



September 16, 2022

This is my curmudgeon post or rant for the....year? Month? Week? Day? And this day just keeps getting better and better.

It started out with seeing a sign on the shop door that the fed ex man had come by around 9 and I wasn't there. Apparently he had come by yesterday as well, but he didn't leave a message that time. Instead, he just came back the next day, today, same time, and, wonder or wonders, the shop wasn't open. So the message said he'd be back next business day (Monday) same time.

Now the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. I said that to the fed ex employee over the phone as I was complaining that this driver wasn't using any common sense. And that I needed that shipment for the next day. And that I had never had this kind of problem with drivers before.

So the kindly fed ex rep asked if I had gotten onto the web site to track and manage my shipments. I told him I had but there was no button to click for managing deliveries – despite the fact that the site told me to click the “manage deliveries” button below. There was no such button.

So we tried a different way and after I got all signed up, the web site told me that I couldn't use the site because the address I had entered was not residential. And there was no place for commercial businesses to sign up to “manage” deliveries.

I explained that problem to the kindly fed ex man and he said he'd try to do it on his end. The upshot of all of this is my delivery is going to be transferred to another truck and then taken to Walgreens where I can pick it up. Maybe today? No one knows. So I asked, why not just get the driver to turn around and deliver to my place (obviously they can contact him), since it isn't all that far from Walgreens. Or get the other driver to drop it off at the shop rather than at Walgreens. Apparently, they can't do that.

So tonight I will head over to Walgreens to pick up my delivery, assuming it's there, because the fed ex driver isn't smart enough to understand that he needs to deliver to businesses when they are open and not when it is convenient for him. I know, I know. He's just doing his job. My problem is, I don't think he's doing it very well. And I told the kindly fed ex man that, in my best curmudgeon tone.

So see? I'm being a curmudgeon. Which is actually a very polite way to describe me right now. As I get older it's just hard to tolerate idiocy. But that wasn't the only curmudgeon day this week.

Earlier in the week I wanted to send my driver's license application in by mail. My eye doc had signed off and all I needed to do was mail it in. But where? No where on the form does it tell you where to mail the application. Don't get me wrong. There are two addresses on the application, one for main office (I'm guessing) and one where you go to apply in person (which is where I would have chosen to send it and I would have been wrong). Now there was a return envelope that was sent along with the

application, but I had misplaced it. But wouldn't you think the form would have a sentence somewhere that said: MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO.... Nope.

So I called the number on the application and explained to the nice young man that I didn't know where to send in my application. He said no problem, I could just bring it by the office, not specifying which one.

So I had to explain to him again that I wanted to mail it in. I didn't holler at him, but I was insistent. And I asked, "I can do that, right?" So he admitted that yes I could do that and didn't I have the return envelope that they had sent along. I told him that I had lost it and JUST needed the address so that I could mail my application. He said, well, you'll have to use your own envelope and include a check or money order. Honestly, that was his response. And he repeated I could just drop my application off.

So I said, I don't have time to drop it off, all I want to do is MAIL it in. And I don't have a check, I want to pay by credit card. Isn't that possible?

And this is where the conversation got a little strange, or maybe a little more strange, because he seemed to be telling me no about paying by credit card and telling me again that I could just drop the application by the office and pay in cash. So because this nice young man was not listening to me, I read to him the fine print at the top of the application that said for a \$2.50 fee they would email me when they had processed my application and I could pay by card. All I had to do was put down my email and initial the form. He admitted that I could that. Jeez. And then he gave me the address.

A 1 minute conversation turned into 10 just because the nice young man didn't listen and just answer my initial question as to where to mail in the form. I decided not to ask him how my the renewl fee was (because that info was also not on the form) because I didn't want to prolong the conversation. He'd probably just tell me that if I dropped it off, they'd tell me how much to pay. So I got off the phone with him. And then I found the return envelope.

