



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

September 25, 2020

"I wanna be Becca, the dog," Becca announced the other day. Becca, for the uninitiated, is my mini Australian Shepherd. She stands a little higher than the weeds in the front yard.

"You are Becca. The dog. You even have an Instagram account. It's #smallredandcute, and you have a following. I took down your email because it was messing with my YouTube access-I kept getting locked out of sites because of your age, under 13."

"No. No. I want to be Becca, the dog. Like Smokey, the Bear," she said exasperated because I just didn't get it.

"Oh, I get it....Wait. No, I don't get it. Why do you want to be like Smokey the Bear?"

"You took away my YouTube access?" She's a little slow at times.

"Yes. Smokey the Bear?"

"Well with all these fires, I think Smokey needs some help. I could pose with him and add my voice: Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires."

"You know it would only come out Woof Woof Woof." Becca glared at me.

"Smokey talks," she said. And she's right about that. He has a very deep voice.

For those of you who may have forgotten, the Smokey the Bear campaign began in 1950, after a wildfire ripped through New Mexico. As the crew battled the flames, they got a report of a lone cub wandering near where they were fighting the blaze. But then the fire overwhelmed the crew. Thirty firefighters were caught in the blaze. They survived by lying face down on a rockslide for more than an hour. I can't even imagine. [Caveat: This info comes from the Home Page of Smokey. Other stories use different dates.]

When the flames passed, the crew found the lone cub, who had climbed up a tree to escape, unsuccessfully, the flames. The tree was completely charred, but the cub was alive, although badly burned. A ranger for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish got him on a plane to Santa Fe, where his burns were treated and bandaged.

The news about the rescued cub spread quickly throughout New Mexico and then the story was picked up by the AP and went nationwide. The cub was given to the Forest Service to be a part of the agency's conservation and wildfire prevention program. He was given the name Smokey Bear and he found a home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

Smokey was very popular. He got so many letters and gifts of honey that he had his own zip code. He died at the zoo in 1976 and was returned to New Mexico to be buried at the Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, New Mexico.

"Enough, enough," Becca interrupted. "What about the song?"

"So that's why you want to join Smokey. You want someone to write a song about you?" Becca had the grace to look a little embarrassed.

"Well, Smokey got one," she said. "In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote a song, and they added "the" between Smokey and Bear to make the song come out right. And at the end I can growl, "Only You..."

"I get it. Woof Woof Woof." She glared at me again.

"What's this all about, anyway?" I asked her.

"I want to do something about all the smoke in the air. I want to prevent forest fires. I don't want my house to burn down."

"Becca, you don't even use your house." She glared at me again. She's been grouchy because of all of the smoke. Her eyes itch, her throat is scratchy and her nose runs. Oh wait. That's me. "Okay, Okay, I know what you mean. I will rescue you, if anything happens. Don't worry."

She looked a little happier.

"And I'll write you a song." She grinned and trotted outside.

Now what am I going to do. I promised....Fortunately, she has a short term memory. But it's not nice to go back on your word, especially when a mini Aussie is involved.

Hmmmm, Becca, Becca the dog. Queen of the front porch deck. Sung to the tune of Davey Crockett.

I am getting ready to order Bucking Horse & Rider fabric for next year. If you are interested in buying an entire bolt (paying now for delivery in May), please let me know. Hoffman will continue to print this fabric as long as there is continued interest. Some colors have already been dropped because there weren't enough orders to print an entire run.

If you are planning graduation gifts, dorm quilts, raffle quilts, gifts, masks, pillowcases or anything else--for next year or years to come -- and you think you could use a bolt, please contact me immediately. One bolt has app. 15 yards. If you have a friend, you can go together to split a bolt. My orders have to be in by the end of the month.



Remember, for borders on a queen sized quilt, you'll probably need 2 1/2 yards. Backing can go from 5-9 yards. Fussy cutting the horse & rider for inside the quilt will generally take 1.5-2 yards, depending on how many blocks you make.

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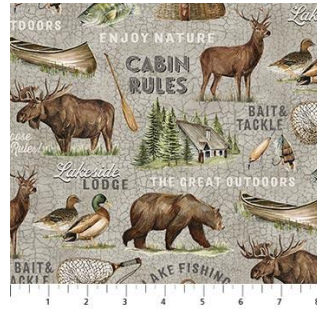
We also got a lot of the variegated floss in that everyone wanted, more applique fiber, stuffing (for pillows), books, new patterns, plastic for templates (we have a quilt planned), spray bottle holders to attach to your ironing board (really nice), and more pearl cotton from Valdani.

