

Exciting news!

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

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



March 28, 2025

It's baseball season! Even if you're not a fan, I bet all of you know how the game is played. Which is why I find it funny that on the Wikipedia site, the first paragraph explains how the game is played. I mean, really, who doesn't know how this game is played.

But, I'll admit, I don't know how cricket is played, and an explanation for that game could be handy because I'm not British and cricket is weird. So to show you the difference in the two games, essentially in baseball, a pitcher throws a ball at a batter, who tries to hit it. If he does, he gets to run to first base. The runner's goal is to get around all 4 bases, thus scoring a run. The fielding team's goal is to tag the runner out, which they can do in various ways. The team with the most runs wins. Simple.

Now, don't go all basebally on me. Baseball is about hitting balls, running around bases and avoiding being tagged out. Like I said. Simple. I defy you to understand this explanation, from Wikipedia, about cricket:

"Cricket is a bat-and-ball game played between two teams of eleven players on a field, at the centre of which is a 22-yard (20-metre; 66-foot) pitch with a wicket at each end, each comprising two bails (small sticks) balanced on three stumps. Two players from the batting team, the striker and nonstriker, stand in front of either wicket holding bats, while one player from the fielding team, the bowler, bowls the ball toward the striker's wicket from the opposite end of the pitch. The

striker's goal is to hit the bowled ball with the bat and then switch places with the nonstriker, with the batting team scoring one run for each of these exchanges. Runs are also scored when the ball reaches the boundary of the field or when the ball is bowled illegally.

“The fielding team aims to prevent runs by dismissing batters (so they are "out"). Dismissal can occur in various ways, including being bowled (when the ball hits the striker's wicket and dislodges the bails), and by the fielding side either catching the ball after it is hit by the bat but before it hits the ground, or hitting a wicket with the ball before a batter can cross the crease line in front of the wicket. When ten batters have been dismissed, the innings (playing phase) ends and the teams swap roles. Forms of cricket range from traditional Test matches played over five days to the newer Twenty20 format (also known as T20), in which each team bats for a single innings of 20 overs (each "over" being a set of 6 fair opportunities for the batting team to score) and the game generally lasts three to four hours.”

So Britain wins the contest for the most confusing game ever devised. Second only to tennis, probably. Think about it. Most team sports involve getting a ball through the other team's defenses, thus scoring points. Baseball, basketball, la crosee, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, hockey, polo, etc. Scoring is simple: you score when you get a ball into either a goal or hoop or net being defended by the opposing team. You know a win when you see it. Even cricket works this way....nope, it really doesn't.

But tennis is a little different. The player with the ball has four chances to win his game. Scoring is love, 15, 30, 40 game. As in, the players start at love or zero. If the player with the ball wins the point, meaning the opposite player couldn't return the ball, the score is now 15-love. If the player with the ball wins the next point, the score is 30-love. If the opposing player wins the next point, the score is 30-15. And so forth. If the game gets tied at 40-40, the next scoring is called add in or add out. Occasionally, add in or add out stated as 45. Add in, if the player with the ball wins the point. Add out if he loses the point. 45 just indicates there is one more point to go. To end the game he has to win by two consecutive points. No one knows who came up with this bizarre scoring method. I mean, really, they don't.

So I can understand that a lot of people don't watch tennis because the scoring system is bizarre and it's hard to follow who is ahead vs who is behind. But I gotta tell you, watching tennis is like watching chess. Okay, maybe that's not the best analogy. But the strategies employed by the top players are incredible. And the players are some of the best built athletes in the world. But that's another story.

Now I don't watch a lot of the stick and ball games because I don't understand all the strategy behind a game where the score is typically 3-2 after three hours of play. You only get to holler OLE or GOOOOAAAL, blow the foghorn, or ring the cowbell only 2 times in 3 hours. That seems a little dull. I know that the excitement of the game comes from the back and forth strategy in the middle of the field where the ball or puck changes sides constantly. But I just find that more frustrating than strategic planning. Basketball is a little different, in that there are lots of points scored. But as my dad said, you only have to watch the last two minutes of a basketball game. It's almost always tied at that point, so you don't need to watch the first 98 percent of the game, 'cause it's just back and forth and back and forth scoring. It's only the last couple of minutes that counts.

But I do like baseball, where oftentimes nothing happens until the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Sometimes the game is like watching paint dry. But it's baseball and there's hot dogs and we love it. And the season starts in 4 days.

So things about baseball that even non baseball people know. Which, if you're wondering, is where this story started numerous paragraphs ago.

1. The Ceremonial First Pitch. Taft apparently started this tradition in 1910.
2. "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," from the movie of the same name, is played during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. The song was written and sung at games starting in 1908. The movie with Gene Kelly came out in 1949.
3. The 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. How many sports require an intermission?
4. Home run. You know what that is.
5. Designated hitter or runner. You know what that is.
6. Choking up on the bat. You know what that is.
7. Mr. October. Reggie Jackson, so named for his clutch hitting in the post season. And you know what that means.
8. Dizzy Dean. Not heard of him? A pitcher in the 1930s and 40s, who went on to be a broadcaster known for butchering the English language. "Zarilla slud into third." "He shouldn't hadn't ought-a swang!" "Don't fail to miss tomorrow's game." When an English teacher complained to him, saying he was a bad influence on children, he replied, "A lot of folks who ain't sayin' 'ain't,' ain't eatin'. So, Teach, you learn 'em English, and I'll learn 'em baseball."
9. The Closer.

## 10. The perfect game.

Put me in coach, I'm ready to play!

