

The Wyoming State Quilt guild Meeting Begins next week!

The Vendor Mall and Quilt Show open Wednesday July 10 at 7:45 and runs through Saturday July 13.

Classes will start on July 11. For more information go to WSQG.org for the brochure of events.



July 5, 2024

Can we go back to the days when razor ads just told you how sharp their blades are and not where to shave? Some of today's ads fall into the TMI category, for both men and women. I'm just saying.

I learned shaving tactics all on my own. Without the internet around, you had to do a lot of guessing. These were not topics that you discussed even with your best friend. I had a friend whose leg hair was furry and golden. Mine used to be, but I was now shaving because I was 11 and I was a swimmer. I mainly practiced with older girls who were already in their teens: Back story: Despite my current appearance, I was a speed swimmer when I was young, competing as early as 8 years old, maybe earlier.

Even in Omaha, there were only a couple, maybe one, age group swimming teams that competed at the AAU level. Boys and girls of all ages, generally from ages 8 or less through high school, practiced together. None of my friends at school were swimmers, except for one boy, and it was hard to make friends with the other kids on the team because we didn't live close to each other or go to the same schools.

Consequently, they weren't kids that you could ask pertinent about shaving. But I could watch and learn from the older girls. And then go home and steal my dad's straight edge razor to go at the legs and pits. Because, of course, I had to fit in. No fuzzy legs for me.

So back to my friend with the golden hair: She wasn't a swimmer and wasn't in "the know." But I never told her to shave her girlish fringe because you just didn't discuss things like that. And she was a year younger, so that had something to do with it. Looking back, in many ways, I wish I had never started.

But....and this may fall under TMI....I had quite thick and black leg hair as I started into my teens. I'm talking 5 o'clock shadow dense and dark. I had hair on places that I didn't know what to do about. Like on my toes. Did everybody have that problem? You just couldn't ask around about stuff like that. Do you shave it or leave it be so it can shade your toes from the sun.

Eyebrow hair was another issue. Do you pluck or not pluck. I did get some tips on this when I was a senior in college. Side note: If the internet had been around or if the ads on tv were bolder back then, I might have gotten some better info. But, instead, my advice came from an Italian girl with bushy dark eyebrows whom I worked with at a racetrack one summer. We counted winning tickets. She confided, or announced, I mean this wasn't a private conversation by any stretch of the imagination, that she used a razor to simply shave off the offending brow hairs between the two brows. Who knew that was an option? I'm not quite sure why she was telling me this, although it might have been because I was not diligent in keeping my brows separated and she thought she should help.

I soon learned my way around all of this shaving stuff, without benefit of ads, internet or chats with friends. Mostly it was by trial and error. I gave up dad's razor for disposables, to his immense relief. I learned soap worked just as well as shaving cream, that over the counter waxing products were basically worthless and time consuming, and that wearing swim shorts & skirts solved all sorts of other problems. Once you're out of the speed swimming world, you don't have to wear speedo swim suits.

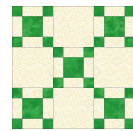
Now a days, one of the benefits of being older is that body hair simply thins out, grows more slowly and is harder to see. Being older also means you just don't care quite as much and people shouldn't be looking that closely anyway.

So to that Manscaped ad for the Lawn Mower Razor with the tall guy and "The Boys," his two shorter, very hairy "friends": I get what you're advertising and I just don't want to know: MANSCAPED® Presents "The Boys" - Give Your Boys The Love They Deserve.

And I never though I'd be saying this: Please bring back the MicroTouch Tough Blade commercial with Brett Favre as spokesperson. He's less objectionable.

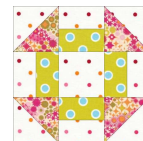
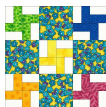
Nine Patch Challenge

July 1-October 5



The summer scrap bag challenge is to make a quilt using the classic 9-patch block. Each bag purchased gets you one quilt. Each quilt finished from one bag gets you one entry for a \$100 gift certificate.

For purposes of this challenge, a 9-patch block can be any block that consists of 9 squares of a uniform size. So long as the block is based upon a grid that is 3 X 3, the individual squares can be a regular square, a half square triangle or a quarter square triangle unit. So blocks like the Ohio Star, traditional 9-patch, or Churn Dash are acceptable. You can add alternate blocks, like a plain block or a snowball block, in between your 9-patch blocks. You can separate your blocks with sashing. Or just piece your blocks together, so long as the result is clearly a nine-patch block quilt. Your quilt needs to be, at a minimum, 60" X 60" (Sorry I couldn't get the block images loaded better)



Calendar for June-August is displayed below. Some of the classes are self explanatory, like Machine Binding and Machine quilting.

