

Black Friday Sale & Support Small Business Saturday



Black Friday sale

All books = 20% off
All black (not gray), all white (not cream),
and all black & white fabrics (no extra
colors)=20% off

Saturday Support Small Business Day Sale

Finish your quilt sale: Backing, Binding, Batting are 20% off -- BUT you
MUST to bring in your finished quilt top for show & tell!

Masks required, of course. And we'll be careful.



November 20, 2020

Tid bits in the news.

My favorite, well maybe my second favorite, short story in the news this week is about NASA and the Space X lunch. That's right. The Dish guide proudly stated that it was covering the space lunch from 1:30 1a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Unfortunately, the lunch got cancelled because of rain. They must not have had enough umbrellas to cover the picnic baskets.....

The "launch" actually got off on Sunday without a hitch. But it makes me wonder: Did DISH satellite provide the description of the event or NASA? That almost falls into the Shakespeare adage, for want of a nail the kingdom was lost. In this case, for want of an "a," the shuttle was lost. Now, don't send letters. I know, I make some of the most marvelous typos. But I have an excuse.

In other tid bit news, did you hear about the tiny owl that came to New York with the Rockefeller Christmas tree? The owl didn't actually ride inside the trussed up tree as it made its way from upstate New York. One of the workers helping move the tree spotted the owl, put him in a cozy little box, and carted him to New York. Never worry, the man's wife called the Ravensbeard Wildlife Center about the owl and they later transported it to the Center. It turned out to be an adult Saw-whet owl, the smallest variety that lives in the Northwest. He got fed and watered and released in a safe area-it was too far to ship him to his old home, so the Center released it on its own grounds. The owl's name, you ask? Rockefeller, of course.

In news we don't care about, the tv "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" will be cancelled after this year. Everyone says, "Who?" You know the famous celeb that's not really famous for anything in particular, but who everyone seems to know about and who throws elaborate private birthday parties for herself, including her 40th on a private island where she flew dozens of her closest friends. She said, "I surprised my closest inner circle with a trip to a private island where we could pretend things were normal just for a brief moment in time. I realize that for most people, this is something that is so far out of reach right now, so in moments like these, I am humbly reminded of how privileged my life is."

Yeah, that Kardashian. She was originally planning to come here, to Wyoming for the bash. Probably something themed around cowboys, chaps and whips. Never mind. I don't want to even think about it.

Her sister also hosted a Halloween birthday party this year with 100 guests, and Kendall (the sister) actually blew out the candles on her cake, which was held by a masked server trying to avoid being in the path of the blow. The backlash on these parties was tremendous (so I'm told) so maybe by this time next year, no one will remember them. One could hope.

But what we really need to talk about is turkey. And McCormick spices has all the recipes you'd ever want for what to do with a turkey. I'm not kidding. The initial list has 100 recipes, unless I lost track in my counting. For example (don't worry I won't list them all), you've got your basic baked, roasted, brined, gluten free options, apple/sage, sage rubbed roasted, bay leaf and honey glazed with pear chutney, thyme roasted, slow cooker, roasted brined with cider gravy, roasted with smoked paprika, black pepper and beer brined, Instant Pot®, and classic whole and breast only recipes.

Did I mention that McCormick makes spices? One for every occasion and then some.

Then there are all the gravy recipes with various spices from sage + citrus, mushroom/onion, "herbed" (apparently any herb), garlic + white wine, cinnamon and bacon, cinnamon chipotle, and the classic "perfect" gravy" with at least salt & pepper, I bet.

And all the chilies: Slow cooker chili beef & pasta (no, that's not a typo, I'm guessing turkey is switched for the beef, and no, I didn't read all the recipes, that's your job to look them up, I can only do so much here), organic, weekend (as opposed to weekday, I guess), slow cooker with kidney beans, slow cooker (without beans, I guess), and, of course, Instant Pot®.