### BINGO!

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

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

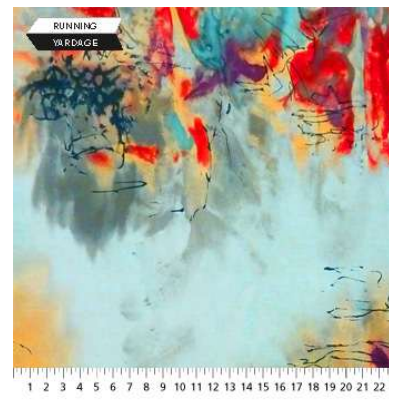
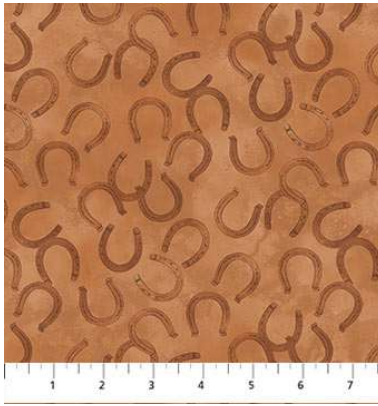
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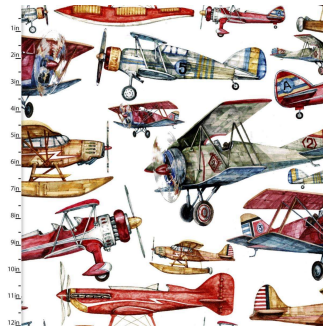
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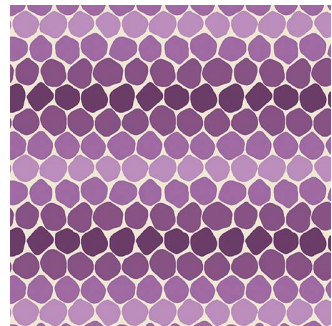




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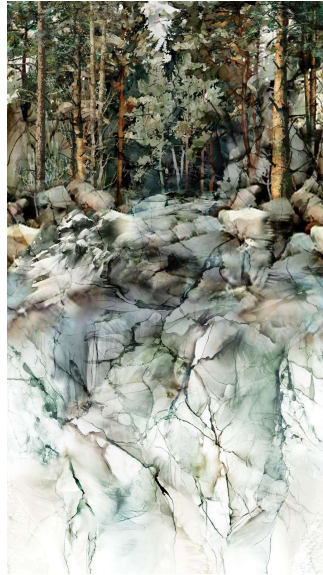
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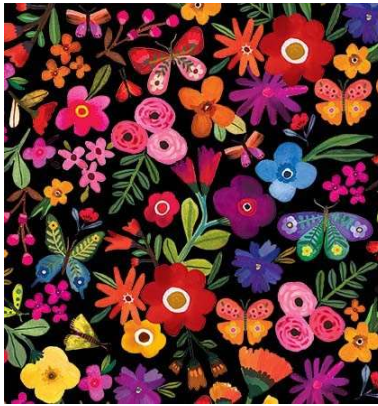


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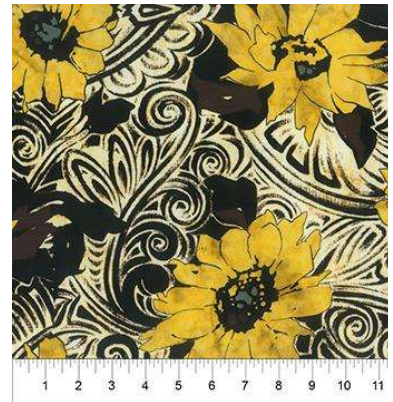
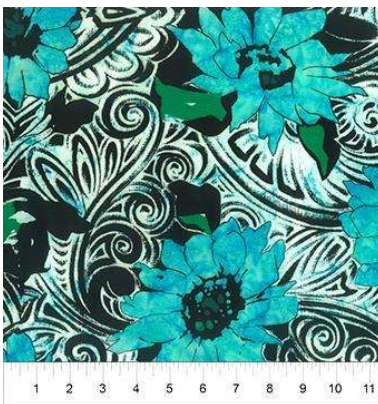
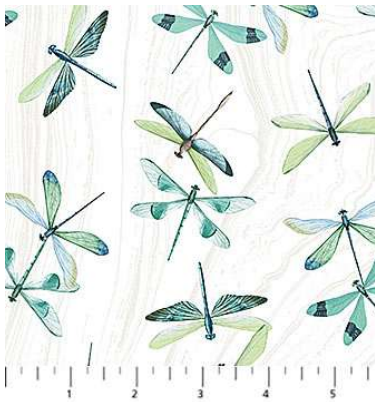
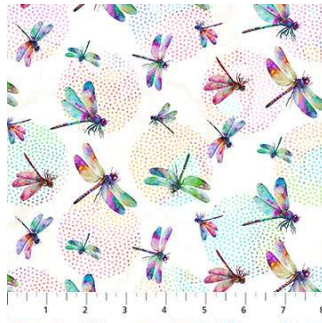
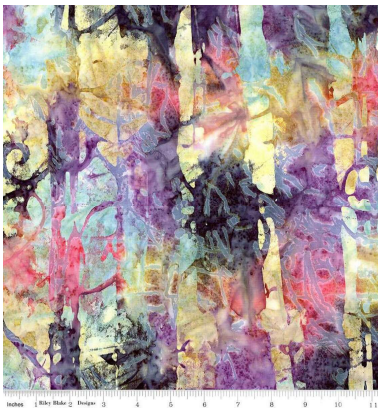


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# March 2025

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.

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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**

### **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.

#### **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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