

Winter Store Hours
M-F 10-5
Closed Sundays



November 11, 2022

The fortunate thing about streaming services is you miss the ads. The unfortunate thing about streaming services is you miss the ads. In case you missed them, two funny ads on tv:

1. Two hikers who look alike, with long curly brown hair are sitting on a log out in the woods. They are sharing a KitKat bar. One says to the other, "You know, it doesn't matter if you choose left or right, they are both chewy, crunchy and delicious." The camera pans behind the hikers, where two bears are focused on the backs of the hikers, who look identical from behind. One bear says to the other, "You know, it doesn't matter if you choose left or right, they are both chewy, crunchy and delicious." I almost can't believe that got past the corporate higher ups.

2. A cartoon dog looks longingly at a snowman being built by his owner. Voice over says, "Dogs don't know what's good for them, like not being able to leave a good stick alone." The dog jumps up, pulls the arm off the snowman and starts chewing. The snowman starts agonizingly screaming, "arggg" over and over again while the owner takes a prat fall in the snow.

Small gems of humor, worth the watching.

Another gem, from another source, that I am reprinting in full with credits. This was too good to not share. It has elements of the Charlie Brown and Lucy, kicking the football ploy. I can hear Cassidy as the Rosie and Becca as the wolf.

My dog's squirrelly confidence can be an election lesson

Rex Huppke USA TODAY

As we tread water in an ocean of midterm election news, let's take a moment to ponder more pleasant topics, like uselessness and failure.

For dog owners, those qualities are on vivid autumnal display, as squirrels fritter about prepping for winter and our canine friends delude themselves into thinking they will ever catch a busy squirrel.

It's a hapless, hopeless desire. It's trying to push a boulder uphill and forever getting flattened.

The Great Squirrel Delusion

My own noble dog, Rosie, suffers from the Great Squirrel Delusion. With her, as with most domestic canines, I suspect, it unfolds like this: We are walking and she's on a leash. She spots a squirrel ahead, audaciously existing. She slows, lowers her body and then, as we near the bushy-tailed target, hauls off like a

whirling dervish of fur and legs, forgetting two key things:

A) She is tethered to me via a leash.

B) She couldn't catch the squirrel if there were no leash, she were on a motorcycle and the squirrel only had one leg.

An apex predator she is not. And yet, the optimism, the certainty that her mouth will soon be filled with squirming squirrel meat, never flags. There's something admirable about it all, I suppose. And maybe, in the weeks ahead, we could all use to learn a little about never giving up. So I convened a focus group consisting of Rosie, a squirrel and a local wolf. The interview is transcribed below.

Rosie : HELLO! THERE IS A SQUIRREL HERE. I CAN SEE THE SQUIRREL. IT IS RIGHT OVER THERE IN A CHAIR AND I AM GOING TO CHASE THAT SQUIRREL AND CATCH IT. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SQUIRREL WILL BE MINE AND WHEN I POUNCE AND GRAB IT IN MY MOUTH I WILL ... well ... I guess if I'm being honest I haven't thought that far ahead. What will I do with that thing?

Local wolf: Oh, for the love of carnivores, you domesticated nitwit, you'll eat it. You'll sink your bloody incisors into it and devour its flesh.

Rosie: I will? YES! THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I WILL DO WHEN I CATCH THAT SQUIRREL WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IS DEFINITELY GOING TO HAPPEN THIS TIME.

Squirrel: Hah!

Rosie: WHAT WAS THAT, SQUIRREL THAT I'M ABOUT TO CATCH?!?

Local wolf: He's laughing at you, you pitiful creature.

Rosie: OH, YOU ARE LAUGHING AT ME, SQUIRREL? YOU WILL SOON FEEL MY WRATH AND RUE THE DAY YOU MET ME. JUST BECAUSE THE PAST 12,345 TIMES I HAVE CHASED ONE OF YOUR KIND HAVEN'T ENDED IN A TECHNICAL 'CATCHING' OF ONE OF YOU, THIS TIME WILL FOR SURE BE DIFFERENT AND YOU WILL BE CAUGHT! BY ME!