I'm teaching a paper bag log cabin quilt, where I'll teach you the basics of making a scrappy log cabin. It's a great class for color confidence. You will need a bunch (3-4 yards) of dark & medium fabrics cut into 1 1/2"

strips (by any length) and the same amount for lights. Choose one color for your center square--you'll need as many center squares as you do blocks. The size of the quilt and setting of your blocks, will determine how many blocks you will need, but 1/4 yard for the centers will be enough.

For the Machine Binding class, you will need a small quilted project (20" X 20" - 40" X 40", and it doesn't have to be square, just something within those dimensions) ready for binding. Choose your binding fabric, **but don't cut until class!**

New Fabric

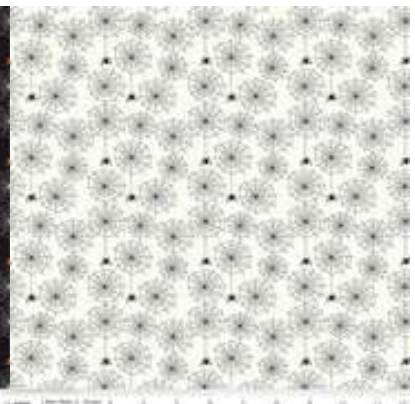
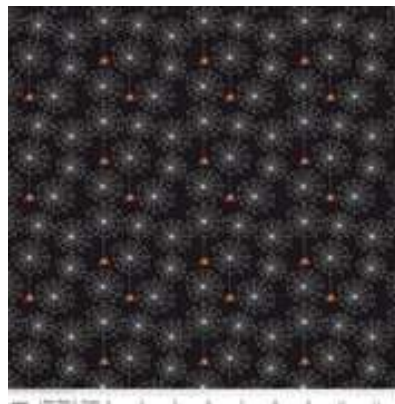
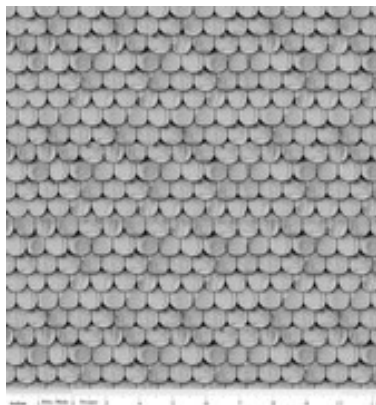
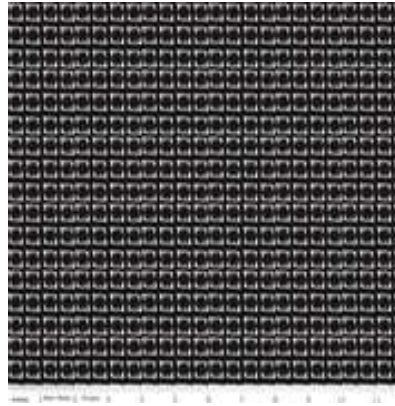


From Hoffman





From Riley Blake. The blacks glow in the dark





From Kennard & Kennard

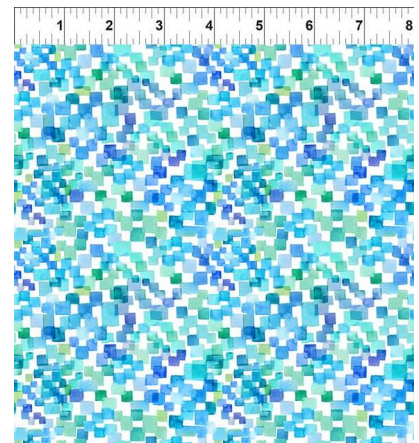
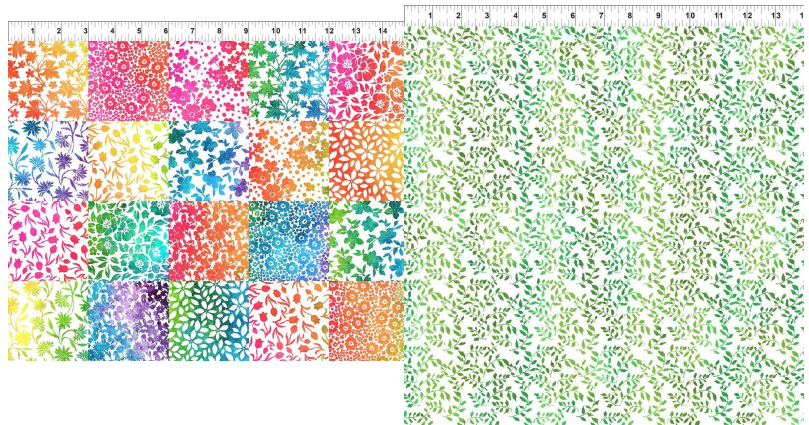
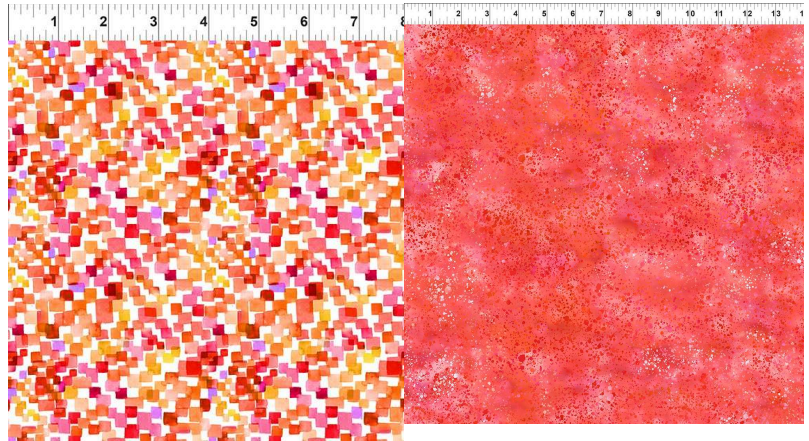