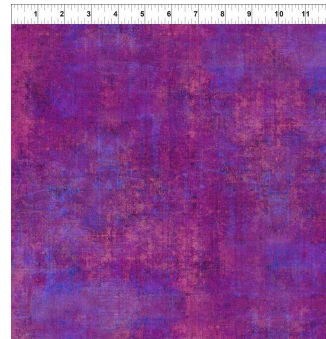
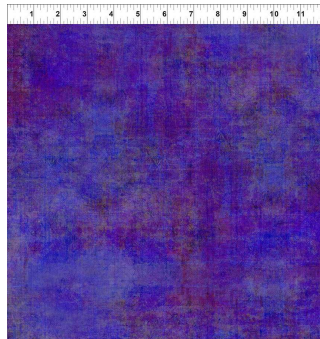
And now there is a man smoking a cigarette outside my door (he's parked right in front of the shop) and I bet he dropped his butt on the ground, rather than walk the few paces to the butt receptacle to dispose of his cigarette properly.

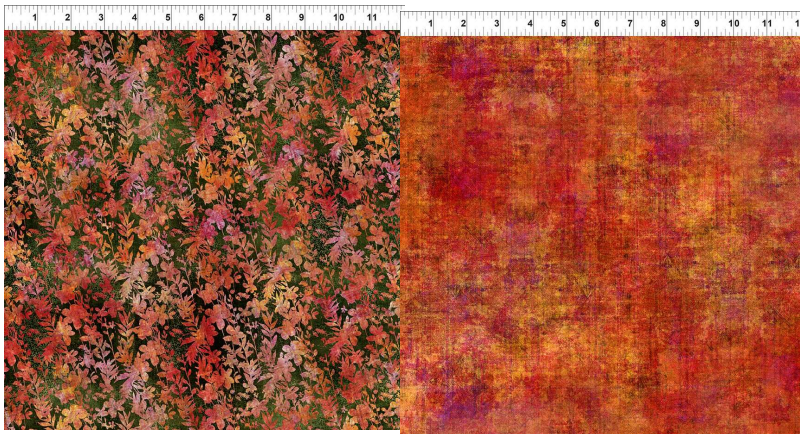
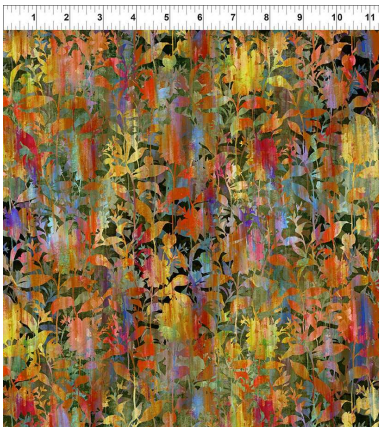
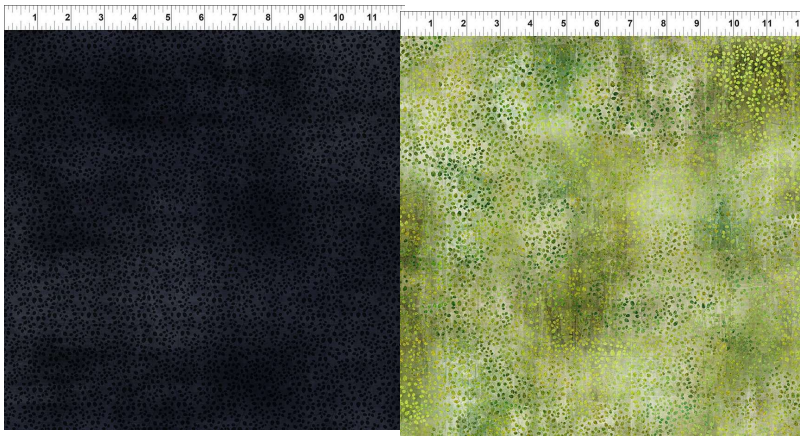
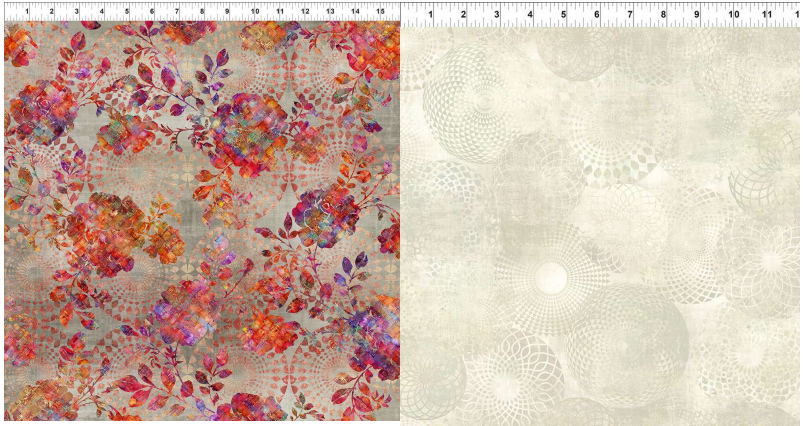
See? A curmudgeon day. Fortunately we've had great quilters stop by today. Many of them tourists. They have put the fun back into the day.

