

Exciting news!

We are launching a new web page! This is a soft launch.

<https://sites.google.com/view/aroundtheblockquiltshop/home>



February 21, 2025



This is the last of the reposts. I am back home, or should be.

You have to be careful about on line reviews for products. Just because someone posts a review doesn't mean he's used the product. I'm sure you know this. But I'm also sure that when you read good reviews for a product you want, you let the reviews sway you. I mean, you already like the product because you're thinking about buying it. So, therefore, the favorable product reviews you believe and the bad ones you think were written by someone who doesn't like anything and can poke holes in everything. I've basically given up looking at on line reviews.

But sometimes, reviews are just funny and fun to read. And it doesn't matter whether the person has actually used the product or not. For example:

1. The Wenger 16999 Swiss Army Knife Giant. It has 87 tools and 141 functions. "I had it in my hip pocket, then I fell down. When I got up I was dead. Other than that, it's okay." Or "Found this stuck into a stone while on vacation. I'm impressed with it, generally. Unfortunately, it turns out that removing it made me the new king of Switzerland, which is a lot of responsibility."

2. The Luke Skywalker Ceremonial Jacket with medal of Yavin. "I was tired of getting hit on by beautiful women every time I went out in public, and then I bought this jacket. Problem solved."

3. The Zenith Men's Defy Xtreme Tourbillon Titanion Chronograph Watch. With a name like that you know it's expensive. "No one recognizes this freaking watch! ... I had to hire a guy to interrupt me at the country club with 'Excuse me, is that the Zenith Men's Defy Xtreme Tourbillon Titanium Chronograph Watch that's worth \$145,000 and truly sets you apart as a god among men?'"

4. The 2009-2014 Outlook for Wood Toilet Seats in Greater China. (I just report this stuff. I don't make it up.) This is a book that sells for \$495. "I was thinking, "Sweet! Finally a version of Outlook that will run on my wooden Chinese toilet seats!! Little did I know this has NOTHING to do with Outlook for Windows or any other Microsoft product."

5. The JL421 Badonkadonk Land Cruiser/Tank. (I didn't make up badonkadonk, either.) This tank has an armored shell, a 400-watt megaphone system and cruises at 40 mph. "Well, first let me say that I have been using the word Badonkadonk wrong my entire adult life."

6. The Daddle, by Cashel. It's a saddle for Dads. Now, please take your mind away from where it just went. This is a saddle for little kids to use and it fits on Dads. "Please note that this Daddle is Western Style and will not be appropriate for those trained in the English Father Riding Method." Or, "I'm afraid that I have still not had success... No amount of duct tape would keep the cat attached to the saddle while it was on my husband's back."

7. Uranium Ore, with convenient 5-day shipping. Not overnight, like you might expect with a volatile product like this. "I was very disappointed to have my uranium confiscated at the airport. It was a gift for my son for his birthday. Also, I'm in prison now, so that's not good either." Or, "It is not cat food.... The cat's huge and well, doesn't really look much like a cat anymore." Or, (my favorite) "I purchased this product 4.47 Billion Years ago and when I opened it today, it was half empty."

8. How to Avoid Huge Ships. (It's a book.) (It's been in print for 37 years.) (It's still in print.) "It was only after it arrived that I looked closely at the title and realized it said 'How to Avoid Huge SHIPS'. A simple error that means I am still treading on massive examples of canine excrement."

9. The UFO-02 detector. It's designed to sense magnetic and electromagnetic disturbances. "I don't know if this is a scam or if mine was broken, but it doesn't work and I am still getting abducted by UFO's on a regular basis." Or, "We again found no signs of aliens in the morning. My uncle and I noticed that some of his cattle had fallen over and accidentally disemboweled themselves, which my uncle was upset about. But we could see no signs of aliens." Or, "I, as a resonable and trUstworthy hUman, do not gleep nerp this ungood prodUct. Bad it is for Us hUmans to purchase and opperate this online pUrchasable prodUct."

10. The Horse Head Mask, from Accoutrements, just in time for Halloween. "By wearing this mask, I was able to get anything and everything I needed. Plenty of hay, lots of time to run and, best of all, I no longer have to wear pants." Or, "It's not big enough to completely cover a horse's head, and it doesn't provide enough air flow for them, either."

11. Wheelmate Steering Wheel Attachable Work Surface Tray. "It's OK I guess, but the bumpy road makes it hard to type. And there's a lot of pedestrians and traffic that keep distracting me from my computer." Or, "I love emailing the Highway patrol while I drive to let them know the tag numbers of cellphone-using drivers."

