



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

June 24, 2022

Lots of annoying things happened this week. I generally don't write about political or national issues. But today was a big annoying day: We may have more to worry about than the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, based on Justice Thomas' concurring opinion. The 14th Amendment, which has protected so many rights, is now under fire. Keep an eagle eye on the discussions.

I don't remember the day when *Roe v. Wade* was decided—I was a senior in high school thinking of other things. But in my first year in college, it was widely discussed in the dorm late at night and I remember that. The ruling was that significant for all of us.

During my four years in college, I lived under dorm rules that required women to be in by midnight (2 p.m. on weekends). The men had no such restrictions. We joked that the rules meant you could only get pregnant after midnight.

But I also lived in a coed dorm where men and women could comeingle in the basement at any hour, including the infamous Pumpkin Room, so named because of the color of the room and not what happened to Cinderella after midnight—another way we joked about what we would turn into (pregnant) if we stayed out after midnight – or met in the Pumpkin Room.

Now upperclass women, who were clearly deemed more responsible, could stay out late if they had permission. We had a dorm monitor who slept in a special room with an alarm that would sound when a woman got back to the dorm afterhours. And actually that was a good safety feature that kept our doors locked at night. But the men had no such monitors and could come and go as they pleased.

These restrictions eased by the end of my sophomore year, but were not dropped entirely. In January we staged a walk out at midnight and headed over to the cafeteria, where we stayed at least 20 or 30 minutes before returning to the dorms. Women were allowed 20 (maybe 30) "late" minutes (minutes counted if you returned after midnight) before privileges of staying out late were taken away and/or you were sent to the Dean of Women, a thoroughly horrible woman. Men and women joined the protest and...no one got in trouble. The administration took no action against us.

The next year, though, my junior year, most restrictions on staying out late were dropped. Quietly—we didn't find out until we came back to school. Looking back, I think there may have been threatened lawsuits, based, of course, on the 14th Amendment. Equal Protection. So now women could stay out for as long as they liked, they just had to tell someone they would be out. That was sensible. We still had monitors to buzz us back into the dorm and that system worked. But the men had no such restrictions and could come and go as they pleased. We still weren't equal by any stretch of the imagination.

Another interesting thing happened in 1972 that is relevant to this discussion: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled

that contraception (like the Pill and other forms) must be legally available to both married and unmarried women. Until that time, laws only permitted married women to be prescribed the Pill. In an inciteful and presaging opinion, Justice Brennan, writing in *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, quoted with authority what Justice Jackson said in *Railway Express Agency v. New York* (1949):

“ ‘The framers of the Constitution knew, and we should not forget today, that there is no more effective practical guaranty against arbitrary and unreasonable government than to require that the principles of law which officials would impose upon a minority must be imposed generally. Conversely, nothing opens the door to arbitrary action so effectively as to allow those officials to pick and choose only a few to whom they will apply legislation and thus to escape the political retribution that might be visited upon them if larger numbers were affected. Courts can take no better measure to assure that laws will be just than to require that laws be equal in operation.’ ” That’s called Equal Protection and Justice Brennan held that that laws that provided dissimilar treatment for married and unmarried women violated the Equal Protection Clause.

That was 49 years ago. And we (speaking in general) have come far in recognizing protections of the 14th Amendment to help everyone in this country get a fair shot at life. As a middle class, well educated white woman I have faced discrimination both in my work and personal life. But it does not compare to the challenges faced by many other minorities. I am truly privileged.

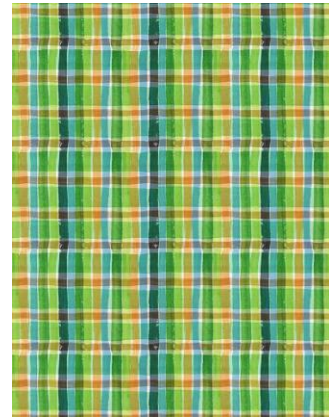
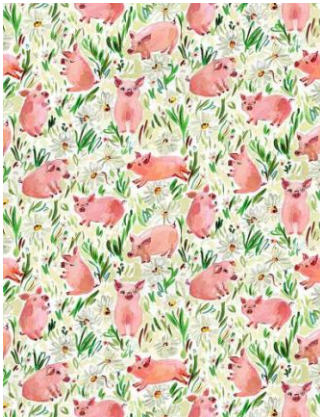
And for 49 years the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution protected me. And many others.

