



June 3, 2022

I have new garage doors! Now all I need is a new garage to match. My old one needs some serious spiffying up to match the shiny new doors.

The old doors got seriously dented when I ran into them. Actually, I only ran into one of them. The neighbor girl who swore she could operate a riding lawn mower lied. She got on, turned it over, got it in gear, and drove straight into the garage door. She was helping out when I had my first knee replaced, which, thanks to the memory of my sister-in-law, was 10 years ago this week. So that door never did go up & down very easily. My brother later got the pasture part of the yard mowed when he came out to relieve my sister-in-law from helping the knee surgery patient. Although I'm not sure he enjoyed the mower as much as my niece did last year. She got on and took off before I explained how the brakes worked. Fortunately we started in the middle of the pasture and not next to a garage door—nothing to run into because I also did not have a chance to tell her how to adjust the speed. And fortunately, there wasn't that much gas left in the tank.

Anyway, the door that I use (for the car), I ran into it probably 10 years ago. It would still go up and down, but it had a terrible screech that I tried for years to grease out. All I got for my efforts was grease on the floor. And then I backed into the door—don't laugh at all of this. I know you've taken out at least one garage door in your lifetime. Anyway, miracle of miracles, no more screech. I'd fixed the door by simply running into it.

Well, that lasted for a good couple of years, I think, until last summer when the screech came back. So I ordered new doors. The guy came up for a measurement in October and then and then and then.... Do you know how hard it is to get garage door parts? Anyway, yesterday he came and I now have new garage doors! And a very tired looking garage.

So this morning I went out and pushed the remote button and watched as the left door went up and the right door went down. And I wondered if I had left the right door up last night. I could have sworn both doors were down. So I hit the button again. The left door went down and the right went up. Now I have three buttons on the remote. The first button has one long bar, the middle button 2 bars and the third button 3 bars. I had read through the instructions last night, but I don't remember looking for info on how the remotes worked. I mean, you just hit the button, right?

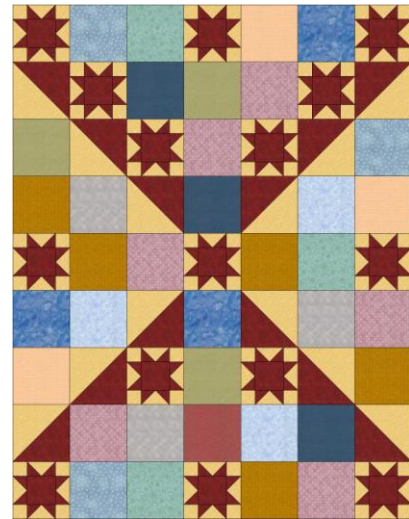
So I figured, I must have the wrong remote. I was holding the remote for the right door and not the left. (Please don't point out that both the right and left doors were moving. That's beside the point.) So I got the other remote and hit the single bar button. The left door went up. Great. I put the other remote in a drawer in the garage. I attached the remote to the visor, I backed out without hitting the door, and I hit, I thought, the top button. The left door went down and the right door went up. Sigh. Frankly I don't remember exactly what I did to get both doors down. It's going to require a little more study. But fortunately, I only have three choices to play with.

The other good thing about getting the new garage doors is it gave me the opportunity to clean up the trash that the dogs created last winter. The trash had been in a bin and the garage had been basically clean, thanks to Richard & his son who “helped” me (they did all the work, I just directed traffic) empty the garage of useless things and who swept out the dirt when they were done. But thanks to both Becca and Cassidy, who knew there was something good in the trash, the garage got trashed when I had to keep them in the back yard because of too much snow in the front yard. (They can walk over the fence when that happens).

So I raked up (more on that in a minute) up the trash and stowed it in bins while I wondered where my big push broom was. I looked and looked, but I’m not sure where it went. It’s hard to lose something that big. So the floor is raked but not swept out yet and otherwise basically neat. That’s a nice feeling.

Mystery finished!

Arrange your blocks, as shown in the picture, and sew together in rows. Add a border, or two, if you want. Cut the inner border strips (need 8) at 2 1/2" by WOF. Sew strips together in one long length, then cut to the measurement of the quilt. Then add outside border: Cut at 5 1/2" by length of grain.