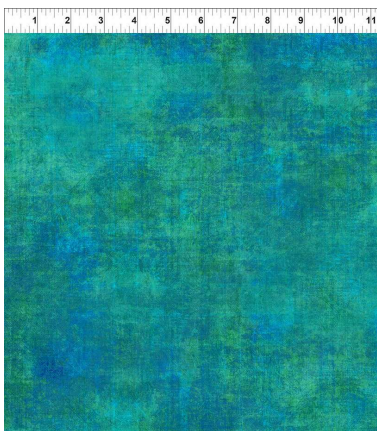
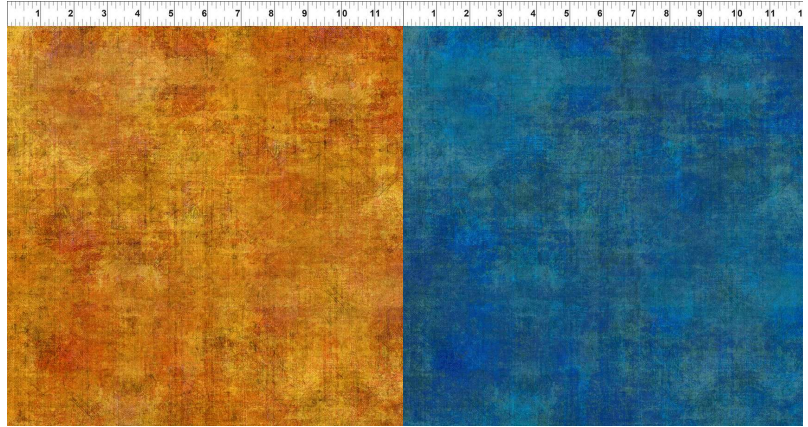
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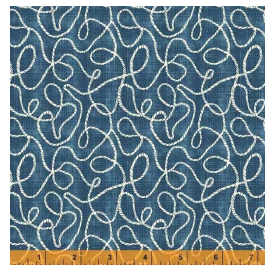
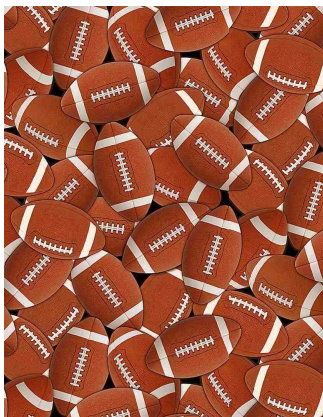
From In the Beginning
We now have kits for the
Kaleidoscope quilt. Limited.
Very limited. If you wanted one,
don't delay in getting it.