In many ways I feel like we’re back to the “you gotta be in by midnight or you’ll turn into a pumpkin” rules.

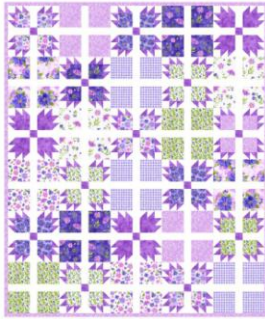
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P.S. But it is raining!

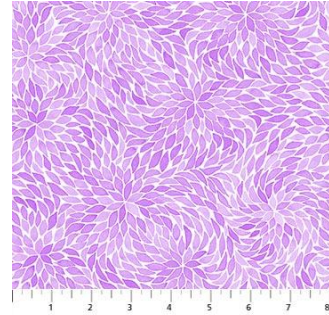
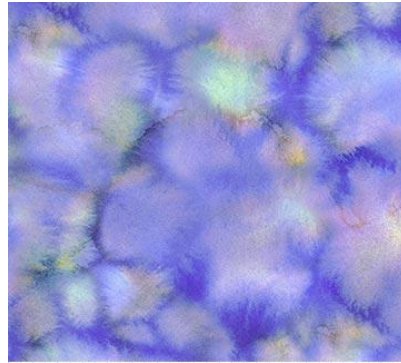
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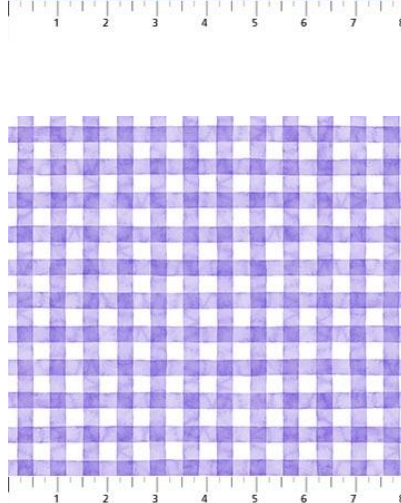
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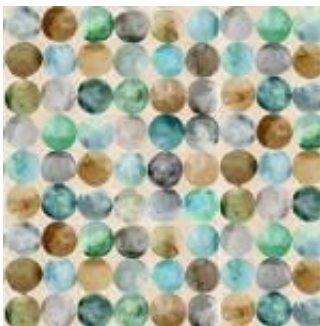
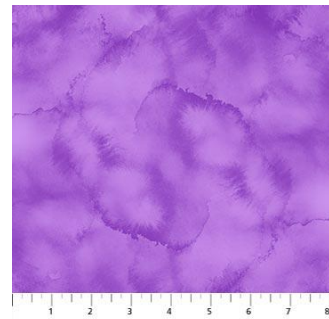


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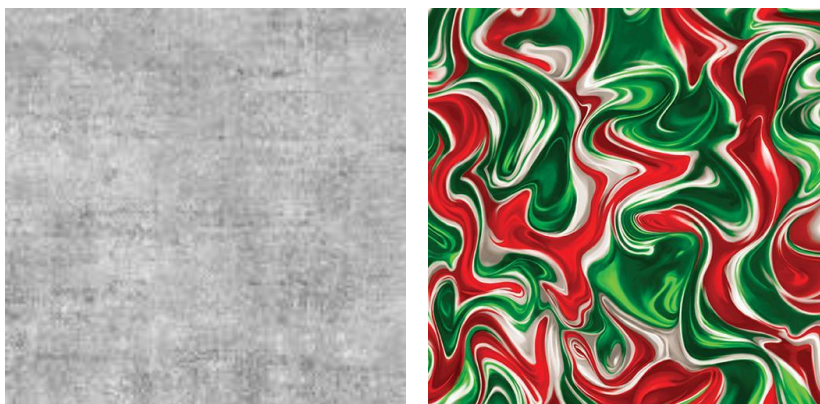


From Northcott: and we did 3 kits of the bear's paw pattern.





