



## 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+ 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 29, 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 **6719 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 **5076 completed masks!** 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 keep making masks. I know we are slowing down because we are getting tired of making masks. But 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.

As soon as the health care community no longer needs as many masks, I will let you know, but I am sure that donations will be welcome in the next months.

## **Springtime in the Rockies is cancelled.**

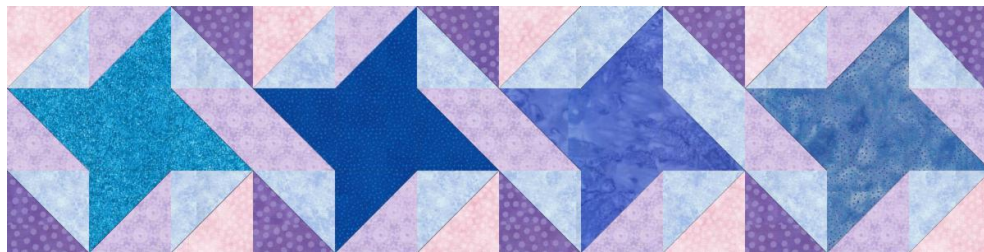
For all the right reasons, Springtime in the Rockies is cancelled for this year. The Ranch is still operating (or still authorized to operate) as a hospital and we don't know if or when that designation will be lifted. And picking a different date for this year was not possible.

We also chose not to attempt to organize an "on the road" shop hop, mainly because of the difficulties that imposed as well and because encouraging larger car pool groups of quilters could pose difficulties for shops.

Instead, we encourage everyone to support their local shops, travel to participating shops this summer on your own mini "shop hop," and, as always, be mindful of safety.

## **Row By Row**

Row By Row will start June 21. This event had been originally scheduled to start in May, but because of the pandemic, it's been pushed back to its other, original, start date. This year, the "row" is a 9" square. 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.



Becca's been rubbing off on me. She worries a lot about joggers and what's for dinner and whether she will get a treat at night before bed. And like Becca, we have so much to worry about these days. But apart from the obvious, these are the things that I worry the most about:

If we keep whitening our teeth to make them bright enough to be able to read by them in the dark, will we have any teeth left in 10 years? Or will the whitening agents scour our teeth to the point that 1,000 years from now archaeologists will wonder why so many bodies had teeth implants.

When people don't have enough to do, I worry about their sanity when they try strange things. Like the guy who decided to try all 15 flavors of Spam to see which ones tasted the best. First, I never knew there were 15 flavors, and second, why would anyone want to eat that much Spam. Don't send letters. I know it was popular in the past, but frankly, anything that's been processed that much and then shoved into a can is just wrong, somehow.

Yellowstone has opened up and normally the worry is the safety of the visitors from the animals. And, yup, that is exactly the worry. The Park opened on Monday (last) and by Wednesday (last) a tourist was gored by a bison. I can make a joke and say it was the bison's way of telling her to stay socially distanced, but that wouldn't be nice no matter how true. Also, bison don't care about socially distancing. They don't care about us. Actually, I don't even think they really notice us. We just get in the way when they flick their head to go after a pesky fly.

And then there are the alligators who are just tired of keeping their distance from anyone, including each other. And of course it was on a golf course. In South Carolina, where everything is opening up. Apparently the gators got the memo. They went at it for 2 hours. It's on video. You can look it up.

I worry that I will get hooked on cornhole. Have you watched it yet? It's like curling, without the sliding and the ice. We used to call it "bean bag toss." When you get desperate for live sports, because watching reruns of games and matches just isn't as much fun when you know the outcome, you might be tempted to watch anything. If so, cornhole was made for you.

I worry about my own sanity when my dreams include Viggo Mortensen (of Lord of the Rings fame) wandering into my dream, hauling a life raft, and I holler at him to get his attention and he ignores me. I don't know if that means he won't save me, or whether the dream meant we were all doomed, or whether he was just hauling a prop for the play he was in that was being held at my junior high school. I just don't know.

And because I worry that some basic skills are being lost, I'll leave you with a few excerpts (because I don't want to get into trouble), courtesy of the New Yorker, written by Kerry Elson, "What's a 'Pantry Staple'?: True Stories from the Cluelessly Quarantined":

**Lauren, 36:** I remember scrolling through this Melissa Clark recipe on the New York Times Web site. It was for some kind of pasta that uses "pantry staples." At first, I thought, Great-maybe this recipe would call for three pieces of spaghetti, a dry ball of raisins, and cough syrup, which is what I usually keep in my pantry. But as I continued reading I realized that my pantry staples were not what this recipe required. Then I blacked out.

