



May 21, 2021

Car update: I found the Favorites buttons. Actually, I found it a day ago, and then it quit working, so that meant I hadn't really found it. But I found it again this morning and I finally know how it works.

So as I was driving down the road, there was a little button that said SRC, or that's what I think it said because I didn't have on my extra bifocals. So I pushed it up (it can go down as well). And I changed stations. But it didn't change between FM stations, it changed between other kinds of stations, like Fox Headlines, Vinyl 60s hits, etc.

So that wasn't quite right. Next I tried the Browse button because I was tired of manually scrolling between 91.5 and 104.9. I figured the Browse button worked like a scan button. Nope. What it did was pop me into a listing of all of the FM stations. It didn't automatically browse between anything. But I practiced holding the station to set it and for some reason it seemed to work. Until it didn't. But for a while I was happy.

I thought maybe I could only have 5 presets and that's why it wasn't taking my other preset. I wondered how I could delete the Fox Headline preset to make room for something I wanted to listen to. So the next day, sitting in the drive thru line, looking at the top of the touchscreen it dawned on me. When the words came up at the top of the screen saying push to hold, it meant push right on those words. And that's how I both figured out how to get rid of Fox Headlines and get a new preset: just hold and it deletes or sets. Wow.

So to recap, the SRC button, isn't a search button, it's a toggle button between presets. And the Browse button doesn't browse at all. It just lists things. And the "Set to Hold" is literal: you have to push the screen right on top of the words.

I haven't gotten gas yet. That may be a new adventure. And the back wiper is still a mystery.

Now I would say that in order to drive this car you have to be smarter than it. But I don't think that's the case. You just have to be as dumb as the programmer. And I think there is a difference.

The car did give me a warning yesterday - just as I started down the road and before I started punching buttons on the touchscreen. The screen said:

Warning

Taking your eyes off the road
for too long or too often
while using this system could cause a
crash resulting in injury or
death to you or others.
Focus your attention on driving.

Language (English) Ok

It took me two red lights to digest that warning. And then I wondered why it took the car more than 10 days to warn me that trying to figure out the radio using the small touchscreen could be hazardous to my health.

Which reminds me about what I really wanted to talk about today: Signage on buildings. For example, a building on Dell Range where I turn to go exercise always has this impossible long worded sign that all I can digest are usually the first two words: "Life is...." And then I'm headed down the road. I never figure out what life is. I thought for the longest time that the building was a church, because church signs are notorious for citing scripture passages that are impossible to digest at 30 mph. Turns out, the building is a doc in the box shop. But it's taken me several years to figure that out as well. Because of signage. I figure signage is often paid for by the word, like some authors I suspect. More words. More money.

But then I go through the Taco John drive thru and encounter a sign whose writer probably got paid by the letter:
Breakfast.
Mon-Thur 7 - 11 a.m.
Fri 7 - 11 a.m.
Sat. 7-11 a.m.
Sun. 7 - 11 a.m.

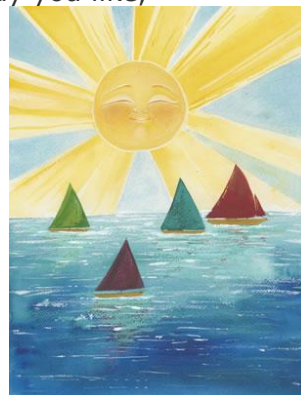
And that's not all. The lobby hours (if it's even open, the sign didn't say)
Mon-Thur 7 - 11 a.m.
Fri 7 - 11 a.m.
Sat. 7-11 a.m.

Sun. 7 - 11 a.m.

Which brings me to Around the Block's shop hours. We are going back to precovid hours, starting in June: M-S 10-6. Sun 1-5. Closed 1st Sun. How easy is that.

Quilt Challenge!

We're doing another quilt challenge, this one is called May Day! You will have to buy a panel of tulips (we have it in the store), then create a quilt (minimum size 40" X 60") incorporating, in any way you like, certain themes: 1) Put a bird in your quilt; 2) incorporate a gardening theme in some way; 3) add some new born animals (and remember, we're animals, too); 4) add a little sunshine; and 5) make sure you put in your favorite color.



Now all of these elements, plus the tulip panel, need to be recognizable in your quilt. You can interpret the themes anyway you like: sunshine can simply be yellow fabric, or it can be a pieced sun, or a yellow circle, or a sun button - yes embellishments are acceptable, so is embroidery, yo yos, rick rack, etc.