From Michael Miller and Benartex (the Christmas one)



From Hoffman. The new shipment of Bucking Horse & Rider fabric is in. It is hard for me to capture the images because these are custom prints. In addition to the BH&R, we've got Big Horn Sheep, Antelope, Barbed Wire, Bull Riders, Grizzly Bears, Wildlife Paws, Buffalo, Cowboy Boots, and Moose -- all in batiks. The three colors below are in the small print. We also have the BH&R in the large print in the cappuccino and dijon colors, plus a bolt in Saddle (dark brown/cream horse and Palomino (brown with goldish horse)



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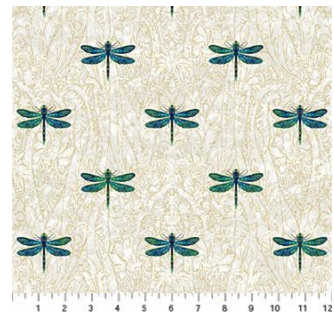
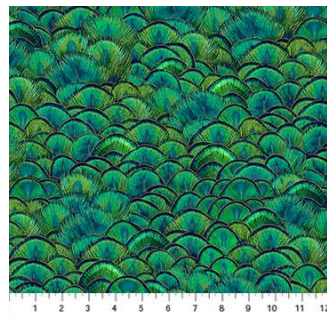
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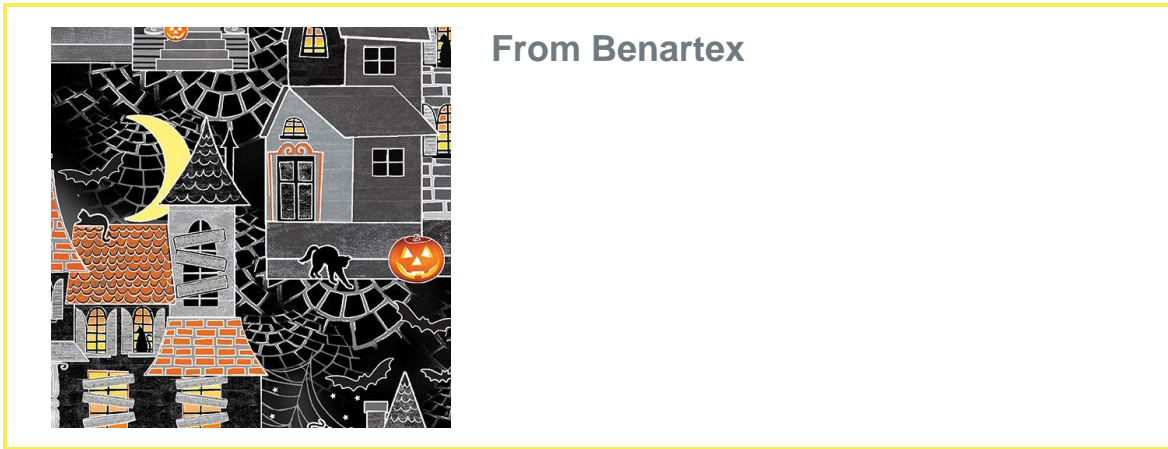
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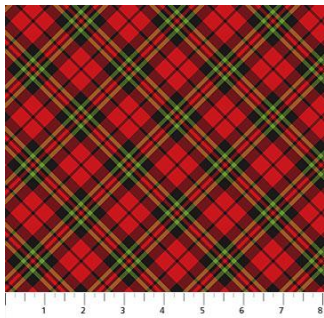
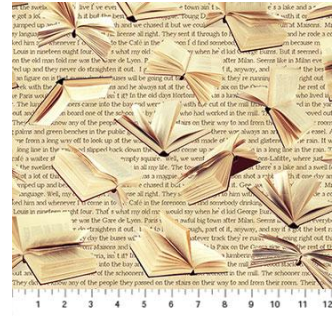
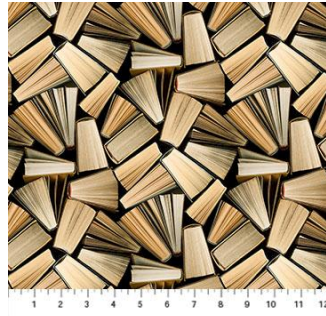
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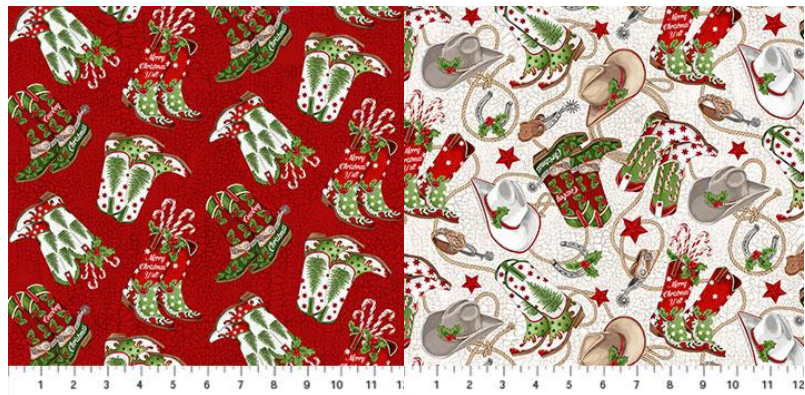
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From Benartex