Squirrel: nibble nibble nibble

Rosie: WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!??? ARE YOU NIBBLING AN ACORN WHILE I SIT HERE CLEARLY POSING A DEADLY THREAT TO YOU? OHHHH, YOU WILL REGRET BEING THIS CALM WHEN I HAVE YOU IN MY MOUTH AND DEFINITELY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO WITH YOU. AND WHEN YOU SCREAM, I WILL DEFINITELY NOT DROP YOU LIKE MY FRIEND BISCUIT DID AND THEN RUN INSIDE AND HIDE UNDER THE TABLE BECAUSE THE SOUND IS SCARY!

Local wolf : Oh, dear god.

Rosie: NO! I WILL ... DO THE EATING OF YOU AND ... FOR SURE NOT ATTEMPT TO PLAY WITH YOU BECAUSE IT'S POSSIBLE YOU'RE JUST A MUCH SMALLER DOG.

Local wolf: How is it possible you evolved from us?

Rosie: I AM COMING FOR YOU SQUIRREL!!!

(At this point, Rosie leaped off her chair toward the squirrel, misjudged the distance to the table, bonked her head on the edge of the table and fell to the ground then got up very quickly, pretending nothing happened.)

Rosie: I'm fine. Everything's cool.

Squirrel: HAH!

Local wolf: This is the most embarrassing thing I've ever seen.

Squirrel moves 2 inches

Rosie: I meant to do that. I am lulling that squirrel into a false sense of security just as I've done with the squirrels in my backyard. I run out every morning and pretend to chase them but always come up short ON PURPOSE! Then one day, I will really try hard and then I will get a squirrel in my mouth and I will ... ummmm ... and then I'll ...

Local wolf: Greedily devour it?

Rosie: YES! I WILL DO WHAT WOLF SAID!

Squirrel: HAHAHAHHAAAA!

Rosie: NOW I WILL GET YOU, STUPID SQUIRREL!!!

(Rosie again jumped off her chair, landed on the desk and leaped toward the squirrel. The squirrel moved 2 inches to the right, not dropping its acorn, and Rosie flew into the wall.)

Local wolf: It appears all dignity was lost in the evolutionary process.

Squirrel: nibble nibble nibble

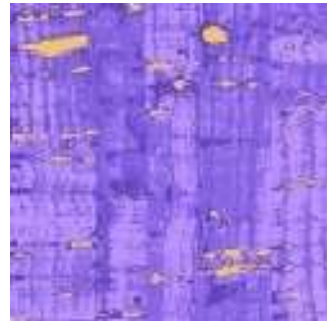
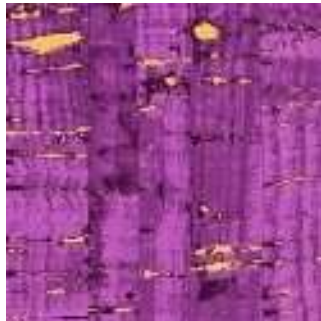
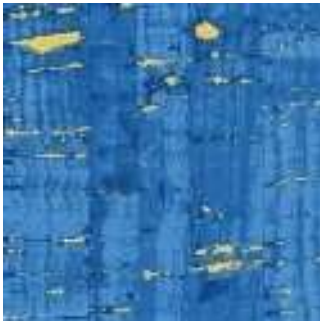
Rosie: THAT'S IT! I WILL GET YOU THIS TIME! OF THIS I AM CERTAIN!!

I ended the focus group there before things got out of hand. But regardless of the local wolf's disgust or the squirrel's cockiness, the unbridled optimism Rosie and all our canine companions might just help us in the potentially tumultuous weeks and months ahead.

It doesn't matter how fast those squirrels run. We've got to keep believing we'll catch 'em.