The challenge officially starts May 1 (but you can get started any time you want) and it will end on June 21 (first day of summer is June 20 at 9:32 p.m. MST). You must have your quilt top (does not need to be quilted) turned in by June 21, closing time at the store. Winners will receive prizes. We may have more than one winner, who knows? Staff will pick the winners and the quilts will hang around the store for display.

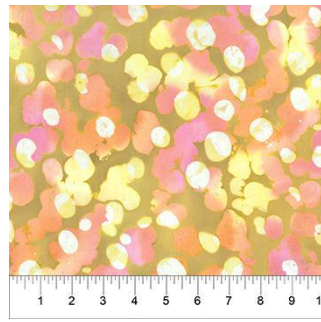
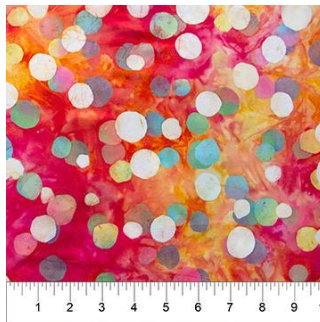
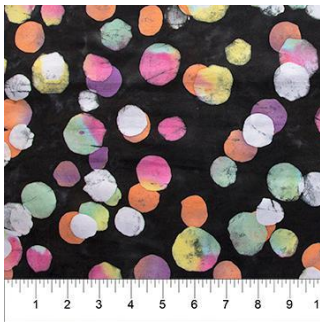
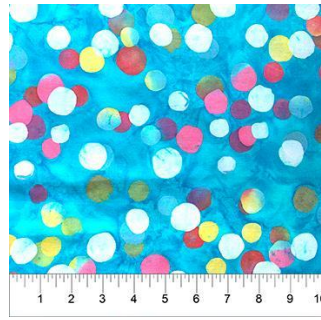
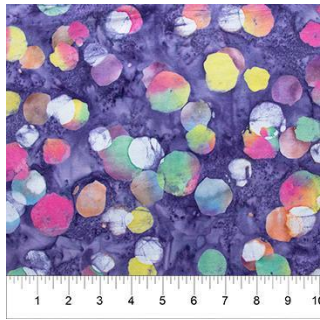
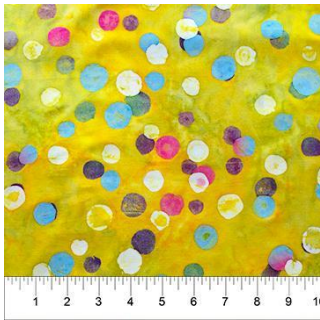
So put your thinking caps on, come get your tulip fabric, and get in the spirit of spring even if it looks like winter outside!

WHAT'S NEW!!

Bucking Horse and Rider should be here next week!

We also got 10-12 bolts of lights (whites, creams) from Wilmington.

From Northcott:



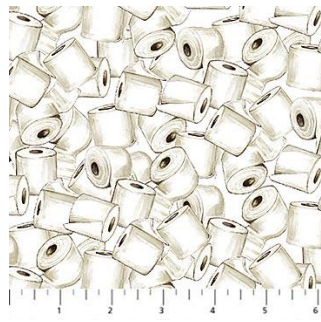
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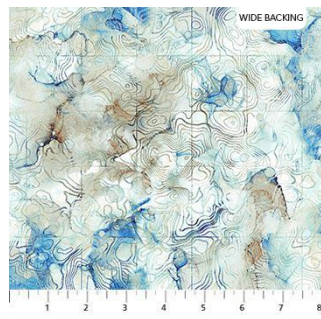
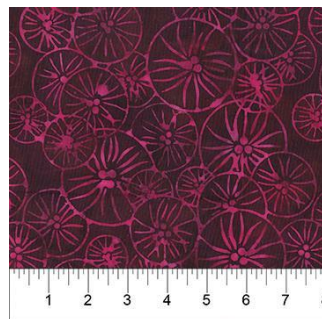