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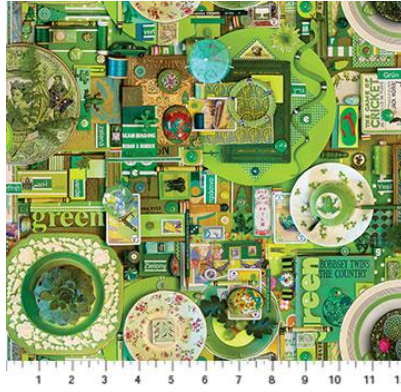


From Riley Blake--Note: These fabrics are bundled in a one yard package. There are 21 pieces, which include 1 each of the six panels. Pictures are representative of what is in the bundle. THERE ARE 15 DIFFERENT FABRICS, PLUS THE 6 PANELS IN THE PACKAGE.

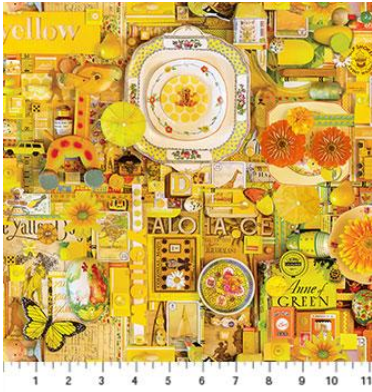
WE HAVE ONLY ONE COLLECTION LEFT AND 2 BUNDLES OF FAT QUARTERS.

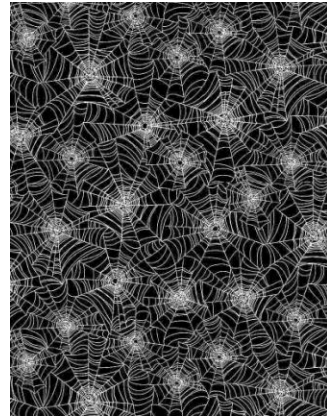
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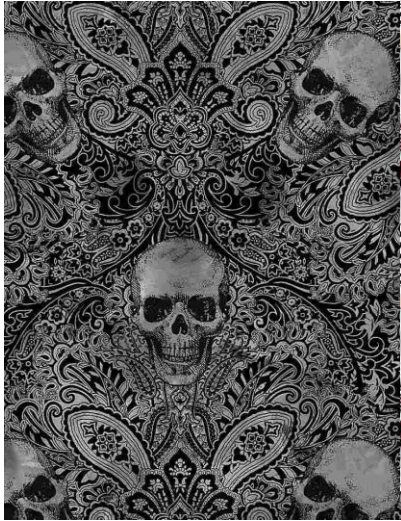
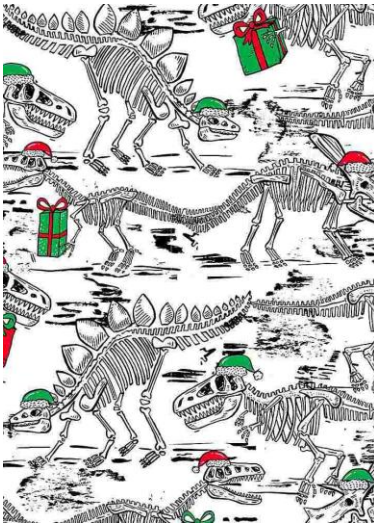