And all the burgers: Caribbean jerk, pizza turkey, Gluten-Free turkey burger lettuce wraps (which shouldn't be called a turkey burger), sloppy joes (sloppy turkey probably isn't a good recipe name), juicy (I can't imagine turkey being juicy-reminds me of the line out of The Mummy when they find Imhotep in his sarcophagus still "juicy"), Greek turkey burgers with spiced yogurt sauce and all American turkey burgers. No Instant Pot® in this group.

And all the soups: Slow cooker turkey noodle, southwest turkey, turkey + veggies + noodles, leftover (seriously? all turkey soups are made from leftovers), Gluten-Free chowder, savory turkey sausage and lentil (not made from leftover turkey), creamy turkey vegetable, and sage + turkey pot pie (no clue here).

And all the weird stuff: 5-Alarm Bacon-Wrapped Turkey (I have no idea if it's whole, breast, sandwich or just bits), leftover turkey taco crescent ring (not a clue here and I really don't want to think about it), baked cheesy taco dip (shudder), southwestern turkey noodle bake, skillet burritos, BBQ meat loaf (it was on the list), Quinoa Taco Skillet, turnaround (meaning leftover) turkey and rice, orange sage corn bread crusted turkey (gotta use those spices), southwestern turkey cutlets (I have no idea how you turn turkey into a cutlet), taco spuds (now this one intrigues me), "Ultimate Leftover Turkey Panini" (this one's in quotes because it's an ultimate, whatever that is), and, of course, Instant Pot® Turkey Breast and Potatoes.

So are you ready? These are a lot of turkey recipes for just one or two people. And that's because we are all going to be very careful this Thanksgiving. You don't want to get sick, have to quarantine, and then miss Christmas. And that's just the positive spin on the upcoming holidays. I decided to cancel my plans, which involved a friend coming in from Nebraska. And while I think it was the right thing to do, it was very hard to do.

So cook all your food anyway and set up a zoom dinner where you can watch all your family members eat. Thumbs up exciting!

Please eat responsibly.

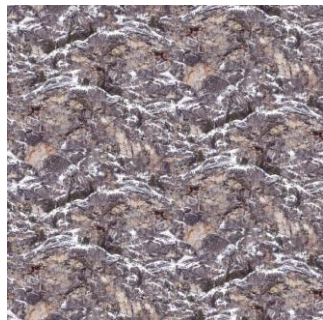
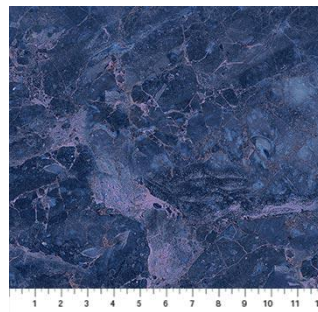
Tula Pink's Linework

Tula Pink's Linework collection is in. I only bought a few bolts, including the "sketch pad" fabric in wide back. I have 10" squares and fat quarters of the entire collection. I have one kit of Daydream left. The kit is \$210 -- call if you are interested, I wouldn't wait. I really wouldn't.



WHAT'S NEW!!

From Northcott:



From Windham:

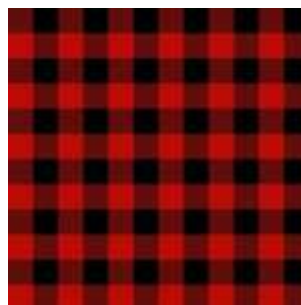


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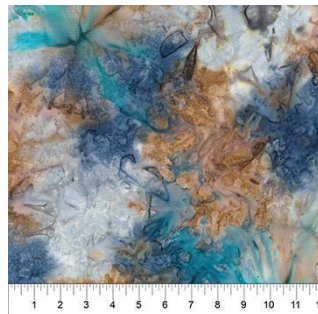
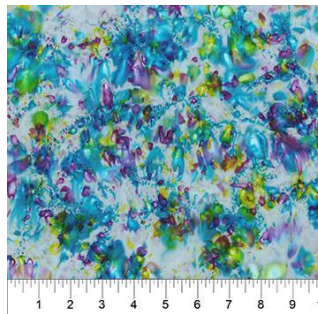
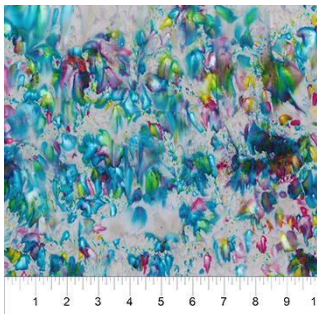