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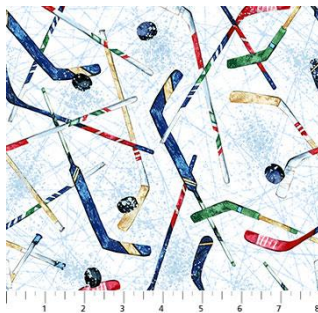
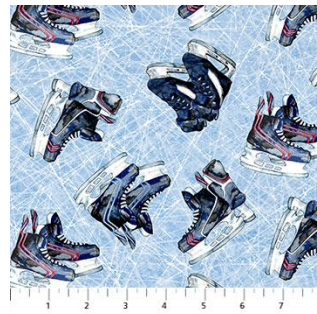
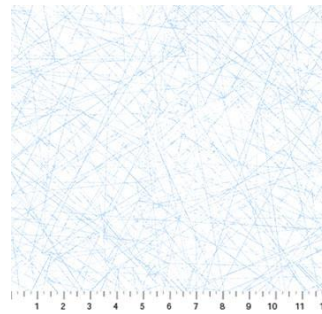


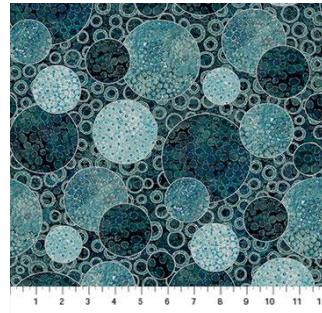
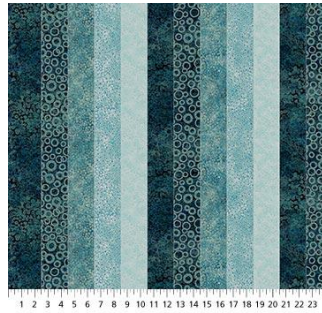
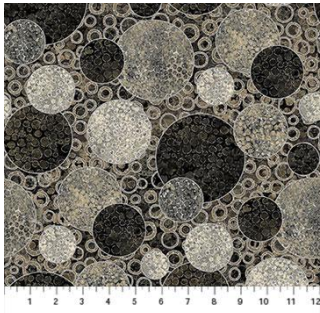
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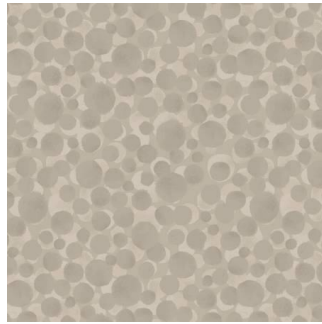
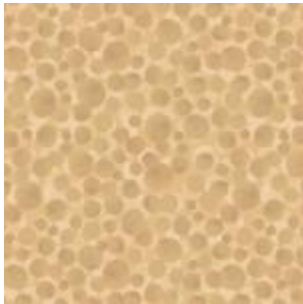


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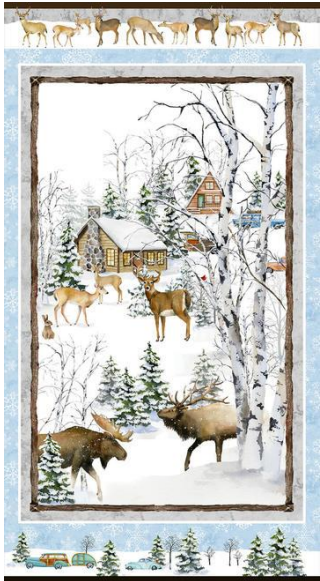


From Lewis & Irene:



(backgrounds for
Elizabeth Hartman
quilts)

From Henry Glass:



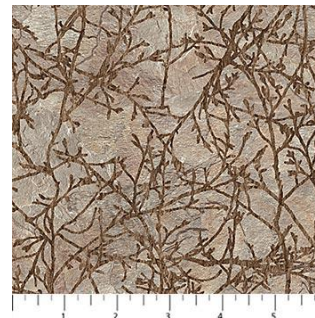
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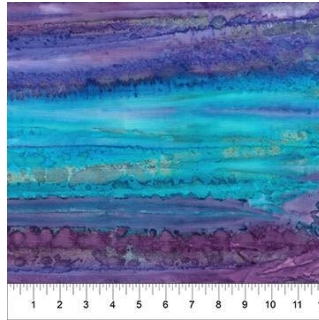
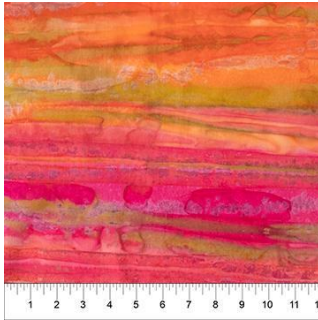
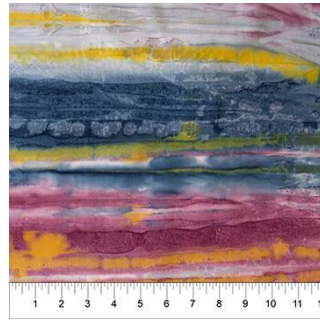
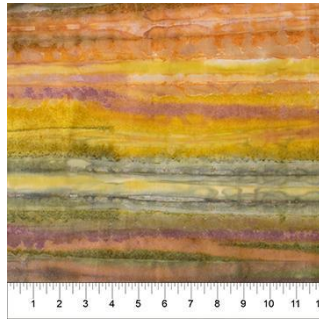
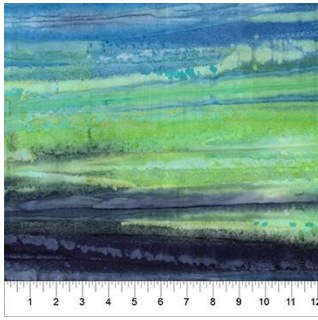


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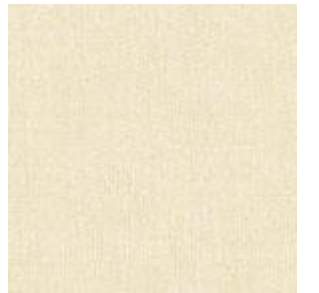


We've got a cute quilt made up with these pups.