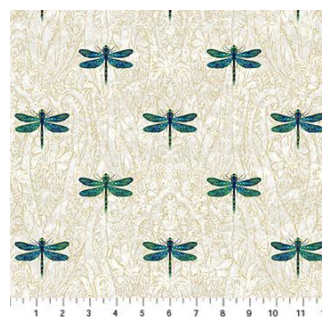
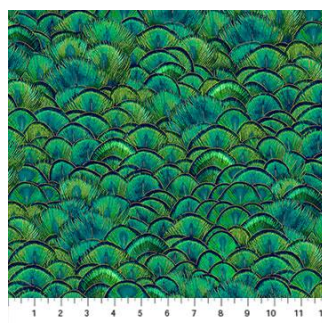
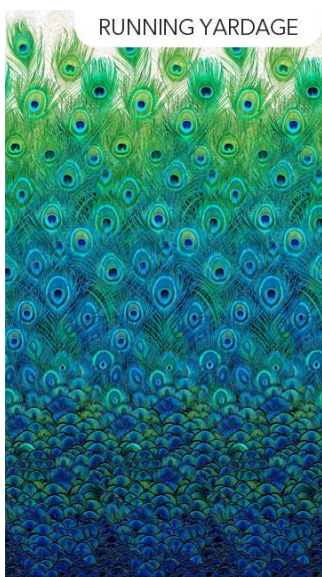
What's New

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)

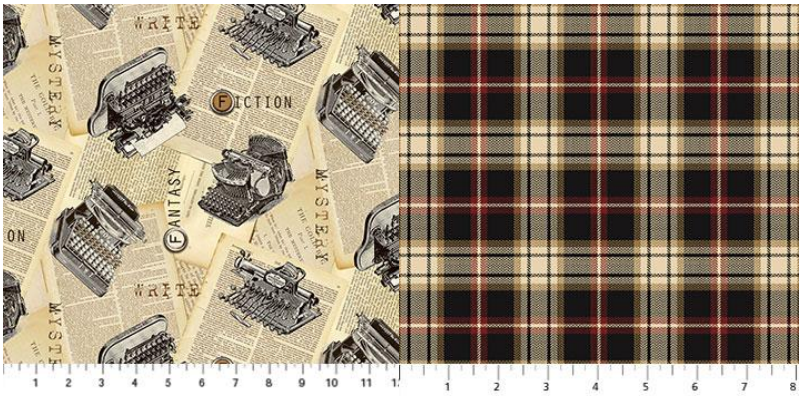
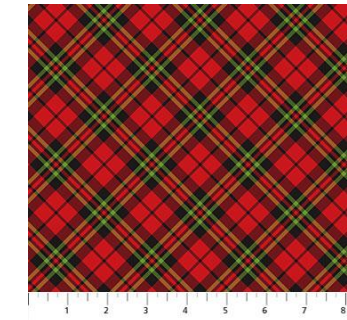
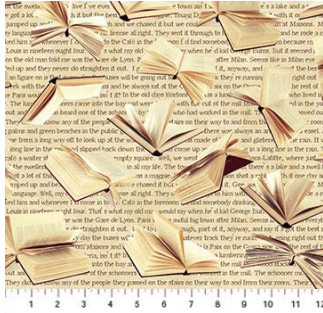
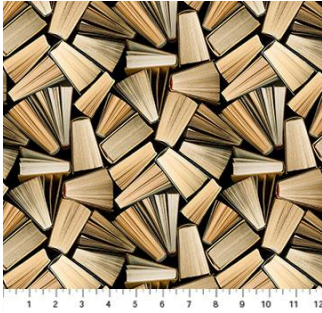
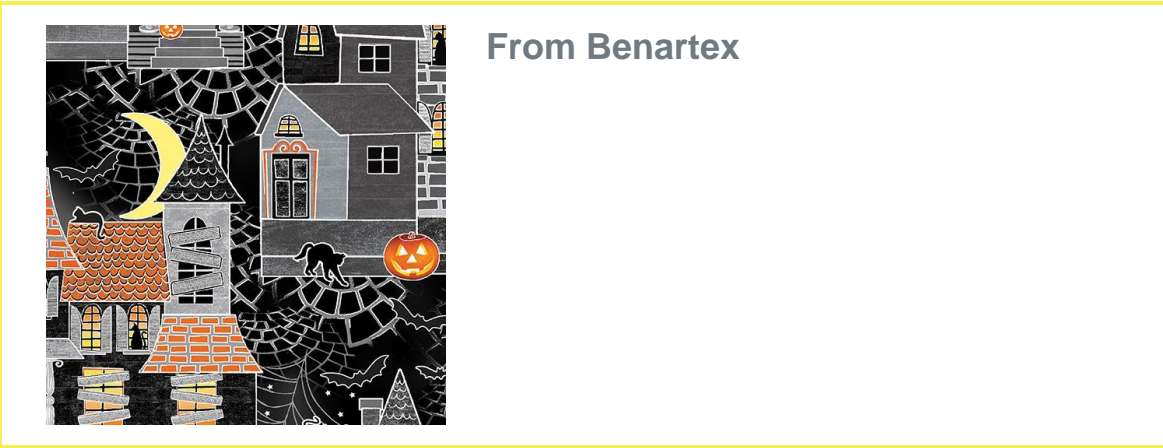