From Alexander Henry



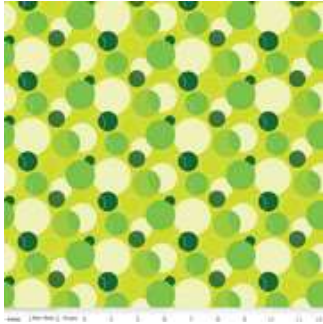


From In the Beginning: **We've made 6 kits: \$175. 4 are sold.** If you are interested, don't wait too long. We have enough fabric to make 1 more kit, maybe 2. We will have a class this summer to teach the blocks & the applique.





From QT--some good panels for
one block wonder class in the fall



From Riley Blake, the green plus 10" square packs



From Hoffman



From Riley Blake

JUNE 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BOM 10:30 T-shirt Quilt Part 1 1-5
2 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	3	4 Hand work Club 2-5	5 Long Arm class 10:30	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7	8 Embroidery Club 10-noon Sew Spring Quilt 1-4
9 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	10	11 Hand work Club 2-5	12 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	13 Long Arm Rental Day	14	15 Quilt as you go: Triangle Log Cabin 10:30-4
16 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	17	18 Hand work Club 2-5	19 Long Arm class 10:30	20 Long Arm Rental Day	21 Full Moon	22 Machine Quilting 10:30-2:30
23 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	24	25 Hand work Club 2-5	26 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	27 Long Arm Rental Day	28	29 Sew Spring Quilt 10:30-4
30 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4						Color of the month: blue

JULY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Hand work Club 2-5	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 BOM 10:30 Machine Binding 1-5
7 CLOSED	8	9 Hand work Club 2-5	10 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	11 Long Arm Rental Day STATE QUILT Meeting	12 STATE QUILT Meeting	13 Embroidery Club 10-noon STATE QUILT Meeting
14 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	15	16 Hand work Club 2-5	17 Long Arm class 10:30	18 Long Arm Rental Day	19	20 Strip Quilts 10:30-4 Full Moon
21 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	22	23 Hand work Club 2-5	24 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	25 Long Arm Rental Day	26	27 Paper Bag Log Cabin Quilt 10:30-4
28 Shop Is now open 1-5! Beginning Quilt 1-4	29	30 Hand work Club 2-5	31			Color of the month: Christmas

AUGUST 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: blacks				1 Long Arm Rental Day	2	3 BOM 10:30 Sew Spring Quilt 1-4
4 CLOSED	5	6 Hand work Club 2-5	7 Long Arm class 10:30	8 Long Arm Rental Day	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Sew Spring Quilt 1-4
11 Shop Is now open 1-5!	12	13 Hand work Club 2-5	14 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	15 Long Arm Rental Day	16	17
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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 ... come in January and find out!

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 are sheep! From Crabapple Hill

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

Come join our Knit Pickers= Club. We knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, from 2-5. The Club is open to all skill levels and, despite the name, includes crocheters as well. 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. We can even help you get started—teach you the basics.

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.

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). 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: June 21, July 20, August 19

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

June blue; July Christmas; August blacks



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 10-5:30
Sunday 1-5
Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)
New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 5-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!

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