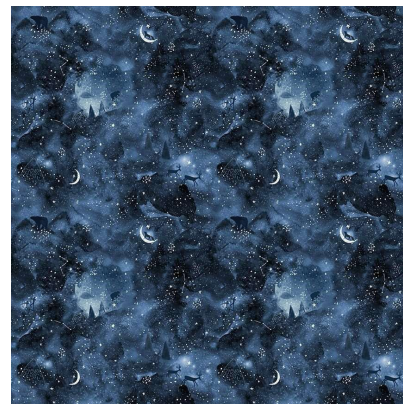


From Henry Glass



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From Timeless



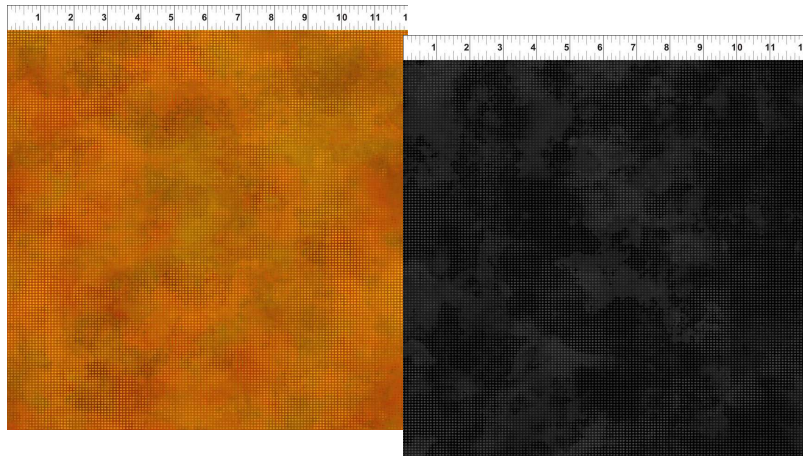
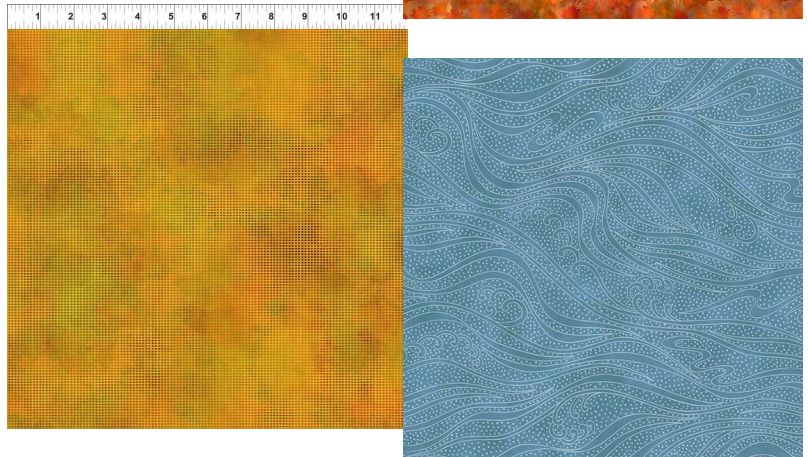
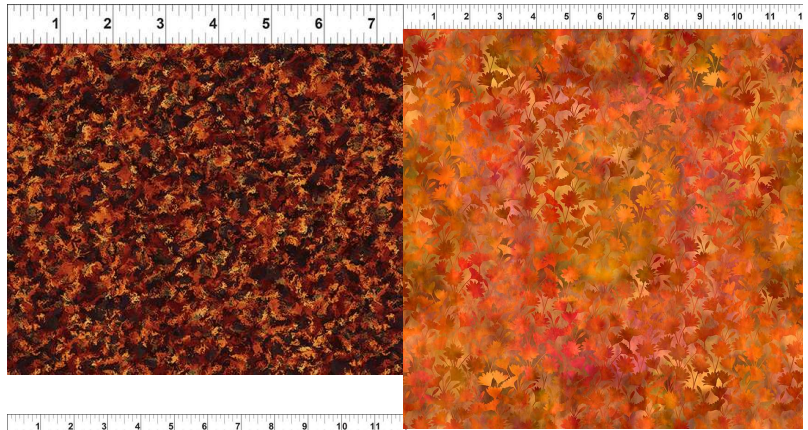
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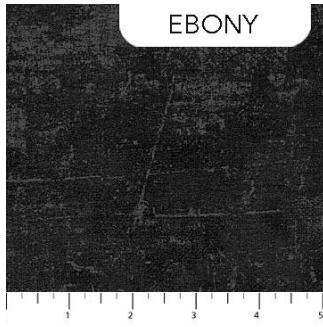


From In the Beginning

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.