Dijon

Tea Rose



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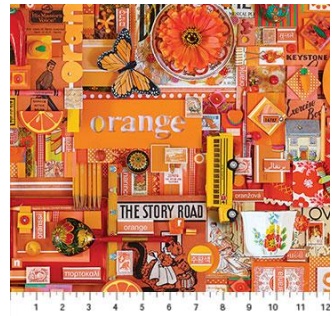
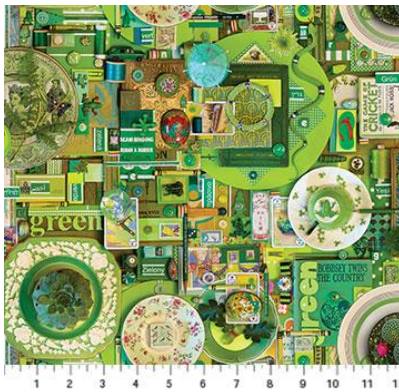




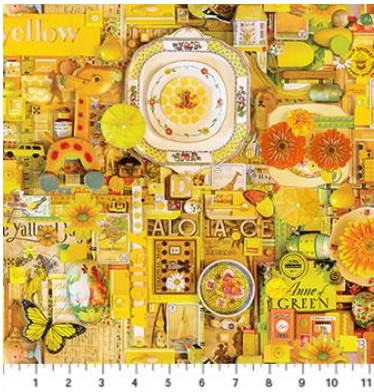
From Riley Blake--Note: These fabrics are bundled in a one yard package. There are 21 pieces, which include 1 each of the six panels. Pictures are representative of what is in the bundle.

Also have the Elk and Deer panel on the bolt.





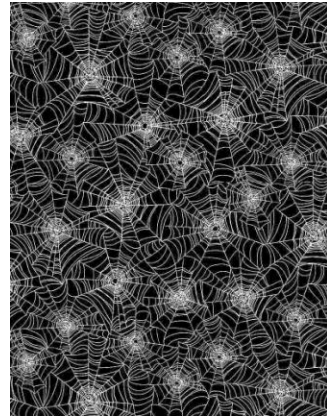
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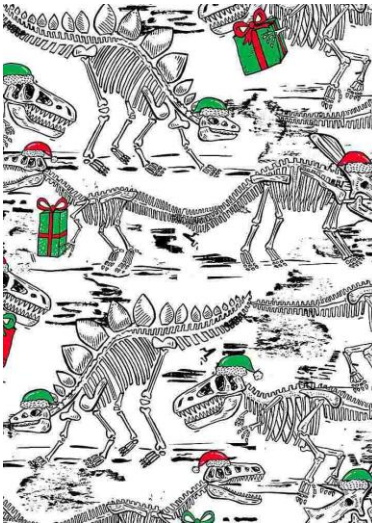