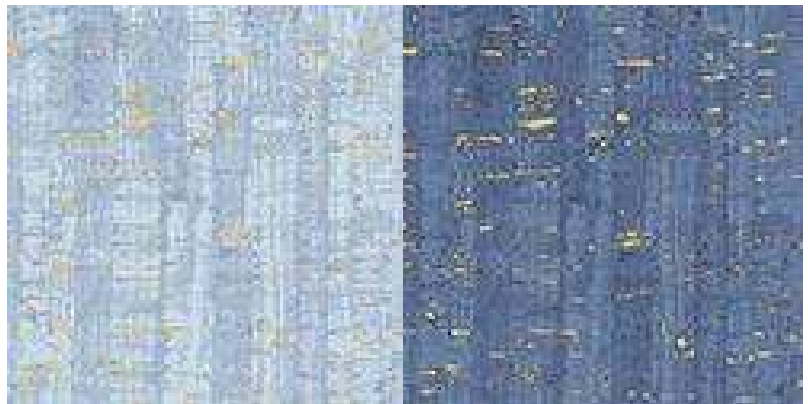
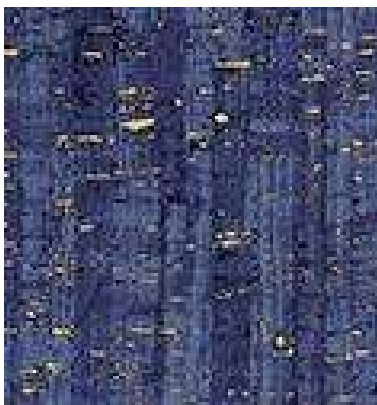
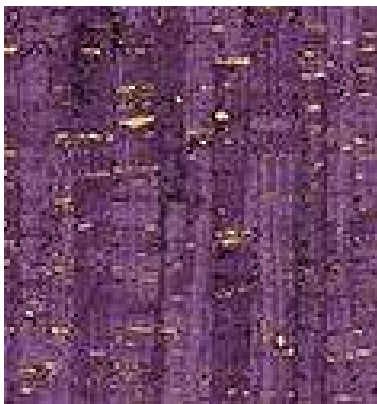
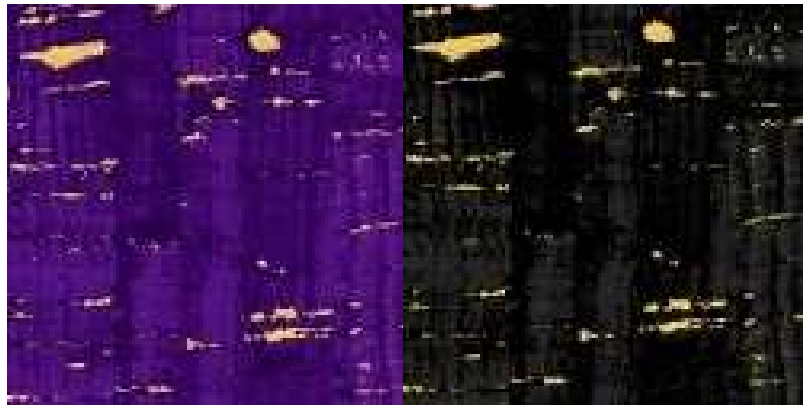
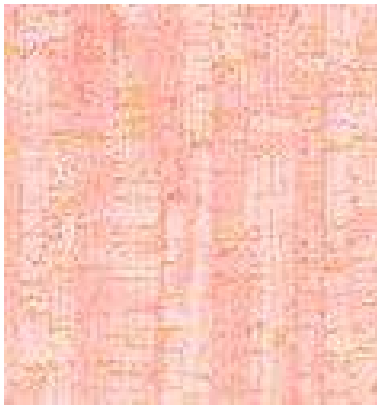
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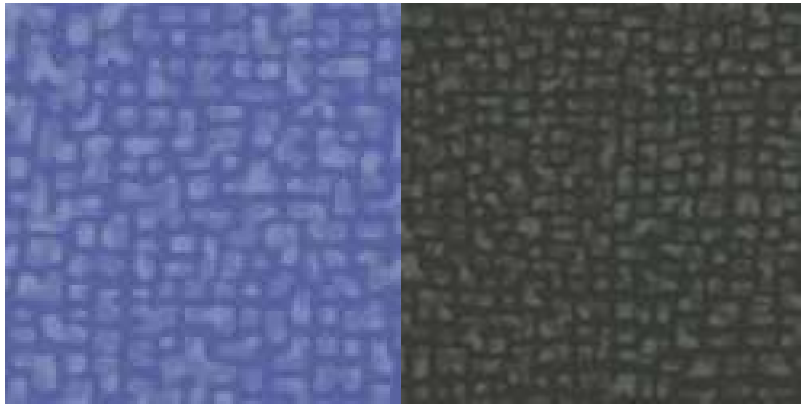