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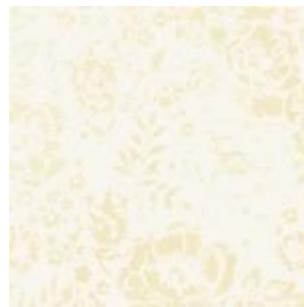
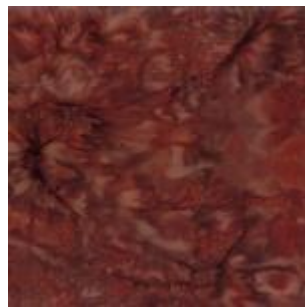
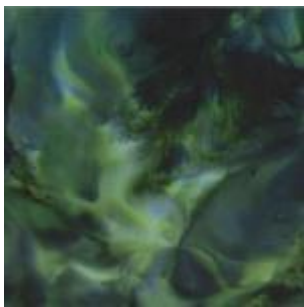
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other reading material

overwide

From Hoffman:



From Robert Kaufman:

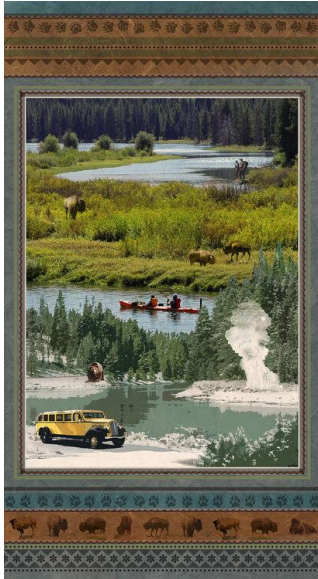


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We got another bolt of the animals, but the trees are gone for now.

From Henry Glass:

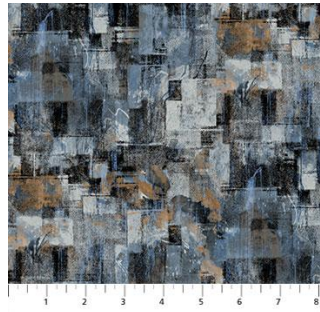
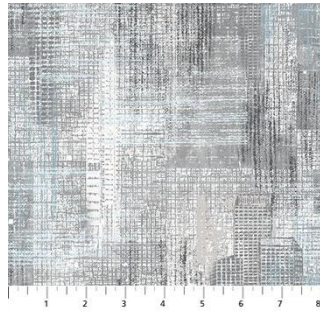


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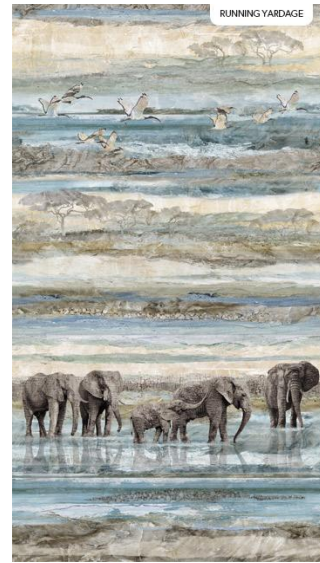
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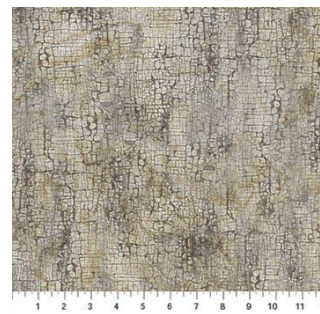
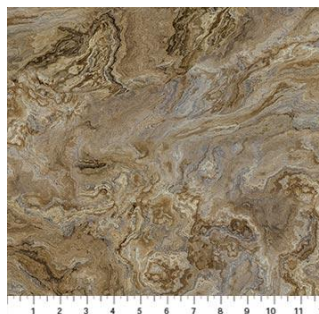
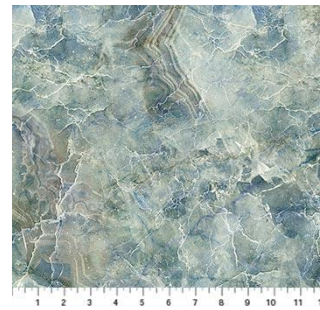
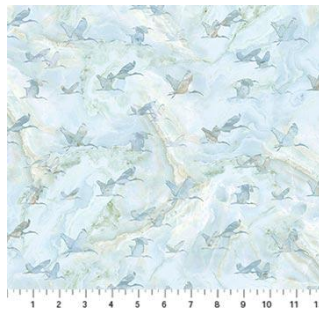
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This line is selling out.
Come see the elephant
quilt we just got done.