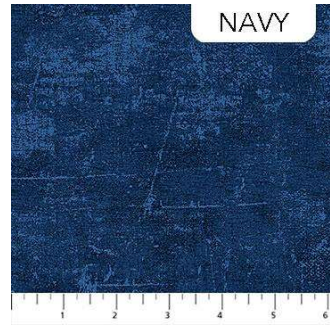




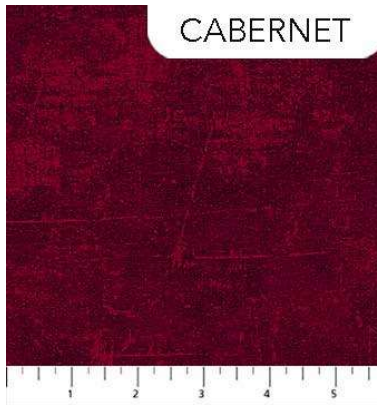
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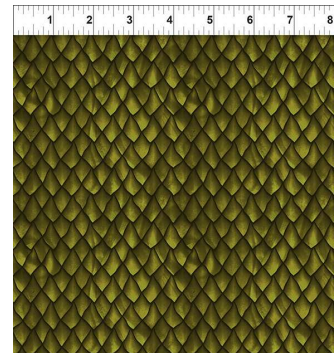
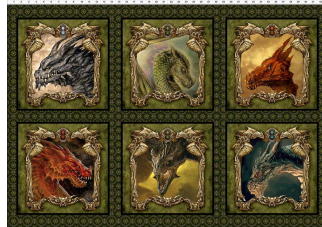


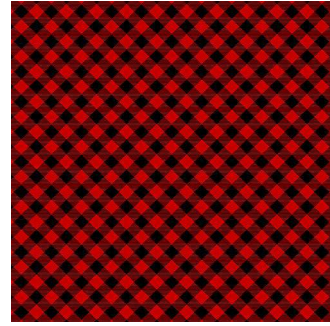
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From Northcott

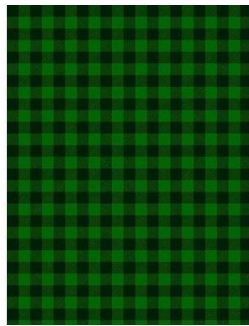


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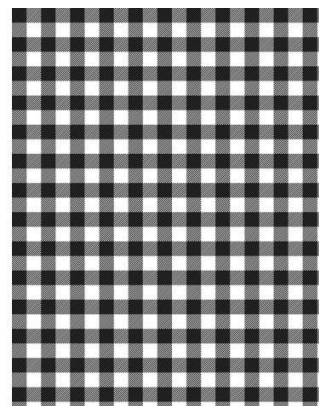