12. Hutzler 571 Banana Slicer. "Gone are the days of biting off slice-sized chunks of banana and spitting them onto a serving tray.... Next on my wish list: a kitchen tool for dividing frozen water into cube-sized chunks." Or "As shown in the picture, the slices is curved from left to right. All of my bananas are bent the other way."



### **.Spring Challenge**



Click on the link for the pattern:

[Spring mystery 2025](#)

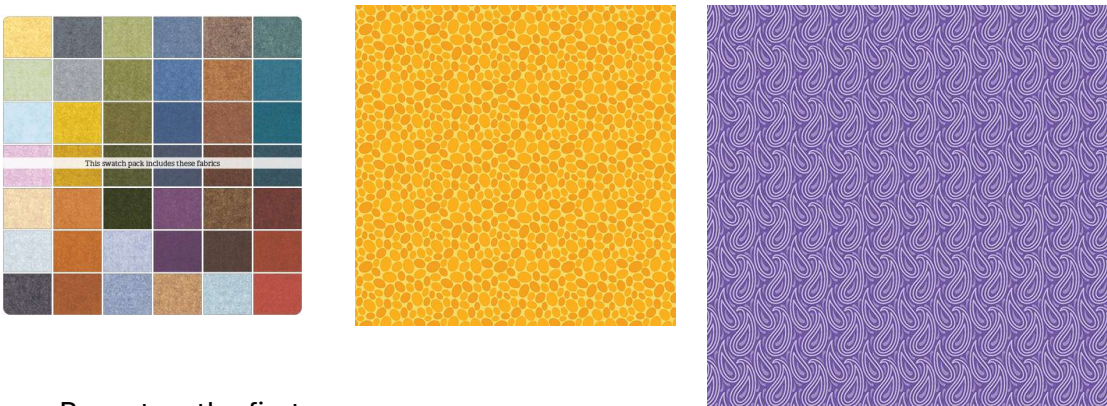
**BINGO!**

**We're starting another game. The bingo challenge is to encourage you to finish projects, learns new things, take classes and but a little product from ATB.**

**I have also provided a link to the information. [Bingo Game](#)**

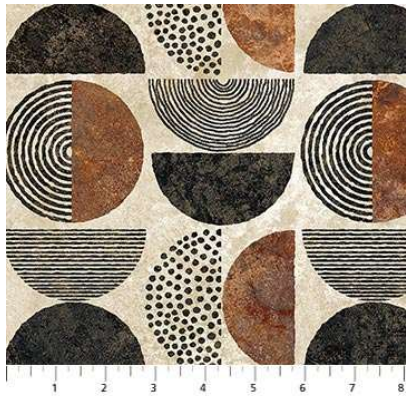
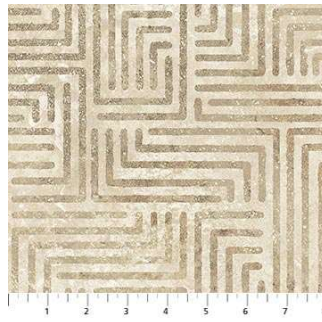


**New Fabric**



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42 pieces

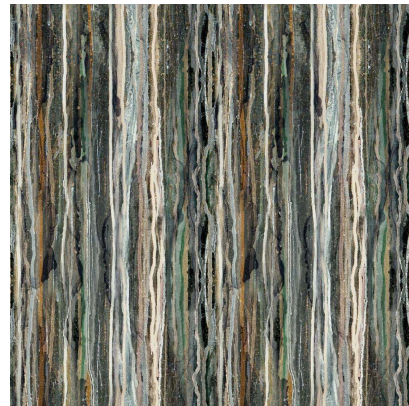
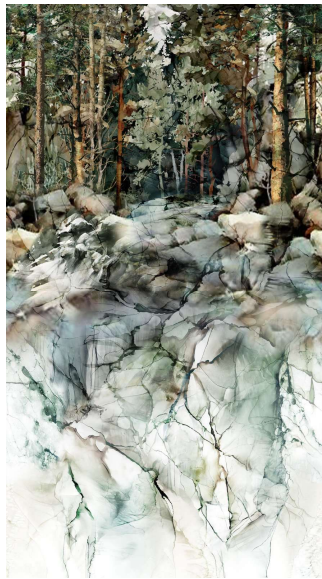
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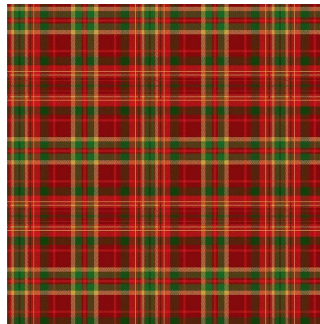
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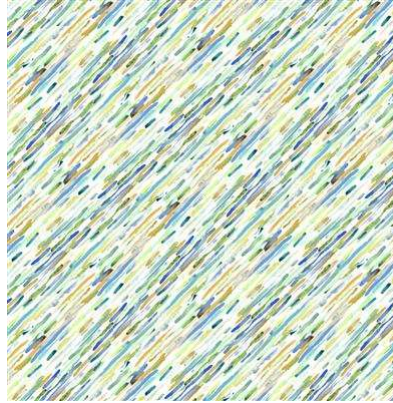