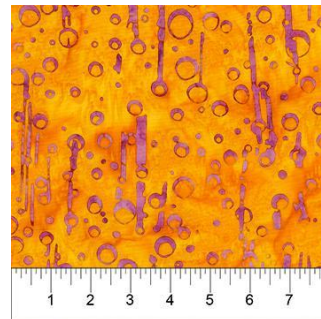
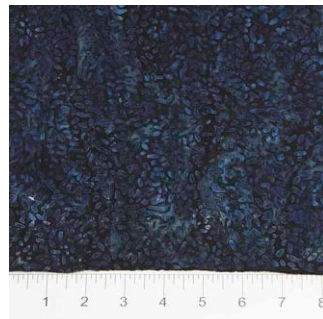
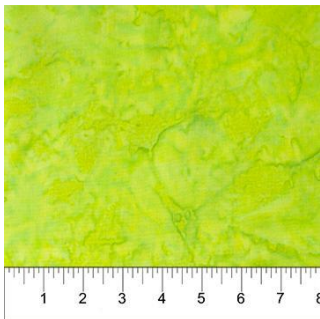
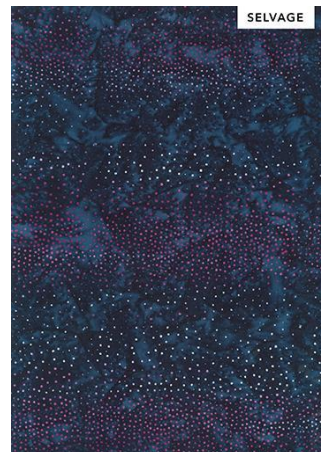
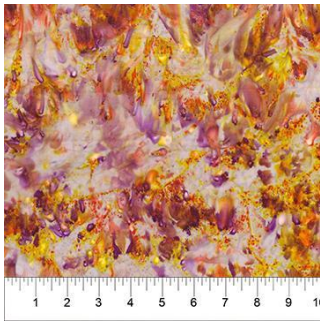
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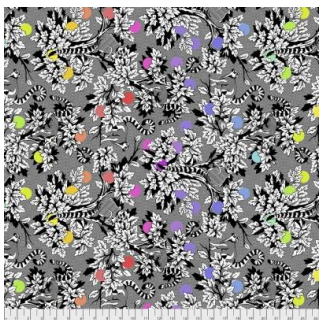


From Northcott:





From Tula Pink:





wideback



One Daybreak kit

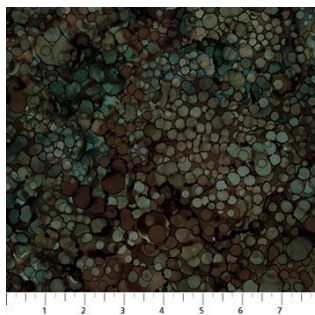
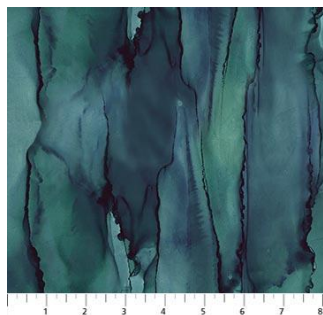
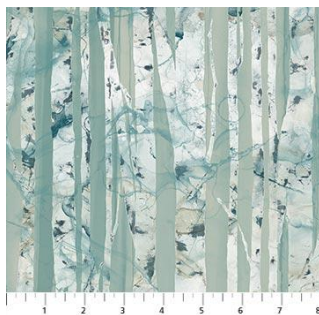