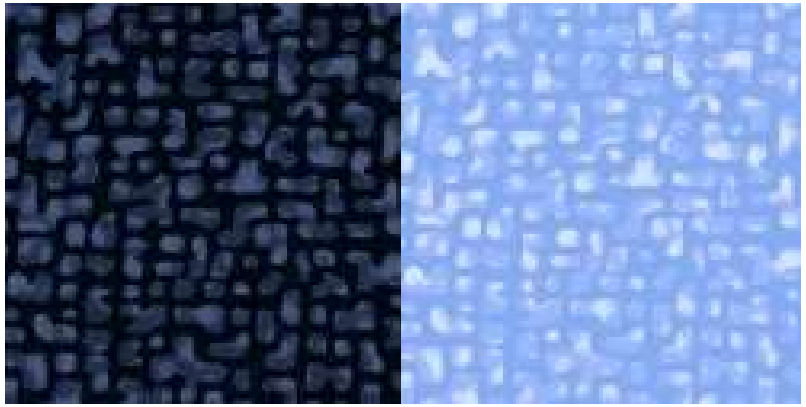
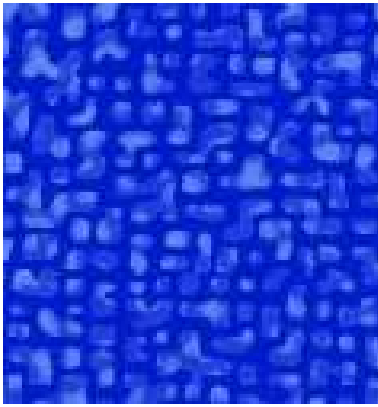
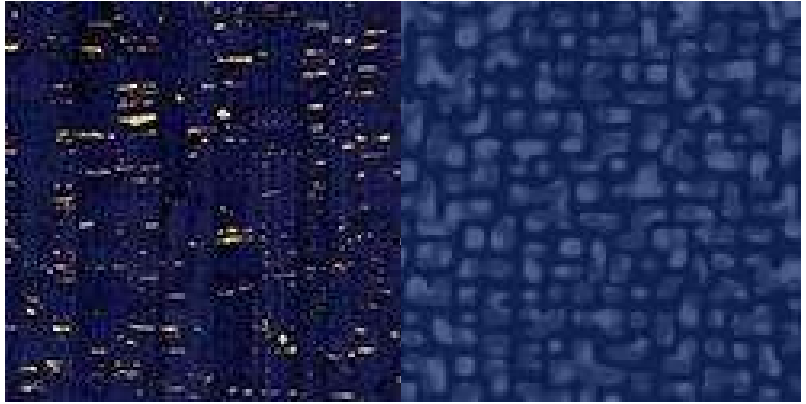
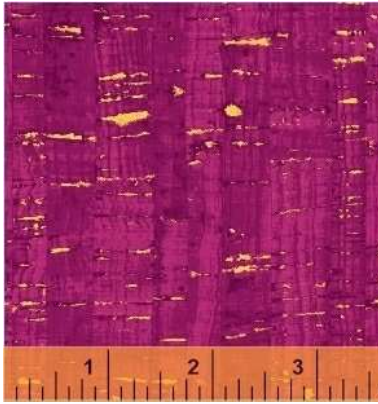
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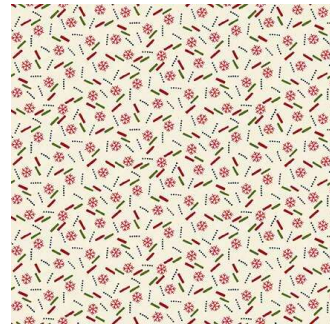
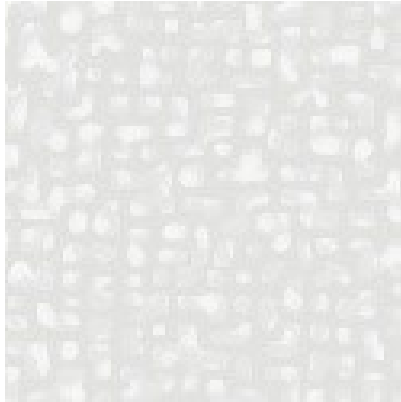


