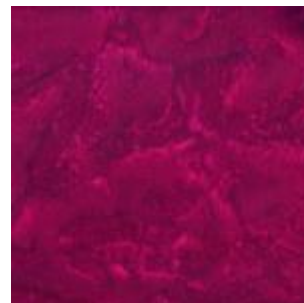
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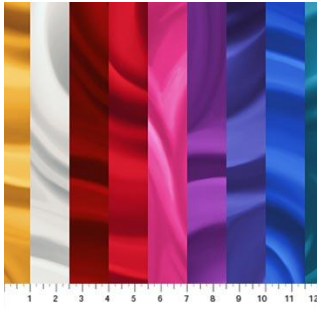
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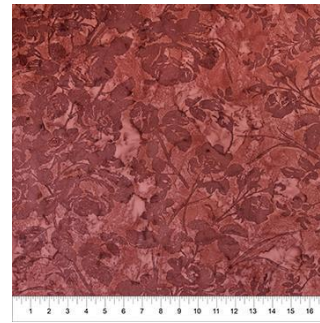
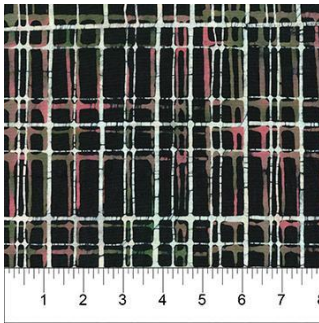
From Hoffman:



From Northcott:



What you can do with the stripe. It's a pattern that I don't have in right now.



From AH:



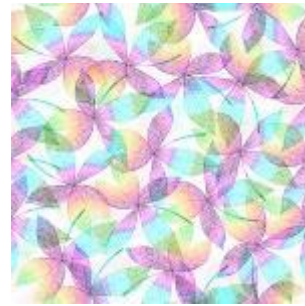
From Hoffman:



This is



Peter Pan



From 3 Wishes:



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 progra

mmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needleup/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**

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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