**Carmen, 27:** In the cabinet above my sink, I had a can of pinto beans. I also had baking powder from 2007, when I got this idea to make cinnamon scones but gave up because then I would have to wash a lot of dishes. When

I realized that I could no longer go outside and buy a prepared salad any time I was hungry, I got out my stepladder and pulled down those beans. The can was bulging at the sides and I wondered, Is that bad?

**Taylor, 32:** As I kept reading recipes for meals you could make with "pantry staples," it dawned on me that Sam Sifton, Alison Roman, Samin Nosrat—all these recipe developers I was getting to know—were talking about the same thing, a sort of storage system for food. Maybe in a closet, or a series of cabinets. The idea is that you're not eating the food right away, but it is there. It might be in clear plastic containers that are labelled, because it seems that there are multiple types of flour and you shouldn't mix them up. I did a Google search for pantries and saw that some pantries have doors. One pantry I saw even had a drawer!

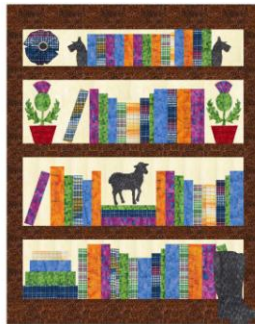
**Ari, 40:** Apparently, pantries contain food that is "shelf-stable," and I'm not talking about the paper plate that I folded up and put under my bookshelf to keep it steady.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

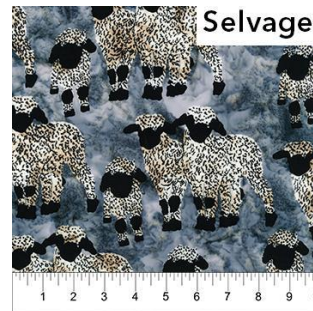
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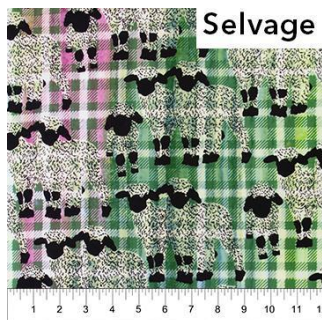
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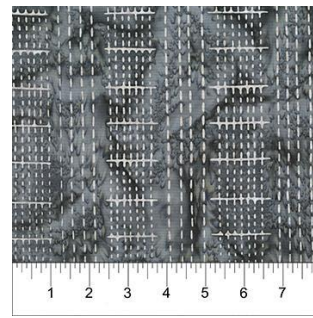
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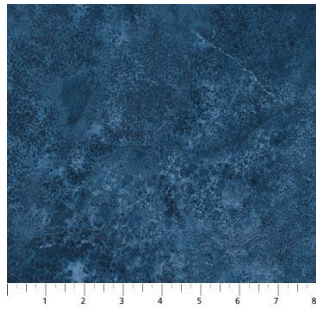
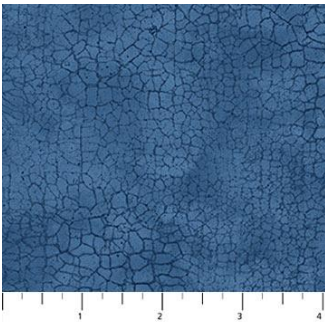
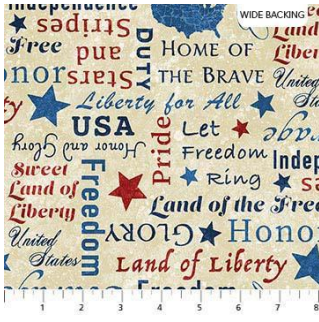
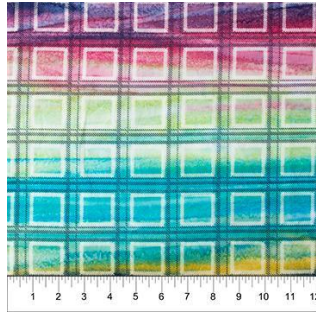
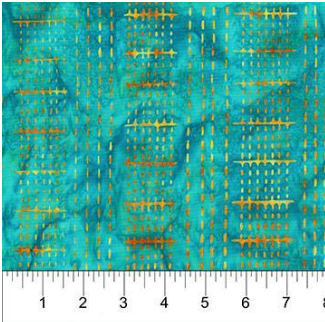
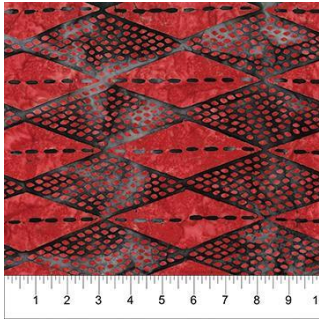