From Windham: For the Waterfall class in December. We are not kitting these, so you can choose

your own colors. Don't wait too long to choose.







From Henry Glass &

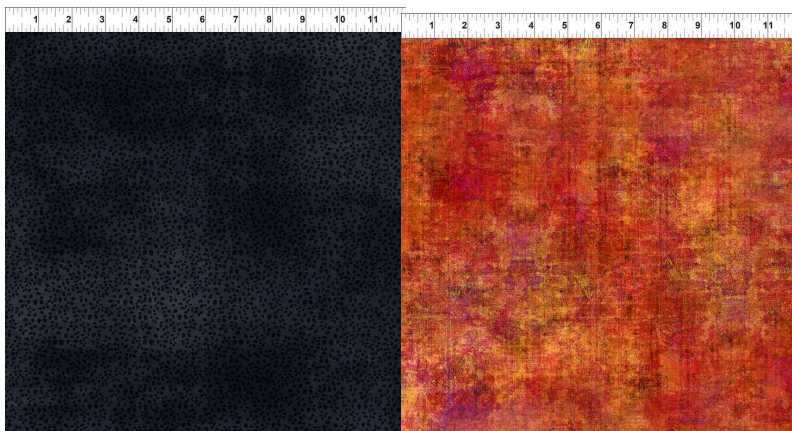
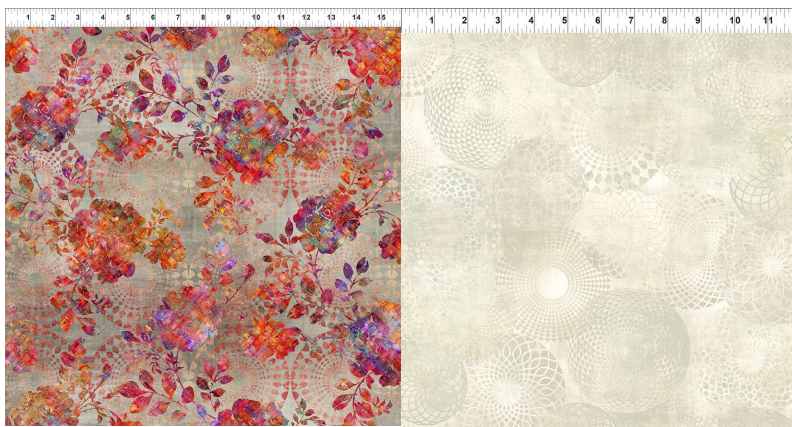
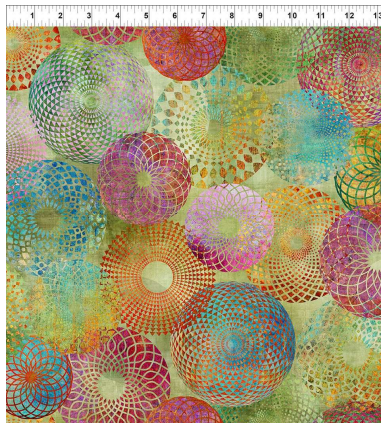
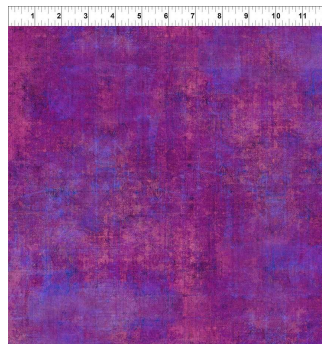
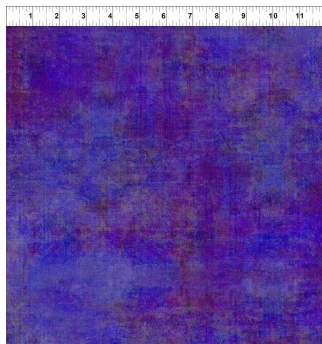