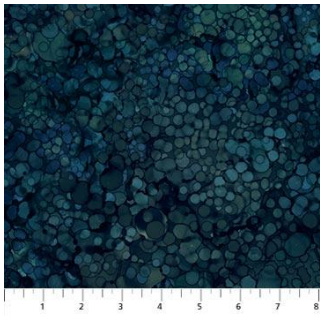
10" squares & fat
quarter bundles,
limited supplies

From Northcott (really cool) (we're doing kits for a quilt):

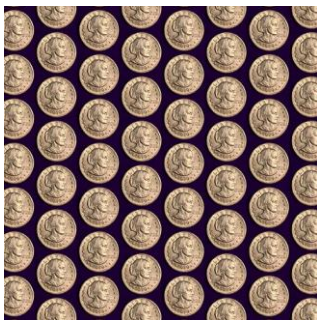


Also in wideback





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

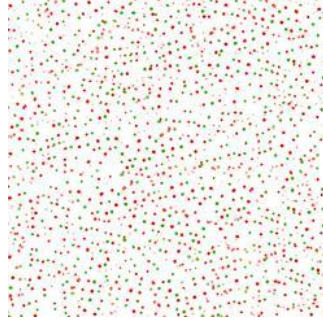


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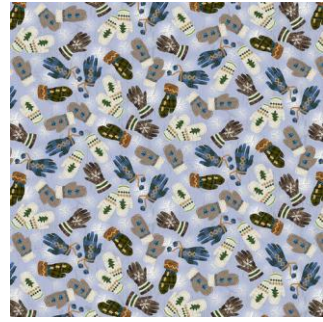


We'll have a quilt soon, showing off this line.

From Quilting Treasures:



From Henry Glass:



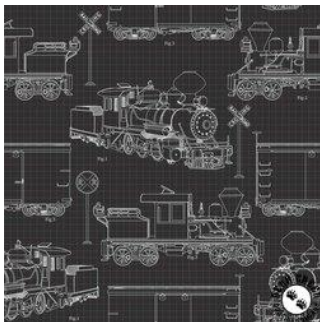
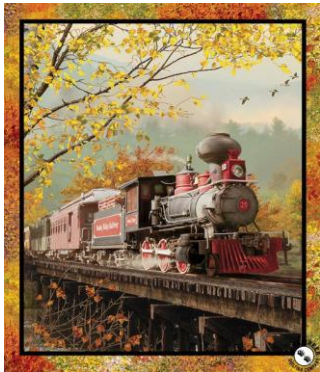
These 3 are flannels

From Alexander Henry:





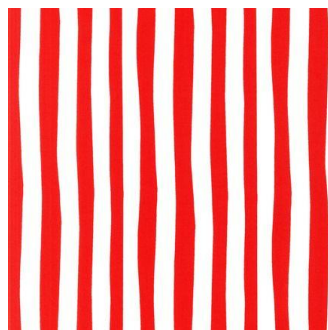
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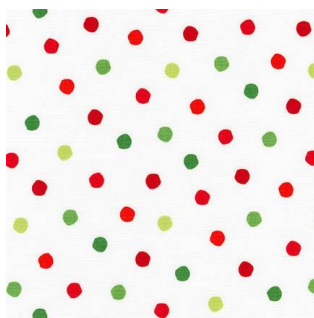
We're working up a quilt for this one, off a free pattern using this fabric.

From Robert Kaufman:

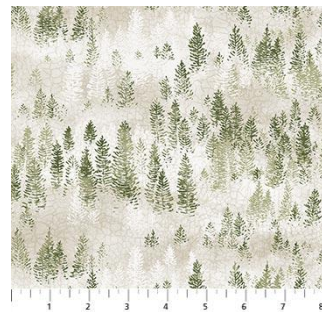




We've made this into a quilt. No kits, but fabric requirements are mainly the 2 panels plus borders.