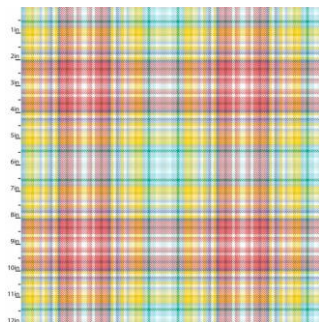
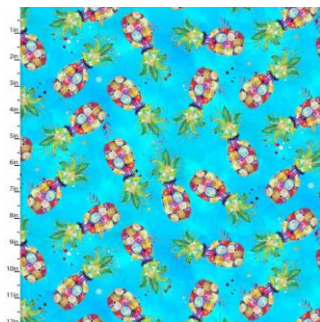




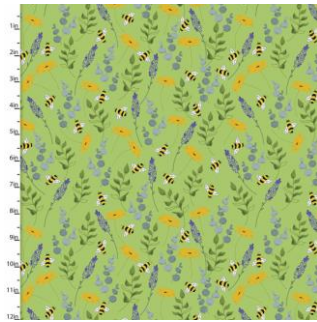
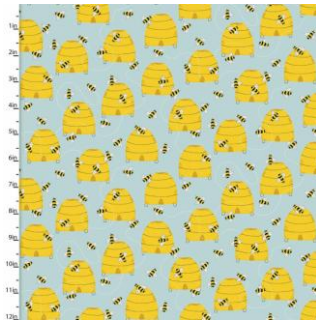
From 3 Wishes:



We've done a cute BQ quilt with this fabric. We have not kitted it yet.



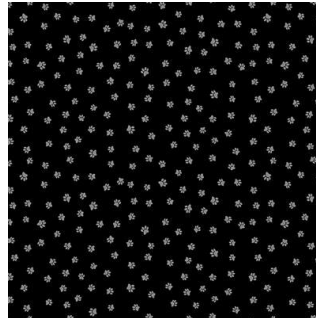
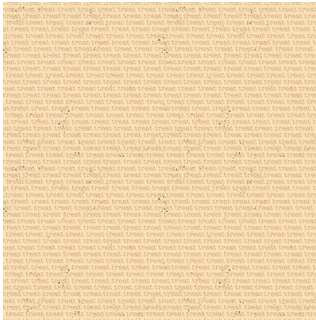
We've done a cut Take 5 with this fabric. Kits are coming. At least one.



Clothworks:



Snarky Cats



Come see our quilt in progress!



May 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Color of the month: whites | | | | | | 1 BOM 10:30 Lone Star 1-4 |
| 2 CLOSED | 3 | 4 Hand work Club 2-4 | 5 | 6 Long Arm Rental Day | 7 | 8 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lone Star 1-4 |
| 9 Moms' Day Closed | 10 | 11 Hand work Club 2-4 | 12 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 13 Long Arm Rental | 14 | 15 Lone Star 1-4 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Hand work Club 2-4 | 19 | 20 Long Arm Rental Day | 21 | 22 Machine applied Binding 1-4 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Hand work Club 2-4 | 26 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 Full moon | 27 Long Arm Rental Day | 28 | 29 Charm meeting 10:30- 11:30 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 BOM 10:30 Jelly Roll Race 1-5 |
| 6 CLOSED | 7 | 8 Hand work Club 2-4 | 9 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 10 | 11 | 12 Embroidery Club 10- noon One Block Wonder 1- 5 |
| 13 Beginning Quilting | 14 | 15 Hand work Club 2-4 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 One Block Wonder 11-5 |
| 20 Dads' Day Beginning Quilting | 21 | 22 Hand work Club 2-4 | 23 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 24 Full moon | 25 | 26 One Block Wonder 11-5 |
| 27 Beginning Quilting | 28 | 29 Hand work Club 2-4 | 30 | Color of the month: blue | | |