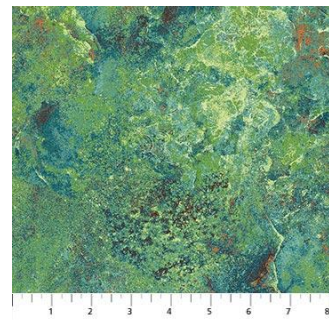
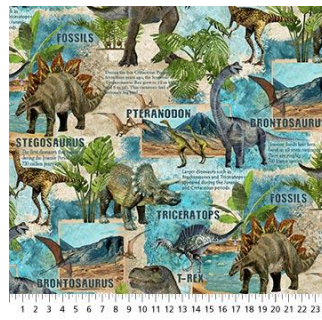
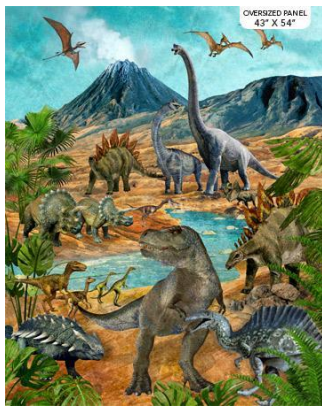
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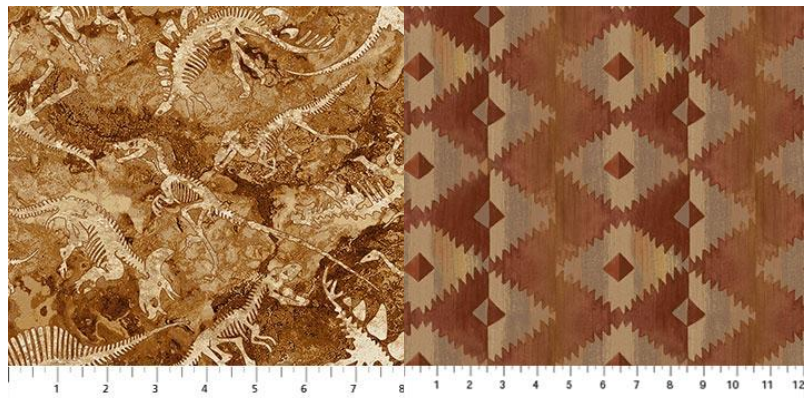
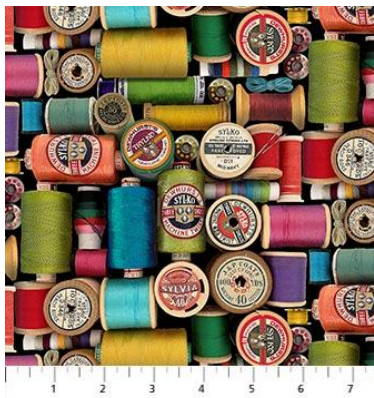
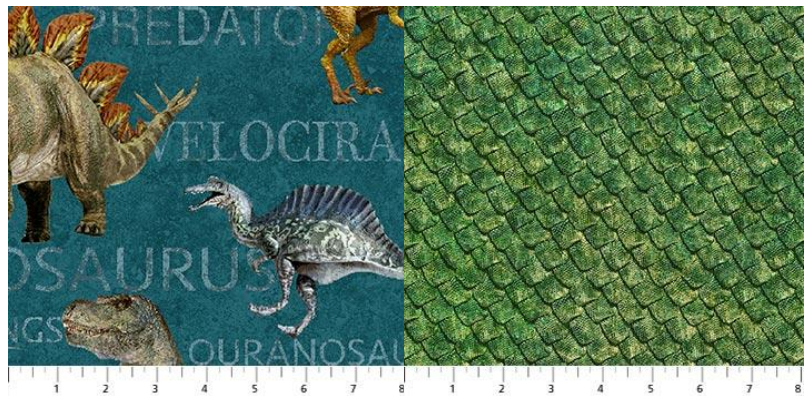
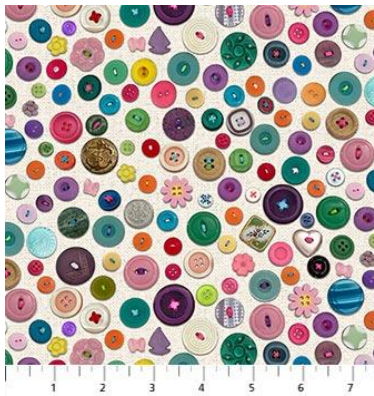