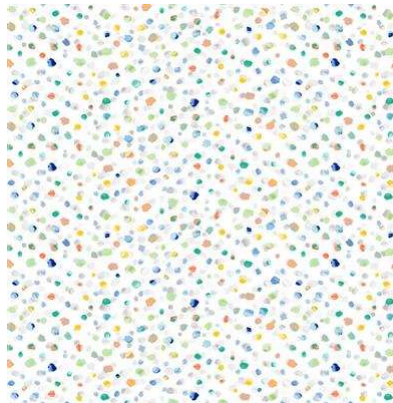
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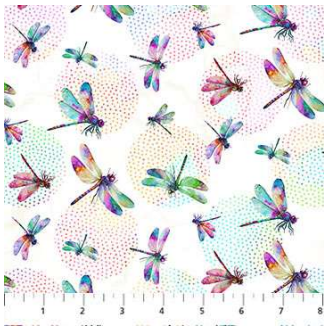


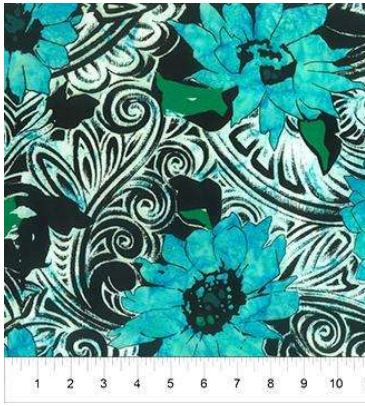
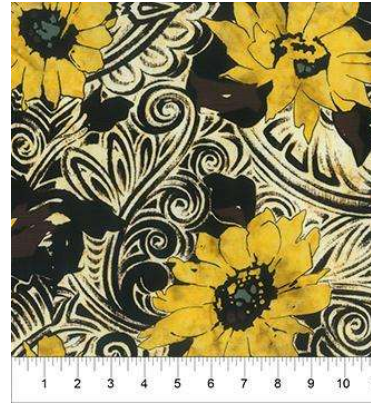


From Michael Miller



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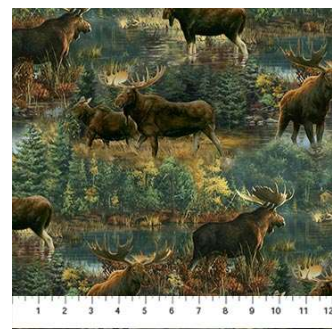




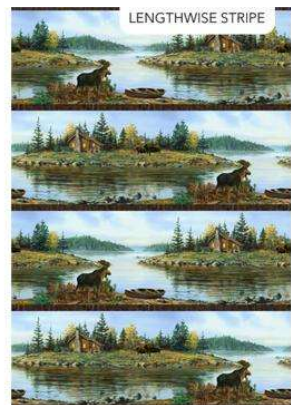




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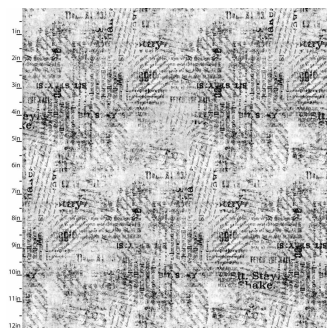
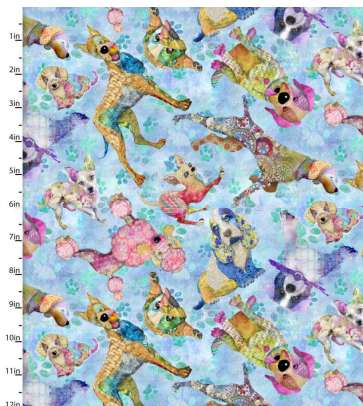