July 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---|
| Color of the Month: Christmas | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 BOM 10:30 CLOSE AT 3 |
| 4 CLOSED Independence Day | 5 | 6 Hand work Club 2-4 | 7 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 8 | 9 | 10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Take 5 1-5 |
| 11 Beginning Quilting | 12 | 13 Hand work Club 2-4 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Disappearing Triangles 11-5 |
| 18 Beginning Quilting | 19 | 20 Hand work Club 2-4 | 21 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 22 | 23 Full moon | 24 Disappearing 9-patch, <u>varieties 11-5</u> |
| 25 Beginning Quilting | 26 | 27 Hand work Club 2-4 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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August 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| 1 Beginning Quilting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 BOM <u>10:30</u> <u>Hunters</u> Star 1-5 |
| 8 Beginning Quilting | 9 | 10 Hand work Club 2-4 | 11 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 12 | 13 | 14 Embroidery Club 10- noon |
| 15 Machine Applied Binding 1-4 | 16 | 17 Hand work Club 2-4 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Hunters Star 11-5 |
| 22 Full moon | 23 | 24 Hand work Club 2-4 | 25 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 26 | 27 | 28 BQ Quilt 11-5 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Hand work Club 2-4 | Color of the month: blacks | | | |
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Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. Explanations of classes will be out soon--most are self explanatory. NOTE: One Block Wonder Panel class only has 2 more openings.

Ongoing Classes & Clubs

Block of the Month First Sat of month 10:30-11:15 FREE Barb Boyer

Note: January class will be held on the second Saturday

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 will be houses and seasons. Each row will have houses, trees and other "neighborhood" objects. Each house will have a place for a pieced block. Each "row" will be a season: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. We'll also have a quilt store, school, "village" shops, church, outhouse, dog house, barn - as many as I can squeeze in!

Hand Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

Note: January class will be held on the third Saturday

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 will be starting Crabapple Hill's Snow Days. This is an embroidered and pieced block. So we will help you through the piecing, tracing and embroidery.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 2-5 Carol Moler

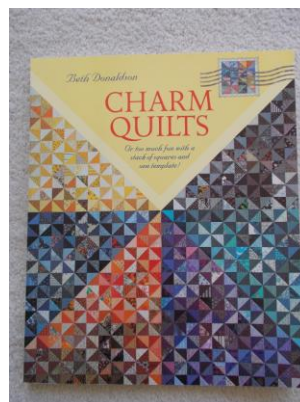
We are changing up the Knit Pickers' Club. We're going to knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, and we'll start earlier in the day at 2 and go to 5. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and knit. We may work on some felting projects, fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. By summer, we may extend the knitting time into the evening.

Hand Sewing Club every Tuesday afternoon 2-4

This club is open to everyone. Bring your hand sewing (embroidery, binding, knitting, crochet, etc) and sit & stitch. During covid, we sit 6 feet apart and wear our masks, but at least we can share our projects, get a little stitching done and just enjoy the companionship.

Charm Quilts, last Saturday of each month (discussion, no sewing) Jan 30 10-noon, then on the other class dates from 10:30-11:30 \$20 Barb Boyer

Charm quilts date from the 1880s and 1890s. They tend to be one patch quilts (all squares or all triangles) and they use lots and lots of fabrics-999 to be exact. But the catch is, you can only use one fabric per each patch. We need lots of people to sign up for the class - but don't worry about covid. We will do this very carefully. In order to get to 999 different fabrics, we will be exchanging 5" squares of different fabrics, each month exchanging different colors. We won't exchange 999 different fabrics, but we may exchange up to 300-400!



Class one - discussion and set up. Depending on how many people sign up, we will organize into groups for exchanges. We will have 4 different meeting times: 10-10:30, 10:30-11, 11-11:30; 11:30-noon. I know, complicated. If I don't have that many people sign up, I will consolidate the class - remember, it's just a discussion class. I'll talk about charm quilts, explain the rules, and set up what we will be exchanging in the upcoming classes. Class two - Exchange the first color ways. You will cut Xnumber of squares of the first colors for each person in your group: (example only) red, orange, yellow, blue. 10, 5" squares of each color per each class member. If you have 5 in your group, that's - 50 squares of red, 50 squares of blue, etc. Now don't panic. I will adjust the number of squares to be exchanged based on how many people sign up. I don't expect you to buy all of the fabric: use your stash. AND the squares you exchange can be different for each person in your group, as long as each person gets 10 different reds, for example. If you're interested, more info will be given in class, all questions answered, etc. The book we will use is called Charm Quilts by Beth Donaldson. Buy a used copy on Amazon.

CLUBS

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUBFREE!

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.

Hand Work ClubFREE!

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: January 28, February 27, March 28, April 26 and May 26.

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

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow; May whites.

**Normal Shop Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10-5
Sunday 1-5**

Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

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.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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