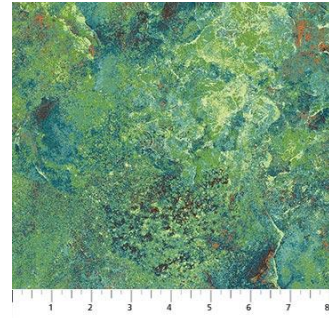
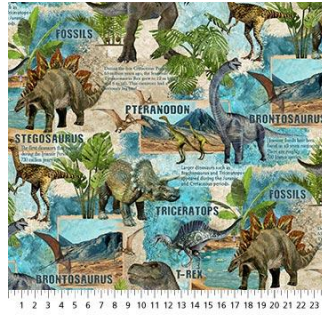
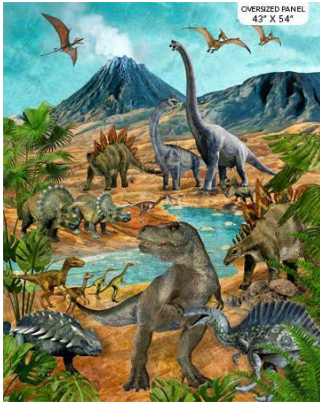
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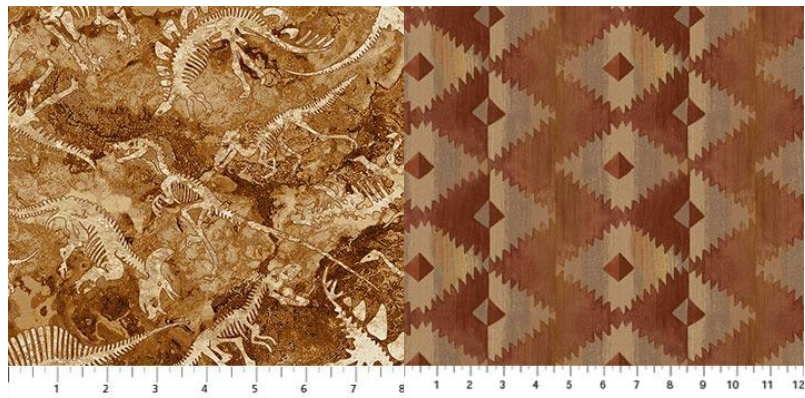
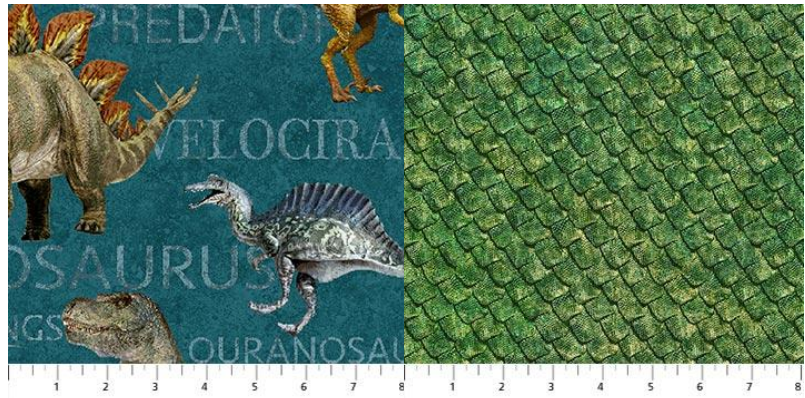
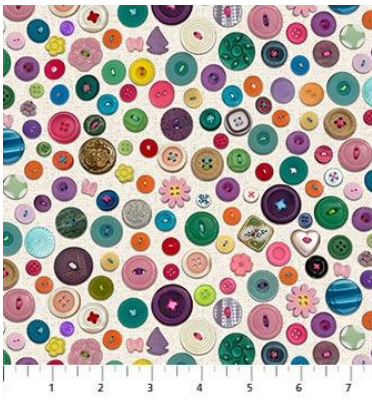


