

The Wyoming State Quilt Guild Meeting This 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 12, 2024

“Can we go to the Poozeum? Please, pretty please?” Becca whined.

“Becca you just got back from who knows where. You never tell me where you go, and now you want to go...where?” I said. Becca, for those of you who don’t know her, is my mini Australian Shepherd. She takes off every now & then. Her last trip, before wherever she went this time, was to North Platte. She wanted to see the cranes and to visit with a friend, another red Aussie, named Boots. But her sense of timing isn’t very good and she got to North Platte months after the cranes flew off and right in the middle of a tornado. She was not a happy camper. I thought that would put her off traveling, but apparently not.

“The Poozeum,” Becca repeated. “And I went to Roswell for the alien invasion, if you want to know.”

Okay, this needs a little dismantling, I think.

“You mean the Roswell UFO Festival last week, where there are fun family events, live entertainment, guest speakers, space enthusiast, believers and non believers,” I said. “Did you go down for the dog costume event?” Becca growled at me.

“I went for the aliens,” she said irritably.

“Did you find any?” I asked. She growled again.

“It was just a bunch of silly people and their pets dressed up like aliens,” she said.

“Becca, it’s more than that. Roswell is the UFO capital of the world because on July 2, 1947, something crashed on the J.B.Foster ranch in New Mexico, which is around Roswell. Everyone who saw the crash said it was aliens and the government said it was a weather balloon.”

“Who ya gonna believe. Self respecting ranchers or the government?” Becca said.

“Well the Air Force investigated all of this in 1994 and concluded that the alien spacecraft was probably an Army Air Force balloon that was supposed to be monitoring Soviet nuclear testing.”

“Yeah, right,” said Becca. “In New Mexico. You betcha.”

“Well, all they found was foil-wrapped fabric, wooden sticks, pieces of rubber and small I-beams with strange markings on them. Do you think aliens would come to earth with wooden sticks and tinfoil?” I asked her.

“Well the newspaper headline said “Air Force Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch,” Becca said stubbornly. “And they also found alien bodies that the Air Force tried to tell everyone were crash test dummies.”

“Well, did you see any aliens in Roswell?” I asked her, trying to divert her away from a rabbit hole conversation.

“No. No self respecting alien would attend a family friendly festival,” she said. “Besides, they’ just blend in with all the costumed aliens. When aliens arrive, they want to make a big splash, like they did in Roswell in 1947.”

“And how did that work out?” I said sarcastically. Becca ignored me.

“That’s why I want to go to the Poozeum. It will be much more interesting,” she said.

“Okay, this one you’ve got to explain,” I told her.

“It’s in Williams, Arizona,” she said. “And it has all sorts of poop to look at.”

“Wonderful,” I said dryly. “We’re not going to Williams. If we go to Williams, we’ll go see the Grand Canyon.”

“What’s that?” Becca said innocently. Sigh. You can’t trust the mind of a mini Australian Shepherd.

The poop museum is a real thing in Williams. They have more than 7,000 samples of poop. The Poozeum sign even has a bright green T. rex cartoon character sitting on a toilet, because, of course, there is T.rex poop in the museum, and if you want to know what the T.rex ate, you look at the poop.

“Everyone who has watched Jurassic park knows that,” Becca butted in. “They’ve got fossilized poop from animals that lived millions of years ago and they even have one big deposit that weighs 20 pounds,” she said excitedly.

The founding of the museum started when the president/curator George Frandsen bought his first fossilized poop from a shop in Moab, Utah. And things just escalated from there.

“It was funny. It was gross,” he said. “But I learned very quickly it could tell us so much about our prehistoric past and how important they are to the fossil record.”

The highlight of the collection holds the Guinness World Record for being the largest sample left by a carnivorous animal.

“It’s two feet by 6 inches wide,” Becca butted back in. “And it supposedly comes from a T.rex that lived in South Dakota. Can we go, can we go?” She was practically jumping up and down.