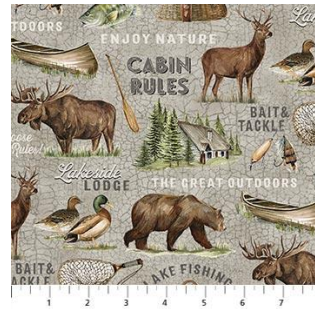


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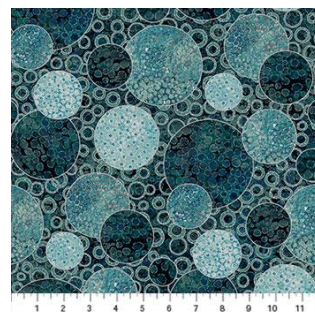
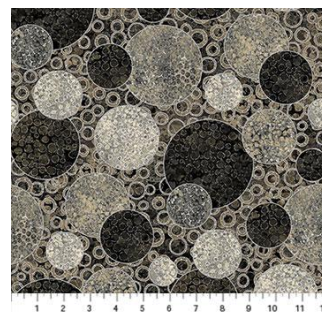
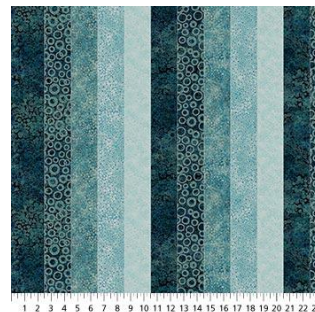
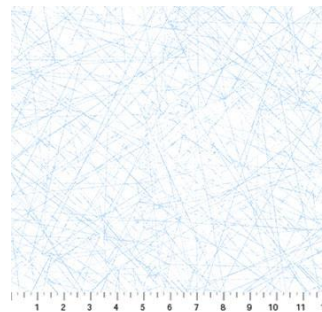


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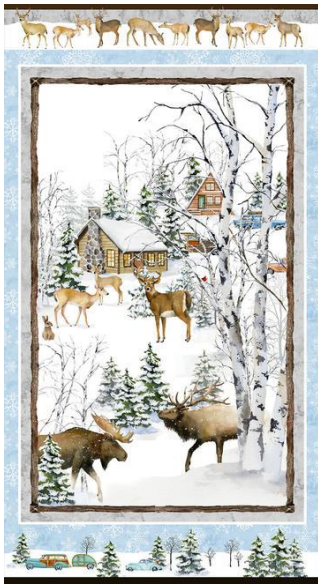
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From Henry Glass:



From Northcott:



We've got a cute quilt made up with these pups.



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Closed		Hand work Club 2-4		Long Arm Rental Day		BOM 10:30 Paper Pieced Christmas Tree noon-5
8 Beginning Quilting 1- 4	9	10 Hand work Club 2-4	11 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7 Veterans Day	12 Long Arm Rental Day	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Wool Ornaments 1-5
15 Beginning Quilting 1- 4	16	17 Hand work Club 2-4	18	19 Long Arm Rental Day	20	21 Christmas Tree (not paper pieced) Noon-5
22 Binding 1- 4	23	24 Hand work Club 2-4	25 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	26 Thanksgiving Day Closed	27 Black Friday Sale	28 Shop Small Business Sale
29 Shop Small Business Sale	30 Full Moon	Color of the month: flannels				

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 Let's Do Christmas! BQ Quilt 1-5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Closed		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	Long Arm Rental Day		Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Club 1-4
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Hand work Club 2-4		Long Arm Rental Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7		Christmas Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
			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 2nd 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 2nd and 4th 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 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.

November Classes

Beginning Machine Applique TBA \$30 Barb Boyer

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Beginning Machine Quilting TBA 1-4 \$30 Sue Frerich

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Binding Sun Nov 22, 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25

You'll learn how to accurately cut your bindings, whether bias, cross or straight. When to use which one. You'll learn how to cut, then sew, join (so easy) and hand stitch part. Bindings so easy peasy you'll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

Christmas Tree Wall Hanging Nov. 21, noon-5 \$30 Sue Frerich or Barb Boyer

This cute quilt uses a fun batik collection that includes plaids, stripes and sheep! The pattern comes with its own ruler and the hardest part is deciding what fabric to go where.



December Classes

Let's Do Christmas! Sat Dec. 5, 1-5 \$25 Barb Boyer

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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.

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 a bag, scarf, bag, etc.

Block of the Month Club FREE!

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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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