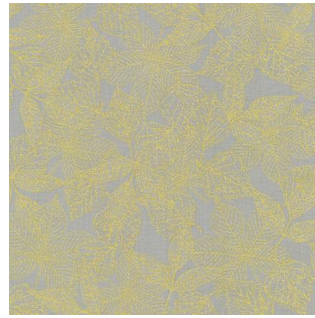




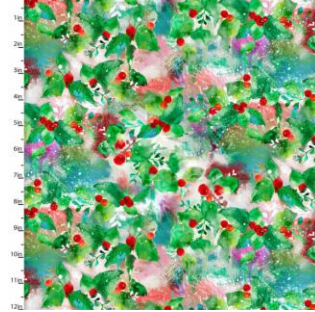
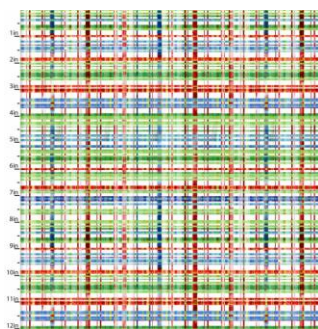
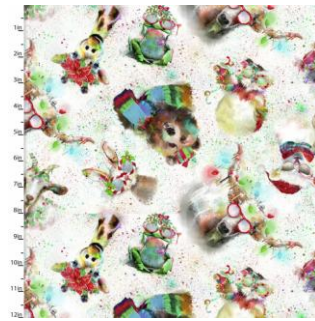
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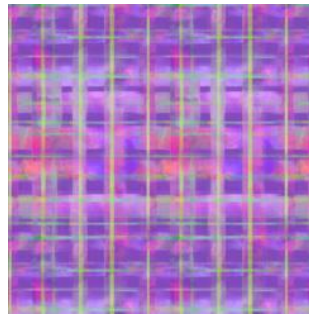
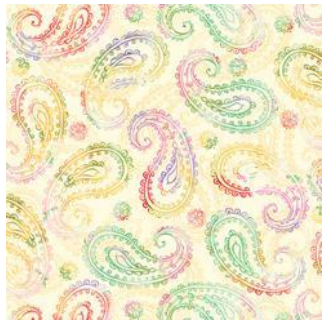
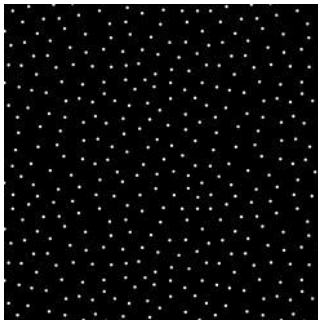
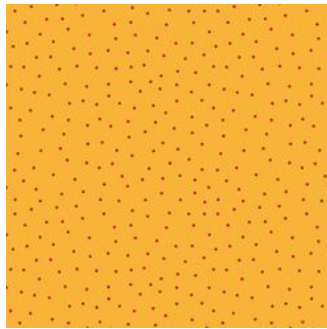
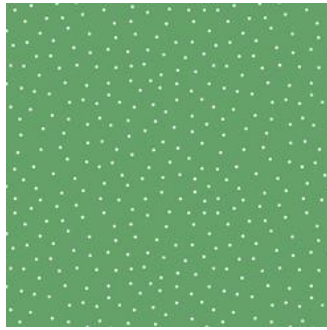
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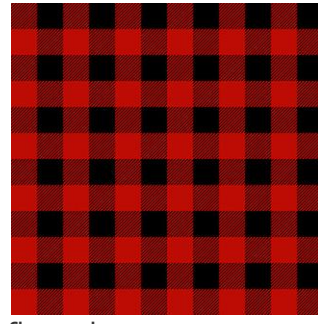
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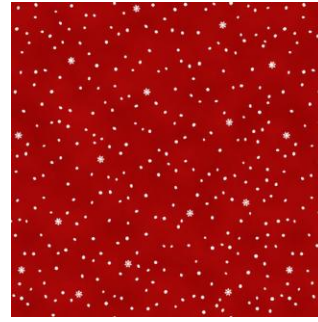
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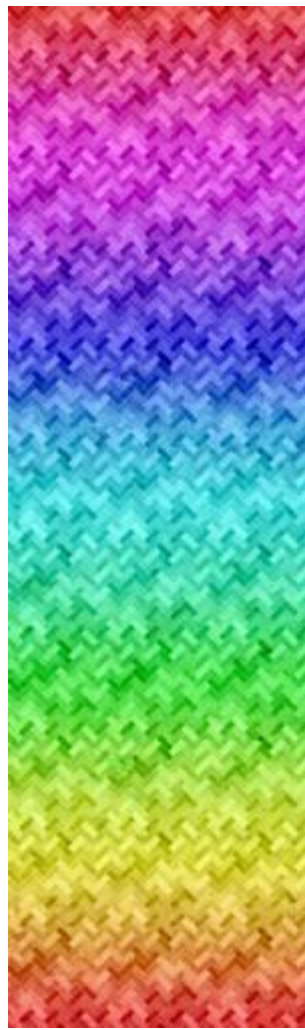
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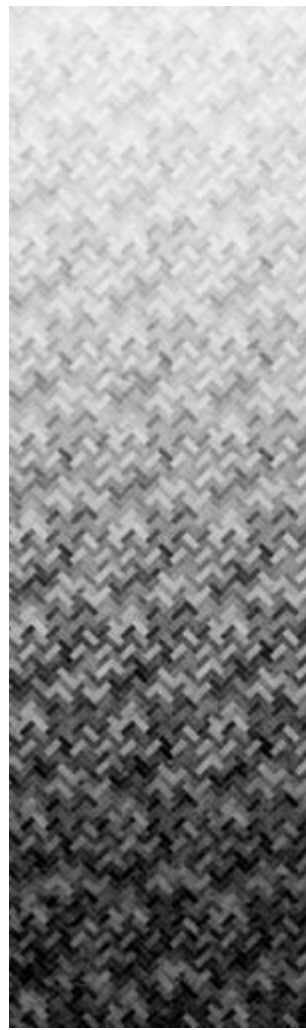