“Becca, all you have to do to find fossilized poop is to go out in the front yard. I bet there is some of yours that hasn’t gotten picked up. In this climate, it will dry out, become hard and fossilize in a matter of months,” I told her.

“Gross,” said Becca.

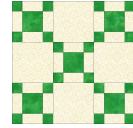
“Exactly,” I said. “Maybe we could just go to the Fossil Basin in Wyoming and dig up our own fossils,” I told her.

“And get my claws dirty? You’ve got to be kidding,” Becca huffed and wandered outside. To the front yard where there is grass & dirt. She’ll probably go roll in the fossilized poop that might still be out there.

“I heard that,” she said over her shoulder.

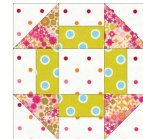
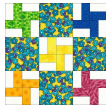
Nine Patch Challenge

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.

New Fabric

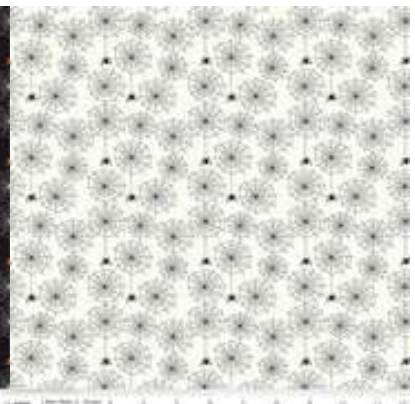
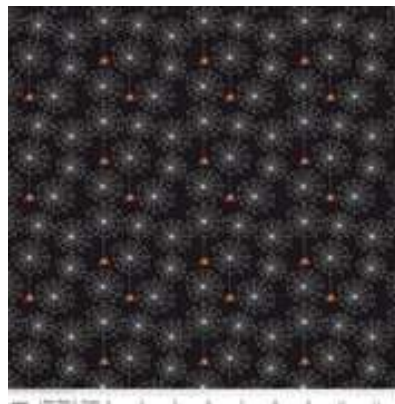
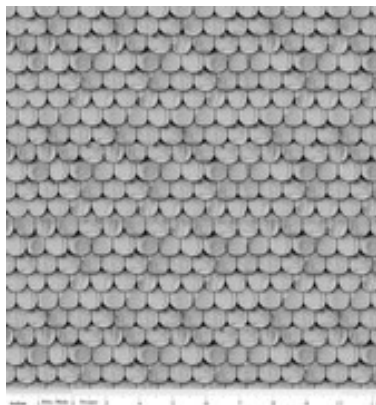
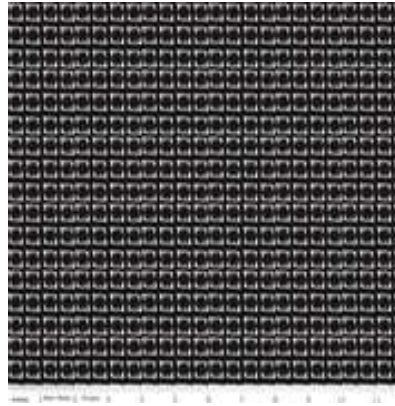