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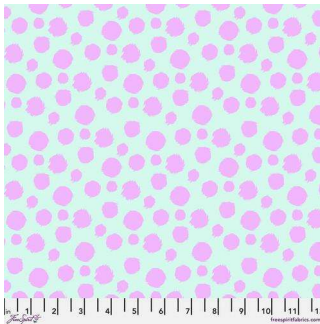
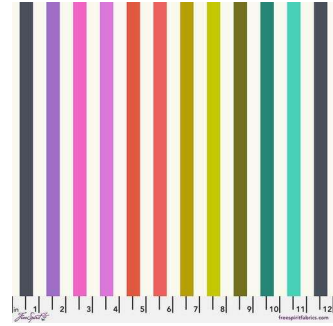
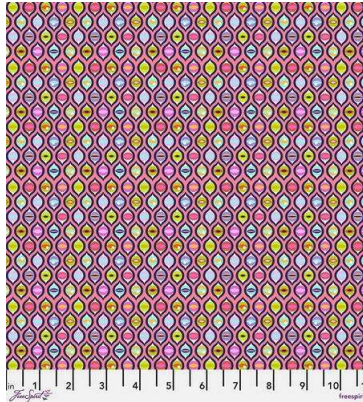




From 3 wishes







From Tula Pink



Full Moon Days: January 13 (Monday), February 12 (Tuesday), March 15 (Saturday  
NOTE: observed), April 12 (Saturday), May 12 (Monday) NOTE: These did not get  
onto the calendar

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		CLOSED	1 CLOSED	2	3	4 10:30 BOM <u>Pillow Case</u> Party! 1-4
Pi5 CLOSED	6	7 Hand Sewing club 2-5	8 Knit Pickers 2-5	9	10	11 Free Embroider Club 10-noon Flannel Snowballs 1-5
12 CLOSED	13	14 Hand Sewing club 2-5	15	16	17	18 Delectable Mountains 10:30-4
19 CLOSED	20	21 Hand Sewing club 2-5	22 Knit Pickers 2-5	23	24	25
26 CLOSED	27	28 Hand Sewing club 2-5	29	30	31	

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30 BOM Machine Binding 1-4
2 CLOSED	3	4 Hand Sewing club 2-5	5	6	7	8 Free Embroider Club 10-noon
9 CLOSED	10	11 Hand Sewing club 2-5	12 Knit Pickers 2-5	13	14	15 Counterpoint Part 1 10:30-4
16 CLOSED	17	18 Hand Sewing club 2-5	19	20	21	22 6 Quilts, One Book 10:30-4
23 CLOSED	24	25 Hand Sewing club 2-5	26 Knit Pickers 2-5	27	28	

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30 BOM Tennessee Waltz Part 1 1-5
2 Beginning Quilting 1-4	3	4 Hand Sewing club 2-5	5	6	7	8 Free Embroider Club 10-noon Merry Snowmen 1-4
9 Beginning Quilting 1-4	10	11 Hand Sewing club 2-5	12 Knit Pickers 2-5	13	14	15 <b>NATIONAL QUILT DAY</b>
16 Beginning Quilting 1-4	17	18 Hand Sewing club 2-5	19	20	21	22 Counterpoint Part 2 10:30-4
23 Beginning Quilting 1-4	24	25 Hand Sewing club 2-5	26 Knit Pickers 2-5	27	28	29 Cats in PJs 10:30-4
30 Beginning Quilting 1-4	31					

## 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Modern Herbal Block of the Month by Sewn Wyoming.

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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: January 13 (Monday), February 12 (Tuesday), March 15 (Saturday NOTE: observed), April 12 (Saturday), May 12 (Monday)

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 and Book of the Month**

**January dogs and cats; February red; March green; April blue; May flowers**

### **January classes**

#### **Delectable Mountains Sat Jan 18 \$45 Barb Boyer**

From the book Scrappy & Happy Quilts, Limited Palette, Tons of Fun by Kate Hendersen. The book is out of print, but you can find it on used books sites, like Amazon. To make the mountains, you will also need the Creative Grid Ruler, 2 Peaks in One, and a special ruler for the largest mountain will be provided in class. The mountain block is a form of a “kite” construction. You will learn how to use the templates to create perfect mountains.