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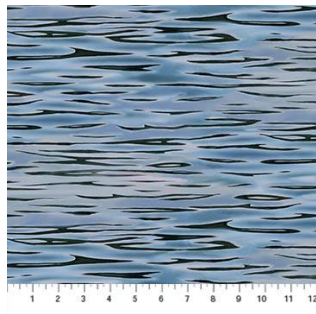
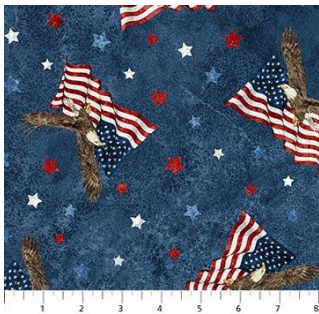
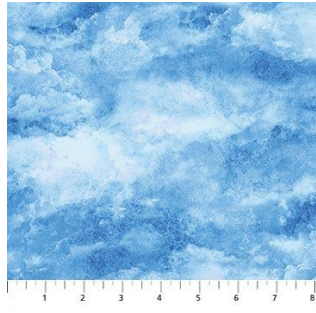
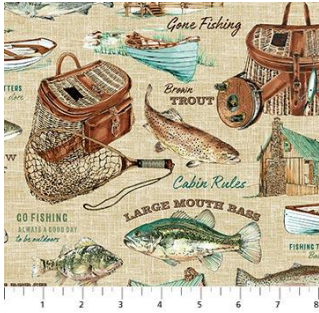
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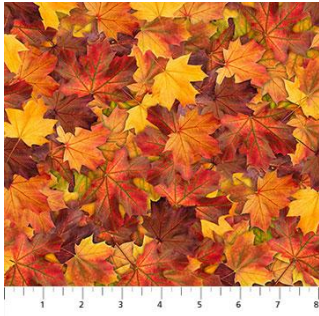




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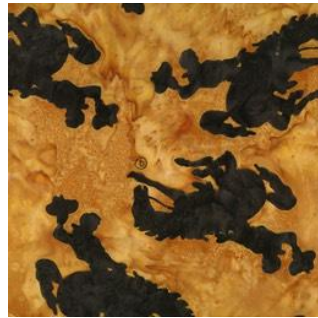
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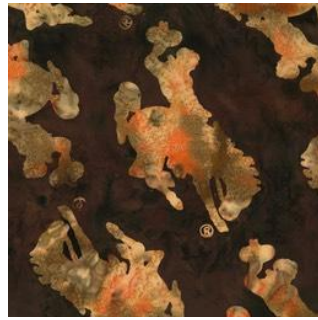
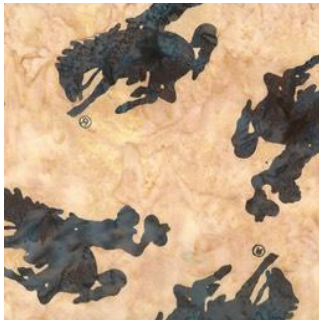
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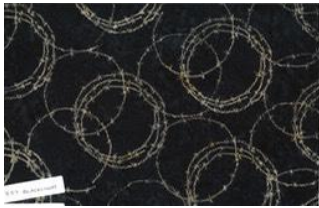
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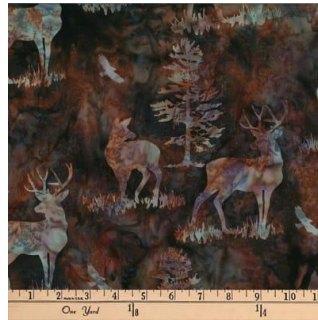
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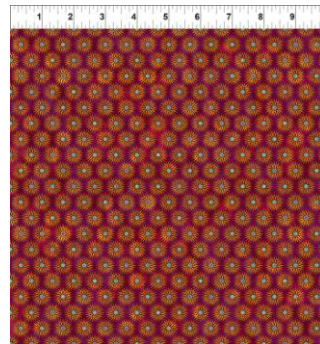
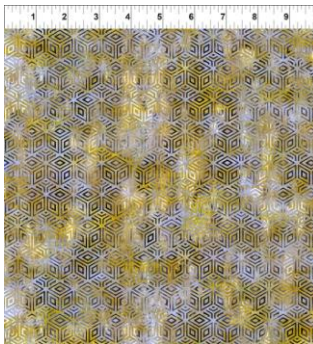
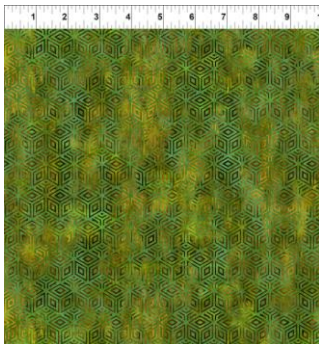
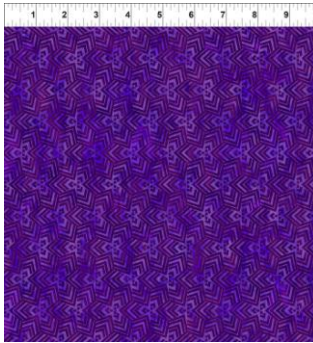
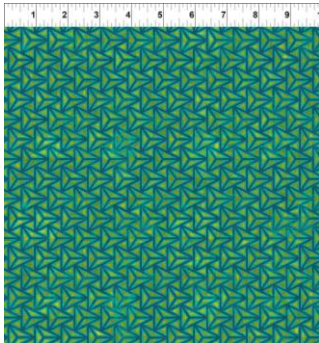
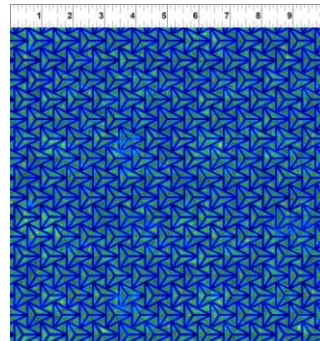
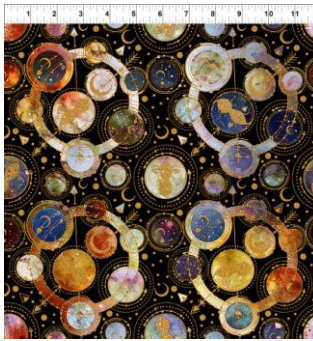