From Hoffman





From Riley Blake. The blacks glow in the dark





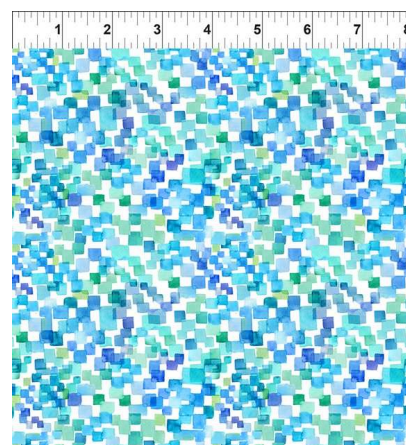
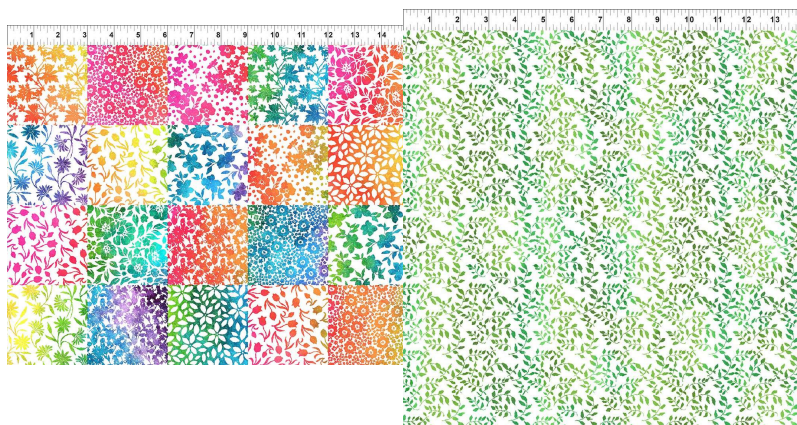
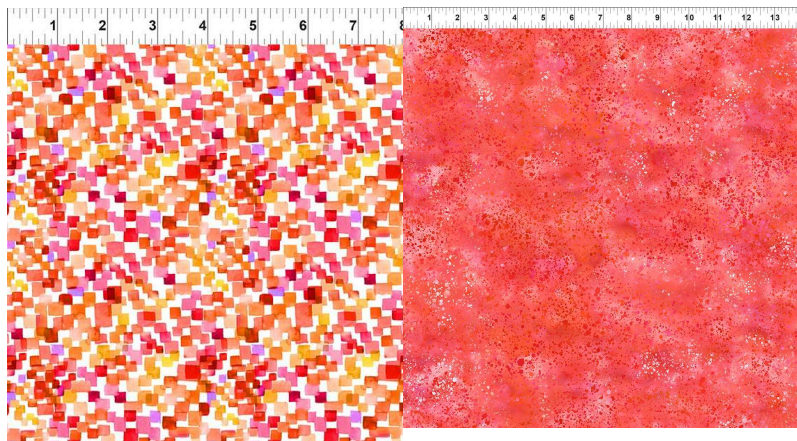
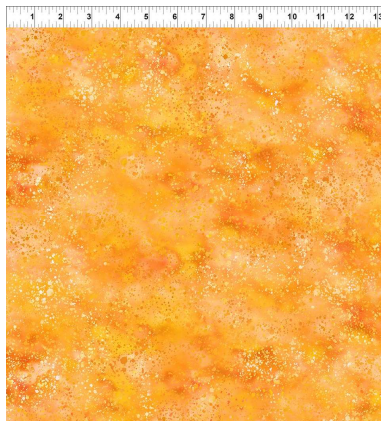
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From Alexander Henry

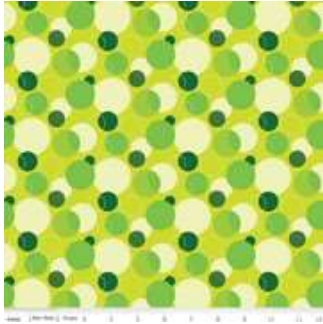


From In the Beginning: **We've made 6 kits: \$175. 4 are sold.** If you are interested, don't wait too long. We have enough fabric to make 1 more kit, maybe 2. We will have a class this summer to teach the blocks & the applique.





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

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

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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.

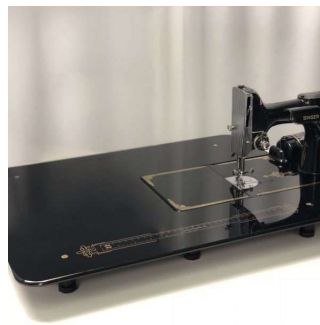
Full Moon Days: June 21, July 20, August 19

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!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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