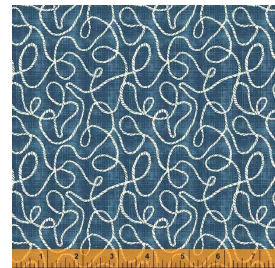
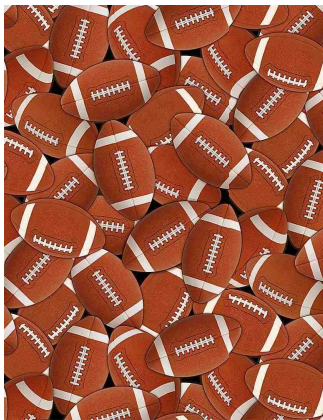
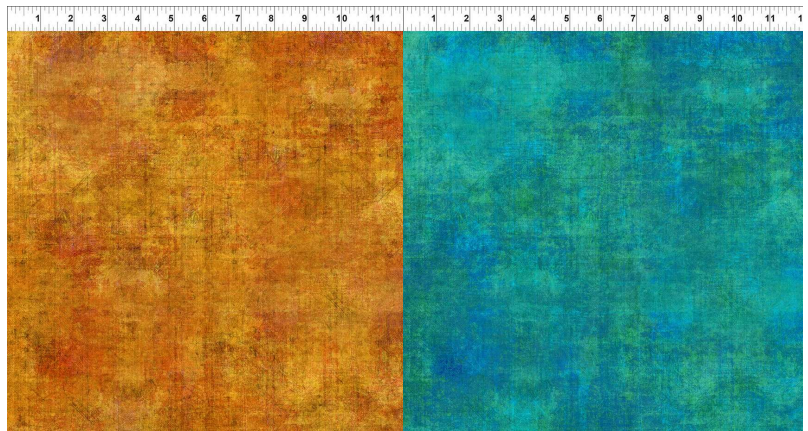
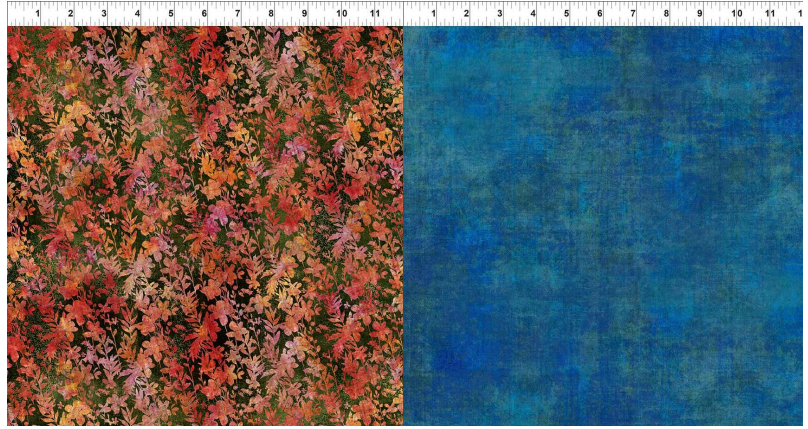


From Michael Miller



We have one kit left. And we're making different kits for a different quilt from remaining fabric. When we're done, supplies will be limited of remaining fabric, just so you know.