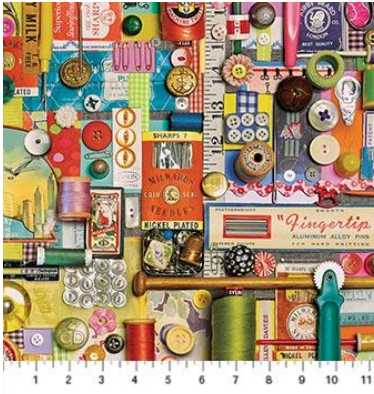
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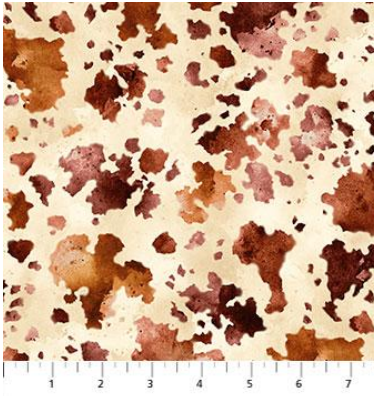


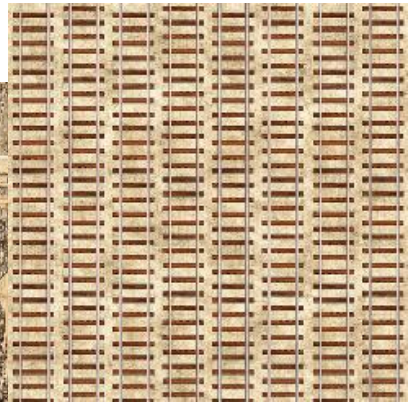
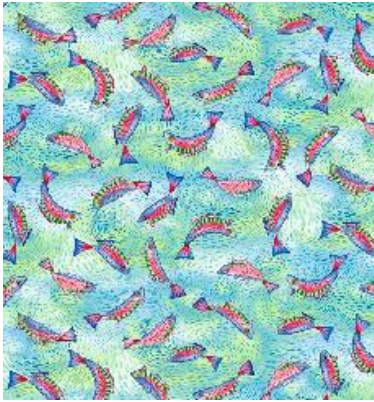


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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE			1 Long Arm class 10:30	2 Long Arm Rental Day	3 Retreat with Sue! 10:30-5	4 BOM 10:30 Retreat with Sue! 11-5
5 Retreat with Sue! 1-5	6	7 Hand work Club 2-4	8 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	9 Long Arm Rental Day	10	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Rulers: Creative Grid flying Geese rulers demo, 1-2 <u>20%</u> of ruler
12 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilting 1-4	13	14 Hand work Club 2-4 Full moon	15 Long Arm class 10:30	16 Long Arm Rental Day	17	18 One Block Wonder Panel, sewing & designing 10:30-4

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Dads' Day Beginning Quilting 1-4 Shop Is now open 1-5!		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	Long Arm Rental Day Make & Take Wool Needle Holder 1-4		Binding by hand and machine 1-4
26	27	28	29	30		
Beginning Quilting 1-4 Shop Is now open 1-5!		Hand work Club 2-4	Long Arm class 10:30	Long Arm Rental Day	Color of the month: blue	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JULY				1	2 BOM 10:30 Take 5 1-5
3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED Independence Day	5 Hand work Club 2-4	6 Long Arm class 10:30	7 Long Arm Rental Day	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Rulers: Creative Grid Flying Geese rulers demo, 1-2 <u>20%</u> of ruler
10 Beginning Quilting 1- 4	11	12 Hand work Club 2-4	13 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 Full moon	14 Long Arm Rental Day Make & Take: Grocery Tote 1-4	15	16 Patriotic Turning 20 10:30-4