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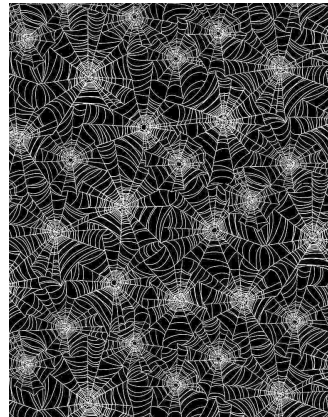
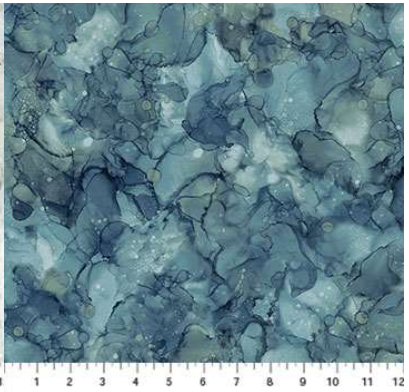
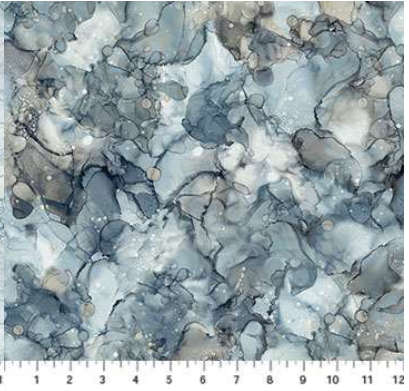
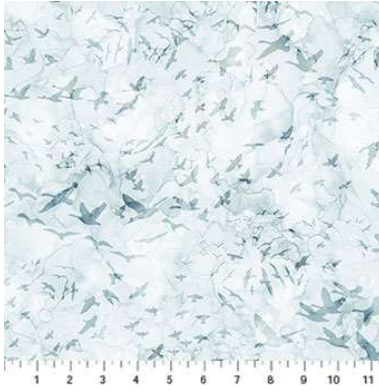
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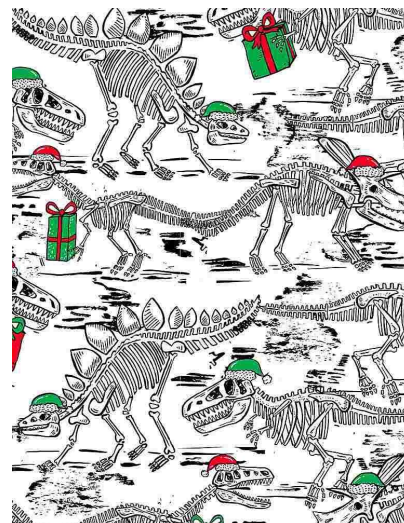
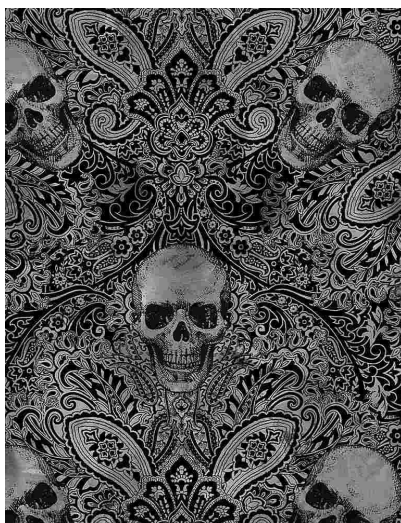


Northcott: Soar





From Timeless Treasures



September

2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Long Arm Rental Day | 2 | 3 BOM 10:30 Elk Country 1-5 \$30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| CLOSED | Labor Day | Hand work Club 2-4 | Long Arm class 10:30 | Long Arm Rental Day | | Embroidery Club 10- noon Full moon Scrappy Flying Geese |

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| 11 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 12 | 13 Hand work Club 2-4 | 14 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 15 Long Arm Rental Day | 16 | 17 Curvy Log Cabin Christmas Tree 10:30-4 \$35 |
| 18 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 19 | 20 Hand work Club 2-4 | 21 Long Arm class 10:30 | 22 Long Arm Rental Day | 23 | 24 Time for Halloween quilt 10:30-4 <u>\$30</u> |
| 25 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 26 | 27 Hand work Club 2-4 | 28 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 29 Long Arm Rental Day | 30 | Color of the month: orange |

| October 2022 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | | 1 BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 <u>\$40</u> Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings |
| 2 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 3 | 4 Hand work Club 2-4 | 5 Long Arm class 10:30 | 6 Long Arm Rental Day | 7 | 8 Embroidery Club 10-noon Full moon (observed) Drunkard's Path quilt 1-5 \$30 |

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| 9 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 10 | 11 Hand work Club 2-4 | 12 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 13 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4 | 14 | 15 Curvy Log Cabin 10:30-4 \$35 |
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| 23 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 24 | 25 Hand work Club 2-4 | 26 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4 | 27 Long Arm Rental Day | 28 | 29 Ribbon Candy 10:30-4 \$30 |
| 30 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 31 Halloween | Color of the month: green | | | | |

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.

September classes

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Sept 11

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.