From Windham

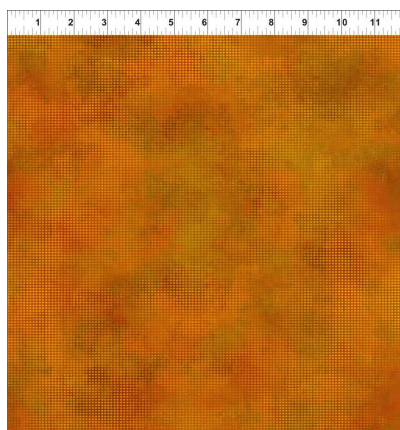
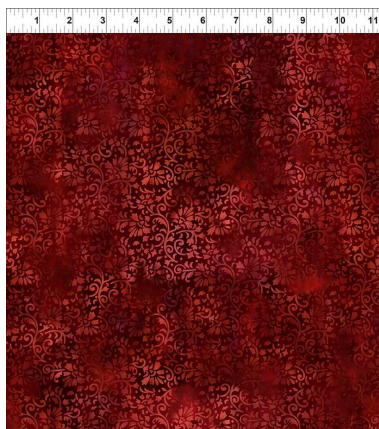
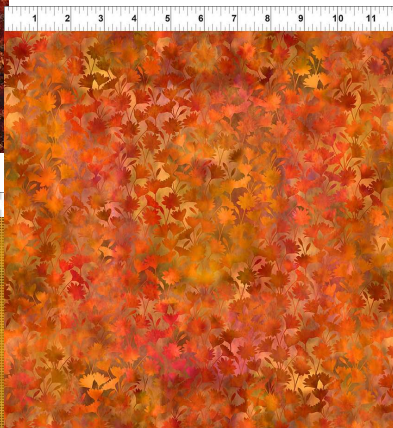
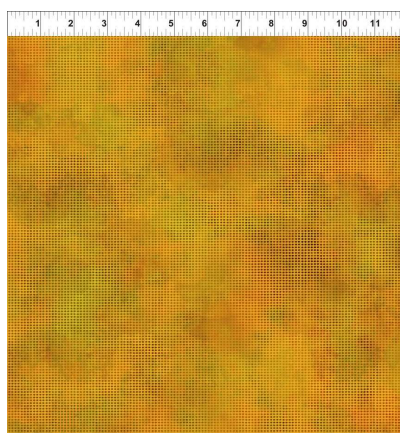
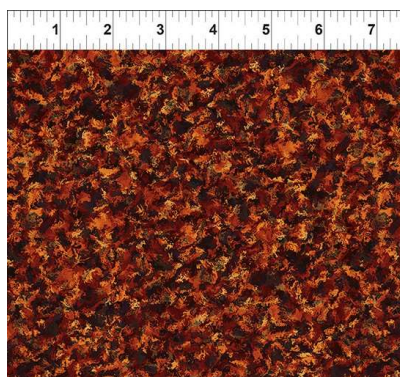
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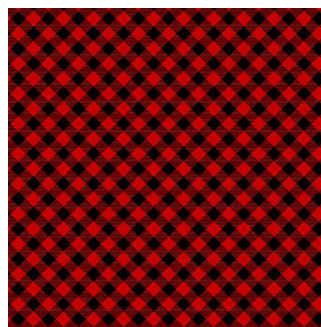


From In the Beginning

NOTE: This collection is called A Year of Autumn, from the Year of Art collection. We have a limited number of kits.