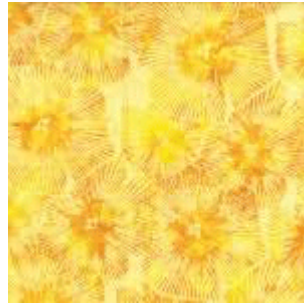
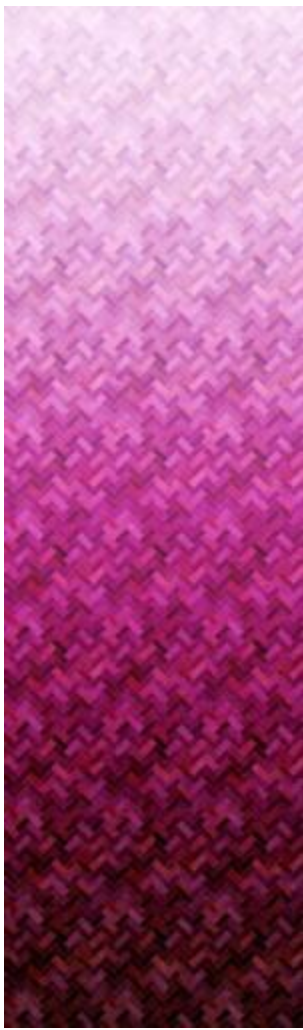
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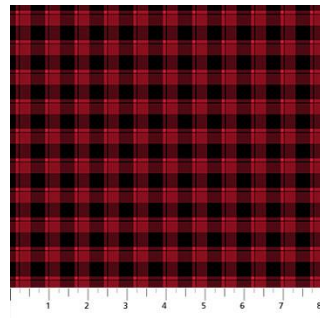
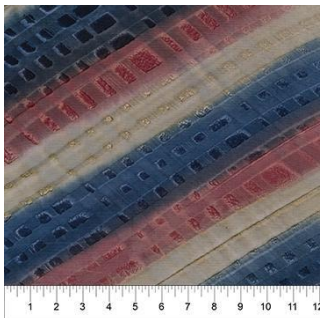
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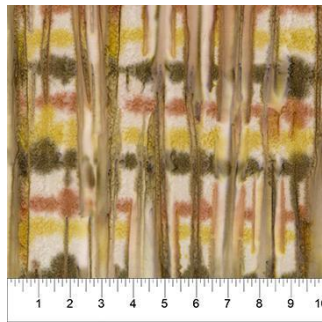
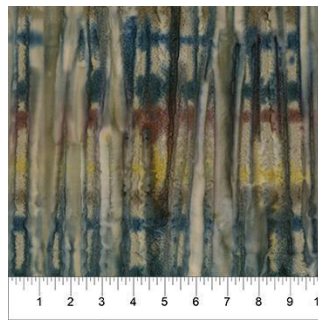
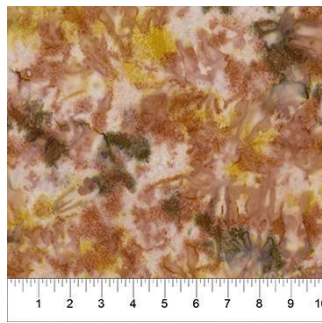






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SEPTEMBER 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day Full Moon	2	3	4	5 BOM 10:30 Zootropolis 1-5
6 Closed	7 Labor Day	8 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	9 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	10	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon
13 Beginning Quilting 1-4	14	15 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	16	17	18	19 Funky Hearts Noon-5
20 Beginning Quilting 1-4	21	22 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	23 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	24	25	26 Elizabeth Hartman quilts Noon-5

27 Beginning Quilting 1-4	28	29 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	30	Color of the month: orange	
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OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
	Color of the month: green			1	2 Full Moon	3 BOM 10:30 Moonshine Halloween 1-5
4 Closed	5	6 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	7 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	8	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Club 1-4
11 Beginning Quilting 1- 4	12 String Quilt Columbus Day	13 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	14	15	16	17 Paper Pieced Christmas Tree Noon-5
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

Beginning Quilting 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7			Strip Stacks, Noon-5
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Beginning Quilting 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day				Halloween Full Moon

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
1 Closed	2	3 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	4	5	6	7 BOM 10:30 Precut for Christmas 1-5
8 Beginning Quilting 1-4	9	10 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	11 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Club 1-4
15 Beginning Quilting 1-4	16	17 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	18	19	20	21 Christmas Tree (not paper pieced) Noon-5
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Binding 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	Thanksgiving Day Closed	Black Friday Sale	Shop Small Business Sale
29	30					
Shop Small Business Sale	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! 1-5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Closed		Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7			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 Long Arm Rental Day	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7		Christmas Closed	

27	28	29	30 Full Moon	31	
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Christmas Club

September 12, October 10, November 24 from 1-4
Club fee is \$25 for all 3 sessions. Kit fees separate.