From Timeless Treasures

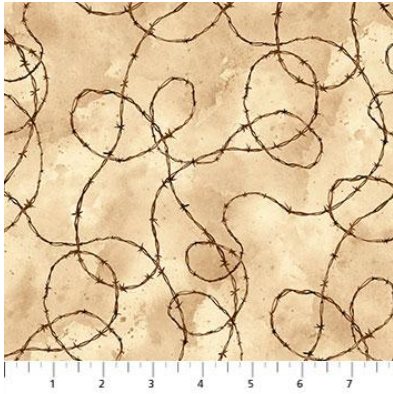
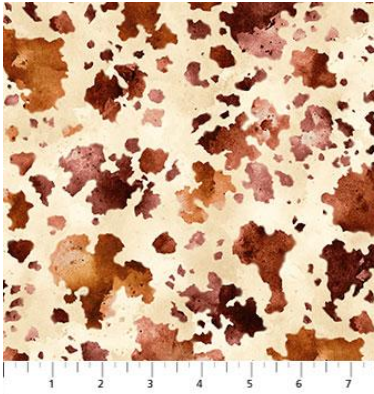




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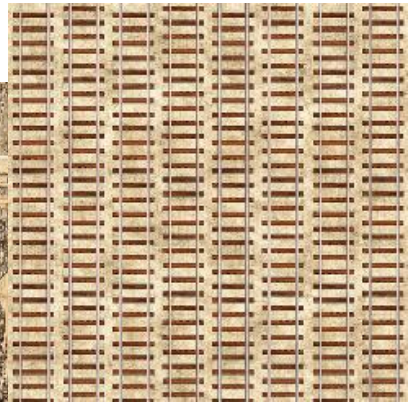






From Michael Miller





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May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3 Hand work Club 2-4	4 Long Arm class 10:30	5 Long Arm Rental Day	6	7 BOM 10:30 Zig Zag Quilt 1-5
8 CLOSED	9	10 Hand work Club 2-4	11 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	12 Long Arm Rental Day	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Beginning Paper Piecing 1-5
15 Moms' Day CLOSED	16 Full moon	17 Hand work Club 2-4	18 Long Arm class 10:30	19 Long Arm Rental Day	20 Potluck Long Weekend	21 Potluck Long Weekend
22 Potluck Long Weekend Shop Is now open 1-5!	23 Potluck Long Weekend	24 Hand work Club 2-4	25 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	26 Long Arm Rental Day	27	28 One Block Wonder Panel, getting started, choosing panels, first cuts 10:30-4
29 Shop Is now open 1-5!	30	31 Hand work Club 2-4	Color of the month: whites			

I've added the June calendar here. A separate email will be coming with June, July & August classes, plus descriptions of clases.

	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	

May Classes

One Block Wonder Panel 1st class Saturday May 28 10:30-4 \$50 Jean Korber

Back by popular demand! This quilt uses 7 identical panels, 6 of which are cut up into equilateral triangles and pieced around the panel, which is worked into the center, the top, the bottom, the side—you choose! First class is getting your panels cut. Subsequent classes (2 more) in June will follow for designing and sewing. If you haven't made one of these quilts, now is the time to learn. And an in person class, especially for this quilt, is the way to do it.

June classes

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun June 12

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.

Creative Grid Ruler Demo Sat June 11, 1-2 FREE

Flying Geese Ruler. This ruler helps you cut and trim your Geese and gives you 3 different ways to make them! 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.

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.

One Block Wonder Panel 2st class Saturday June 18 10:30-4 \$50 Jean Korber

Back by popular demand! This quilt uses 7 identical panels, 6 of which are cut up into equilateral triangles and pieced around the panel, which is worked into the center, the top, the bottom, the side—you choose! First class is getting your panels cut (class in May). Subsequent class in June for designing and sewing. If you haven't made one of these quilts, now is the time to learn. And an in person class, especially for this quilt, is the way to do it.

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

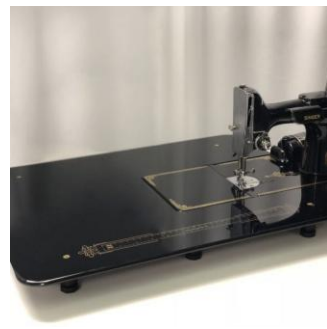
We used 20 red, white and blue fabrics for our quilt, but any 20 fabrics will work. Go Western, Wildlife, Sewing, dogs, flowers – they will all work. This Turning 20 has 2 different blocks and uses a partial seam construction, which is easy to do. It's a quick quilt and you will learn a new skill!

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 then 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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