### **February Classes**

#### **Machine Binding Sat Feb 13 1-4 \$45 Jean Korber**

This is hands on class. You will need a small project (10” to 40”, table runner, small wall hanging, place mat, etc) that is quilted and ready for binding. In class Jean will show you how to cut your binding, press it, and stitch it down (DO NOT CUT YOUR BINDING IN ADVANCE), how to stitch it down & miter the corners and then how to apply decorative stitches to the edge. In class you will cut your binding, stitch it to your project, miter your corners and then stitch it down by machine on the other side, using decorative stitches.

#### **Counterpoint Sat Feb 15, 10:30-4 AND Sat March 22 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber**

The pattern is by Mountain Peak Creations. The quilt provides large spaces to showcase fabrics. Follow the pattern for fabric amounts. While the quilt has few parts to sew, it is tricky to get things lined up properly. We will show you the easy way to keep the quilt square and perfectly pieced. No special rulers are required.

**6 Quilts, One Book Sat Feb 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 30, Oct 25, Nov 22 10:30-4 \$140 for all six classes or \$35 per class. Jean Korber & Barb Boyer will team teach the class.**

6 quilts, 1 book, every other month, 1 price for all 6 classes. (or \$35/class if you pick & choose). This is our third year doing 6 quilts out of one book. This year the book is a Christmas book, but don't be fooled. Our sample quilts include a Halloween quilt, a dog quilt, a wildlife quilt, an autumn flavored quilt, a star quilt (the Christmas quilt) and a dragon quilt. We want you to learn something new in each class. The book is Simply Modern Christmas by That Patchwork Place. This is another out of print book so look for it on the used sites, like Amazon. The first quilt we will teach is Argyle. 2 is Coming Together, 3 is Joy, 4 is Funky christmas, 5 is Snowball Games, and 6 is Peppermint Float

### **March Classes**

#### **Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Mar 2**

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.

#### **Tennessee Waltz Sat Mar 1 and Sat April 5, 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer**

This is a classic quilt design that incorporates the 54-40 of Fight block and a snowball block. The result? The quilt will look curvy, but it's all pieced straight. Pattern will be given out in class. You will need the 2 Peaks in Once ruler by Creative Grid. Yardage needed for a 61" X 70" is app. 2-3 yards of the focus fabric for the center squares, 1 ½ for the stars and 1 yard for the 4-patch squares. Border app. 2 yards.

#### **Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45**

Pattern Merry, Merry Snowmen by Bunny Hill Designs. The applique in the sample quilt is done with wool. We will teach both wool options, traditional needle turn or or finished edge applique, or raw edge applique. Skill level: Confident beginner

### **NATIONAL QUILT DAY SATURDAY MARCH 15 DEMOS AT NOON**

**We will have a special sale for National Quilt Day. We will have demos and other activities going on, TBA.**

**Counterpoint Sat Feb 15, 10:30-4 AND Sat March 22 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber ongoing**

### **Cats in PJs Sat March 29 10:30-4 \$40 Barb Boyer**

This is an Elizabeth Hartman Cats in Pajamas pattern. Follow pattern instructions for fabric amounts. And think creatively about fabrics for the cats and for the PJs. Footballs, stripes, dogs, plaids, ballerinas—anything you can think of for cute PJ fabrics. And the cats can be all different colors, and some may have different tail and ear colors, as well.

### **April Classes**

**Tennessee Waltz Sat Mar 1 and Sat April 5, 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer ongoing**

**Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45 ongoing**

### **Fanfare Sat April 19, 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber**

Fanfare pattern by Krista Moser required. Follow pattern instructions for fabric requirements. You will also need the Creative Grid 60 degree triangle ruler, 8 1/2" size. Skill level: Intermediate



**6 Quilts, One Book Sat Feb 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 30, Oct 25, Nov 22 10:30-4 \$140 for all six classes or \$35 per class. Jean Korber & Barb Boyer will team teach the class.**

The second quilt we will teach is Coming Together.

### **May Classes**

#### **T-Shirt Quilt Sat May 3 & 24 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer**

So you've got all these t-shirts and want to turn them into a quilt? It's easy, but you need the right tools. The class is taught in 2 parts: First, preparing your t-shirts, and second, designing your top—which is where I come in, because I can help with all of the math that might be involved.

#### **Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45 ongoing**

#### **Drip Drop Sat May 17 10:30-4 Barb Boyer \$45**

The quilt is in Graphic Quilts book by That Patchwork Place. We have copies. Templates will be provided for the curved pieces. Follow fabric requirements in the book. Skill level: Intermediate



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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