Each month we will work on quick easy projects (although I will throw a quilt into the mix). Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing kit/tools.

September we will have a Santa Claus t-towel (or you can put him on any fabric you like). We will have him kitted for you on toweling fabric, needle and pearl cotton. No tracing involved. We will also have a simple oven mitt pattern, already cut out, complete with Insul-Brite for the "batting."

October we will make a wall hanging that requires tumbleweeds, so start collecting now (one is enough). And we'll start work on a wool door hanging.

Projects may change a bit, and other small things may be added-like some wool ornaments, a wool applique pillow, potholders and a warm bread basket (keeps bread warm).

Please sign up early, so that I can make sure I have kits ready for those things that will be kitted. Some projects, like the wall hanging, will not be kitted, so you can use your scraps.

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 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 projectBmeaning 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 projectBafghan, scarf, bag, etc.

Other Classes

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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.

Christmas Club

Starting in September and running through November, from 1-4 on the second Saturday of the month, we will have a Christmas Club class. In each class we will have a different project, designed to teach you new skills (I hope). The projects will range from small to large: Credit Card holders, embroidered towels, wall hanging, laser cut stained glass, wool ornaments, table runner, and one quilt. We are still working on what projects and in what order. The fee for the class (all 3 sessions) will be \$50. Kit fees will be extra, but several of the projects will have free patterns and you will be able to use scraps, as well. Stay tuned for more details.

September classes

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Jan 19 or Thur Jan 16.

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

Elizabeth Hartman Quilts \$30 Sept 26 noon-5 Sue Frerich

You can do any of the designs from Elizabeth Hartman. Sue will show you the 45 degree flip technique, and give you lots of ways and hints for keeping organized. The Beehive Quilt was made with a precut stack of 10" squares, plus backgrounds. Floyd and Lola, or Frank and Emma or Fred & Ethyl, (the llamas) were made with scraps, llama colored fabric (both right and wrong sides) and a background. We have many patterns, so just choose your favorite.



October Classes

Paper Piece Christmas Tree Sat Sept 17 noon-5 Sue Frerich \$30

Sue taught this quilt last season and it was a hit! You can choose to make your tree using white, or mix it up with a big so the quilt is finished door or wall hanging for



traditional green colors, black and Northern Lights look. The pieces are quickly. It's a perfect accessory for a Christmas.

~~Moonshine Steampunk~~ Halloween Sat Oct. 3, noon-5 \$25 Barb Boyer

We can't do Steampunk because the border fabric is sold out and it has not been reprinted, so I can't get more. So we are switching to Moonshine (hanging in the window at the store). This is a panel quilt, made with 2 different panels and a border print (my pattern). You will learn how to miter borders in class.

String Quilt, Oct 12, noon-5 Sue Frerich \$30

This is a no pattern quilt (meaning, you will get pattern instructions in class). String quilts are made from strips of fabric, various sizes, widths, colors. You "string" the fabrics together to make a piece of fabric, and then cut your piece from your "string." This is a wonderful way to use up your scraps and is a technique used by our grandmothers long ago to make quilts from whatever they had on hand. (This is Sue's quilt in progress. You'll see the Tinman and Chicken blocks from Block of the month, off to the side.)



Strip Stacks Quilt, Oct 24, noon-5 Sue Frerich \$30

We've done this quilt before, but it's so popular, we put it back on the schedule. It

takes 2 1/2" strips (and we have an accucut dye that will cut 2 1/2" strips, if you don't want to use precuts). And since I'm always thinking Christmas gifts, this quilt would be wonderful in reds & greens, just in time for the holidays.

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 straightband 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.



PreCut for Christmas Sat Nov. 7, Noon-5 \$30 Sue Frerich

Using 10" squares, you can make this happy Bow Tie quilt. If you don't want to use Christmas fabrics, you can use any 10" square package (usually 40 squares) plus a background. Easy to make, and whether it's for Christmas or a Christmas present, it will be finished in time for the holidays.

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 Afghan, scarf, bag, etc.

Block of the Month Club FREE!

First Saturday of the Month, 10:30-11:15. Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block.

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 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**

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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