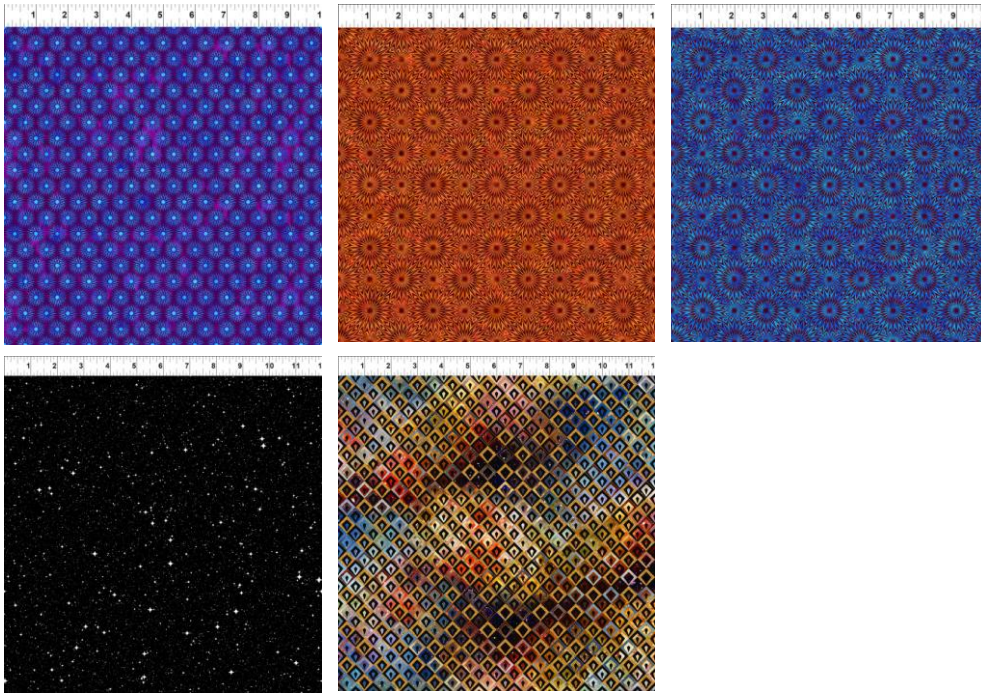
From In the Beginning -- we also have 4 kits of the quilt:



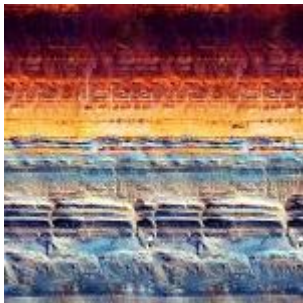


Quilt: 4 kits available





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**

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