17 Beginning Quilting 1-4	18	19 Hand work Club 2-4	20 Long Arm class 10:30	21 Long Arm Rental Day	22	23 Three Yard Quilts 10:30-4
24 Beginning Quilting 1-4	25	26 Hand work Club 2-4	27 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	28 Long Arm Rental Day	29	30 Cotton Candy 10:30-4
31 Beginning Quilting 1-4	Color of the month: Christmas					

June classes

Machine Applied Binding Sat June 25 1-4 \$35 Barb Boyer

I will teach you how to cut and sew your binding, and then you will practice on your own project. Homework before class: Make sure you have a small project (40 X 40, but no smaller than 20 X 20) that is quilted and ready for binding. Also bring your chosen binding (you don't have to cut it prior to class). In class you will prepare your binding, then stitch it on. You will learn how to cut & press your binding, how to stitch it on the first side, how to miter the corners, and then how to choose a decorative stitch (or just a straight stitch) to stitch the binding down on the other side. Several different methods of machine applied binding will be discussed and shown.

Make & Take Thurs June 23 1-4 \$40 Barb Boyer Includes kit & pattern

In June, you will learn to make a **wool holder/notebook for needles, scissors and note pad**. We will provide the kit to make the holder, which will include the wool, trims and matching wool threads for the applique. I will show you easy ways to applique your wool pieces. If you don't want to do it all by hand, bring your machine and put it together either in part or all by machine.

July Classes

Cotton Candy Sat July 30 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer

Cotton Candy uses the large SideKick Ruler to cut triangles and diamonds. These are sewn into hexies and then sewn together in rows – no inset seams! Choose a color wheel color scheme or just use scraps. There is a lot of piecing in this quilt, but by chain piecing (and we will show you the easy way to do this) you will get this quilt done in no time. If you want a little bit of a challenge this summer, this is the quilt for you!

Creative Grid Ruler Demo Sat July 9, 1-2 FREE

Stripology Geese Ruler. With this ruler you get slits at ½ inch intervals, allowing you to cut all sorts of different sized strips. The ruler can also be used to cut squares from your strips. And you can use it to square up blocks, specifically half square and quarter square triangle blocks. Very versatile. Come to the free demo, learn how to use the ruler, and if you buy the ruler that day, 20% off the cost of the ruler. I will have limited supplies of the rulers in stock, but if I run out, if you pay for the ruler, I will order it in for you.

Make & Take Thurs July 14 1-4 \$30 Barb Boyer Includes kit & pattern

Grocery Bag Tote: We will make an easy and fun grocery tote bag, complete with elastic to roll it up. **SPOILER ALERT: Around the Block will be going bagless this fall.** We are going to move away from offering plastic bags to customers. We will always have some bags, just because and just in case, but we hope you will start bringing in your own reusable bag to this store and others. This grocery tote is approximately the same size and shape as the plastic bags you get at the grocery store. We will provide kits for class; all you need to do is bring your sewing machine.

Patriotic Turning Twenty July 16, 10:30-4 \$30 Barb Boyer

We used 20 red, white and blue fabrics for our quilt, but any 20 fabrics will work. Go Western, Wildlife, Sewing, dogs, flowers – they will all work. This Turning 20 has 2 different blocks and uses a partial seam construction, which is easy to do. It's a quick quilt and you will learn a new skill!

Take Five July 2, 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

It takes 5 minutes to choose 5 fabrics and in 5 hours you have a quilt! Yes, you can do it! It really doesn't take long to find the right fabrics and because the fabrics are stacked on top of each other (only 5 layers) you can cut the pieces you need from each fabric very quickly. I'll show you how to quickly sort your fabrics into the blocks and the a quick & easy chain piecing technique gets your blocks done quickly. It's a fun, easy sew and if you need a quick gift, this is the perfect quilt.

Three Yard Quilt July 23 \$30 Jean Korber

The ever popular 3-yard quilt keeps your fabric choices easy and your sewing simple. Choose any quilt from the popular books and we will help you get your cutting and sewing going. You are bound to have most of this quilt finished by the time you leave! Great for gifts!



Nolting Quilting Machines



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.

Normal Shop Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10-6
Sunday 1-5

Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 7-May 22)

Monday-Saturday 10-5, closed Sundays unless a class is scheduled. Then we're open 1-5.
Check the schedule.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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