I am not getting the Reflections of Autumn collection. I will be getting Halcyon collection soon.





Henry Glass

November

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hand work Club 2-4	2 Long Arm class 10:30	3 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Quilting 1-4 Part 2	4	5 BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings
6 CLOSED	7	8 Hand work Club 2-4 Full moon Veteran's Day	9 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	10 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy 1-5 \$25

13 CLOSED	14	15 Hand work Club 2-4	16 Long Arm class 10:30	17 Long Arm Rental Day	18	19 Krista Moser Tree Skirt 10:30- 4 \$35
20 CLOSED	21	22 Hand work Club 2-4	23 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	24 CLOSED Thanksgiving	25 Black Friday Sale	26 Shop Small Business Sale TBA
27 CLOSED	28	29 Hand work Club 2-4	30	Color of the month: flannels		

December

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: red				1 Long Arm Rental Day	2	3 BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings
4 CLOSED	5	6 Hand work Club 2-4	7 Long Arm class 10:30 Full moon	8 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4 Class 3	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Letters to Santa 1-5 \$30

11 CLOSED	12	13 Hand work Club 2-4	14 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	15 Long Arm Rental Day	16	17 Waterfall 10:30- 4 \$35
18 CLOSED	19	20 Hand work Club 2-4	21	22	23	24 Close at 2
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 Hand work Club 2-4	28 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	29	30 Year End Toter Sale 40% off	31 Year End Sale 40% Off

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 will be Where Are You Going and Where Have You Been? Or This is Your Life. The challenge is to find fabrics that represent your life and your interests: travel, gardening, reading, quilting, where you've lived, family, etc. The some of the blocks will also represent your life: Wyoming and Cheyenne blocks, flowers or baskets – I'll do my best to find blocks that represent some of our mutual interest. The other challenge is to make some of the blocks in both 12" and 6" sizes (don't worry, I'll supply the cutting directions).

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, which is Snow Women. Each block features a snow woman doing every day chores – or deciding to go sledding instead. Each has a funny saying and all blocks have quilt patterns to embroider within.

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 2-5

This club is open to everyone. Bring your hand sewing (embroidery, binding, knitting, crochet, etc) and sit & stitch.

November Classes

Tree Skirt by Krista Moser Nov 19 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

For the Krista Moser fans, and especially if you already have the ruler, why not make this great tree skirt. The tree skirt can double as a table topper, and the pattern also includes placemats and a table runner. The pattern shows using black, white & grays for the main part of the tree skirt (the trees are done in greens), but you could make it in other "buffalo check" colors, from green & black, red & black, or assorted Christmas prints.

Triangle Frenzy Sat Nov 12 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

We've been putting the Triangle Frenzy quilt table runner on the schedule for several years now because it is so popular. It is the perfect table runner and it uses the great 10" wide border stripe fabrics. You need a 12" 60 degree triangle ruler and 1-1 1/2 yards of a border stripe. These table runners are quick to make and are great gifts for the holidays.

December Classes

Letters to Santa Sat Dec 10 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

Kids put out cookies and carrots for Santa and his reindeer on Christmas Eve. This little pieced "mug rug" has a pocket for Sant's letter and a space on the side for the cookies, milk and carrots. It's quick to piece and is a perfect gift for the child in your family. The pattern calls for embroidery as well, but a flair tipped pen works just as well.

Waterfall Sat Dec 17 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

The Waterfall pattern is a cascading colored quilt block, using 7 different fabrics from light to dark made in a half log cabin styled block. You can make the quilt using one color family (pattern is shown in blue) or you can make it in various colors, cascading from light to dark in each color family. I hope to be able to bring in at least one fabric group that uses 7 different colors in one color family. Stay tuned.

CLUBS

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB FREE!

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 Club FREE!

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-5, 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). Every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2-5.

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 10; October 8; November 8; December 7

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 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 needleup/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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