Curvy Christmas Tree Sat Sept 17, 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

This quilt uses the Creative Grid curvy Log Cabin ruler. The quilt is made with both curved cabins and regular cabins. Once you get the rhythm of the ruler, your blocks will go together quickly. You'll have a Christmas wall hanging in plenty of time for Christmas!

Time for Halloween! Sat Sept 24 10:30-4 \$30 Barb Boyer

This Halloween quilt is from the BQ4 pattern. The line of BQ (Big Quilt) patterns from Maple Island Quilts is a great way to showcase fun fabric. The BG4 pattern lends itself to using panels for the larger rectangles. It's handy to have two panels that you can cut up, plus additional fabrics for the squares. Because the sample is done with directional fabrics, I'll show you how to adapt the pattern.

October Classes

Curvy Log Cabin Sat Oct 15 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

We are using the curvy log cabin ruler for a second class (the first was the Christmas tree). This quilt is a more traditional log cabin (meaning it doesn't form a picture, like a tree) but the curves make it unique.

Hand Applique Thurs Oct 13 & Nov. 10 & Dec 8 1-4 \$40 Sandra Freeburg

This class has two parts: First is the introduction to hand applique. Second, you will next use the skills learned to make the wall hanging, Welcome to the North Pole! The quilt pattern is a fun, whimsical quilt, with houses, stars, even Santa Claus and his reindeer. The fun part is choosing all the great fabrics for the whimsical houses.

Drunkard's Path, Rainbow version Sat Oct 8 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

We will be using a special template that allows you to cut not only the Drunkard's Path traditional blocks, but also the "rainbow" block that employs an extra curved piece. The sample in the store is done with 3 different blues (light, medium and dark). The quilt is also stunning made with brights, with one side being predominately black + color, and the "rainbow" arc made from scraps. Sewing curves is the skill to be learned here, and it is easier than you think.

Hand Quilting Thurs Oct 20 & Nov. 3 1-4 \$40 Sandra Freeburg

We are doing the hand quilting class in two parts, just like the Hand Applique class. Part one is to teach the hand quilt stitch. The second class will apply what you've learned to an actual project. You can choose a quilt you've already pieced or you can find a fun panel to practice your hand quilting skills.

Kaleidoscope Quilt Sat Oct 22 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer

This quilt is from In the Beginning fabrics, although most any 10" wide border stripe would work. You cut 8 identical pieces (similar to One Block Wonder and Stack & Whack) using the kaleidoscope ruler. Full sized blocks are used in the center and half blocks for the setting triangles. It looks harder than it is. Only two fabrics are used for this quilt. If you want a kit, please sign up early (as soon as the fabric arrives) as we will have limited supplies.

Pieced Baltimore Beauty Sat Oct 1 (and first Sat in Nov and Dec) 1-5 \$40 Barb Boyer

Most Baltimore Beauty quilts are hand appliqued. This quilt is all pieced, using squares, rectangles and 45 flip sewing. Warning: some of these large blocks have many pieces. We will do two blocks a month and continue the class into the spring as needed. Contact me about how to find the book, as it is out of print. I will also provide cutting diagrams for each block. This quilt requires attention to detail, but it is stunning when it is done.

Ribbon Candy Sat Oct 29 10:30-4 \$30 Jean Korber

This Christmas quilt uses 2 1/2" precut strips and is pieced in such a way that it resembles the ever popular ribbon candy. We will be cutting our own strip sets for this quilt, so if you are interested in our selection of fabrics, be sure to grab a set because the "kits" will be limited. You can also make the quilt from any 2 1/2" strip set.

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 stipe 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 gifst 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!

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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.

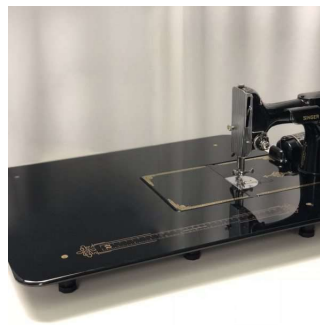
Full Moon Days: September 10; October 8; November 8; December 7

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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