

Favorite quotes from the Dowager Countess of Downtown Abbey:

"I don't dislike him. I just don't like him. Which is quite different."

Just so you know: Constant Contact went down yesterday. Something about a power failure. Every 2 hours I called to check the prognosis and I was told, "We'll be back up & running in 2 hours." By 10 p.m. I quit checking. But it's working today.



**April 18, 2014**

So the first question of the week is, how long can a person live without a refrigerator? One answer is, as long as it is cold outside. I can use the front door stoop to keep the pizza cold, at least at night and so long as the skunk that lives out by the coal shed doesn't figure out there is dinner on the back step. That could be at least another month, depending on the skunk.

In case you're wondering, yes, my frig stopped working again. Since the frig was empty, or almost--I did manage to pry the towels out of the freezer -- I decided to get it all clean & shiny. But apparently it didn't like that and quit working again. For a couple of days. Long enough for the 2 hard boiled eggs inside to go bad. But then it started working again and I once again have ice and cold beer. I don't know how long I can live like this, but it will have to be as long as it takes to save up for a new frig.

The next question of the week is how many of you saw the blood moon Tuesday morning? I stayed up -- for once the skies were clear for an astronomical event and it wasn't too cold. And because it was spectacular, I decided everyone I knew should see it. So I did what any good friend would do: I sent texts at 1:30 a.m. to a bunch of people to wake them up so they could witness this cool event. If you didn't get a text from me, I'm sorry. And I also apologize to everyone to whom I sent a text at 1:30 a.m. - although I didn't wake anyone up. Everyone's phones were either turned off or in a room other than the bedroom.

But don't worry. The blood moon will come back either in 2019 or next October. It kind of depends on which story you read. I first read a story out of Cape Canaveral that quoted NASA as saying this will be the last full lunar eclipse visible from the US until 2019. That's why I wanted to stay up - and because it was going to be a clear night.

But then I read another story that said this total lunar eclipse was one of four over the next 18 months, called a tetrad of lunar eclipses. Each is supposed to be visible from most of the US. In case you want to schedule these events, so that I don't have to send you a text at 1:30 in the morning, the dates are Oct. 8, then April 4, 2015 and Sept 28, 2015. Then we won't see a tetrad event until 2032-2033. I'll be on my second set of knees by then.

I believe this story, mainly because I want to, but also because a longtime NASA eclipse expert, Fred Espenak, said so. I know, the first story also quoted NASA as saying the next total lunar eclipse would not be seen until 2019, but the other stories quote a specific expert. And use the word "tetrad." You can believe a story if it uses the word "tetrad." But it just goes to show that you have to choose what you want to believe.

And the final question is - and no it hasn't anything to do with how many more snow storms will we have - how much Bucking Horse & Rider fabric did you order -- or did you forget? Don't worry, I've ordered extra bolts, but don't wait until it comes in to make up your mind. I'll continue to take orders until I run out of fabric - which could be before it even gets here. So don't wait too long to let me know what you want.



### **Bucking Horse and Rider fans!**

Hoffman is printing our beloved "Steamboat" on fabric! If you are interested in this fabric, please let me know quickly. I have placed my order, but I did order extra bolts. If you haven't yet placed an order and want the fabric, don't wait until it gets here. It may sell out before it arrives.

If you want to put the BH&R on backs or borders of quilts, you must think in yardage. 2-3 yards for borders (depending on size of quilt) and 5-10 yards for backing.

You may want to make curtains, pillow cases, purses, skirts, chair covers, pillows, aprons, napkins, t-towels.

Call me and let me know approximately how much yardage you want. I have started taking payments now with any pre order.

Fabric should arrive in late June, in time for traveling tourists. Just so you know. Price will be \$12.50 per yard.

Left to right: Bison, Saddle, Moss, Buckskin, Palomino, Denim

## **WHAT'S NEW!!**

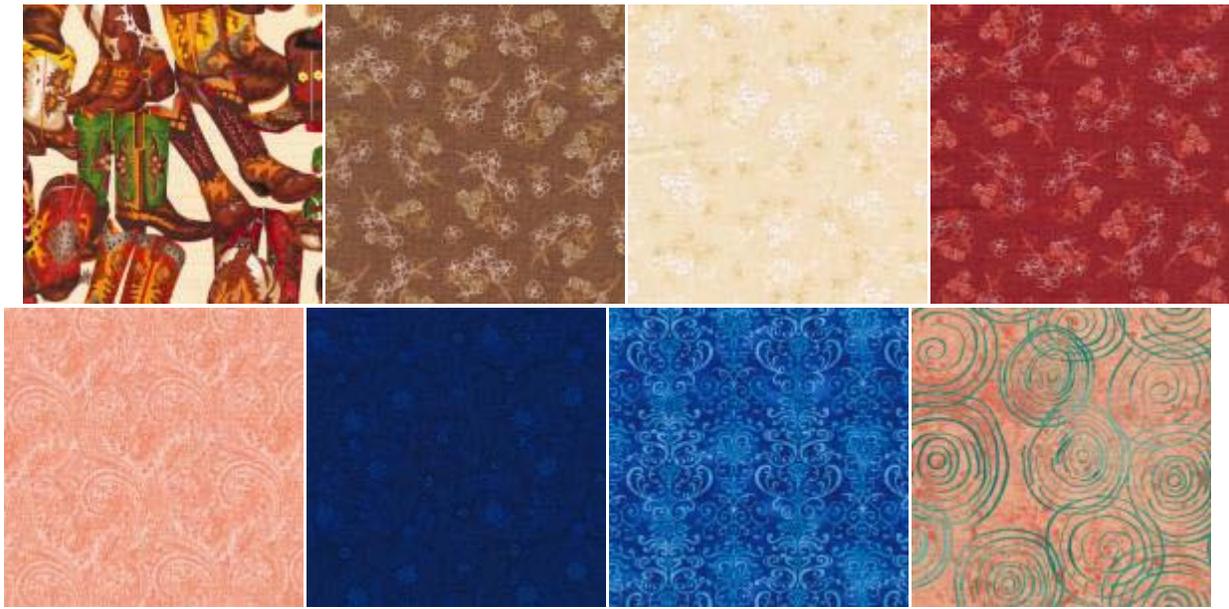
From Hoffman (the house & cup is a reorder--last bolt available)



From Moda



From Fabri-Quilt





From Blank:



From Moda: Mirabelle



From Hoffman: Home is Where Your Story Begins -- we got more of the main fabric in -- the one with the houses. It's all I can get. the fabric line is not being reprinted.





## April Classes and Special Events

**T-Shirt Class Sat. April 19 10:30-5**

**Barb Boyer**

Learn how to transform t-shirts into quilts. You can make them simple with sashings and posts, or get really creative design a one of a kind quilt using different sized t-shirts. We'll help you with all your choices.

**Beyond the Basics: Bias Half Square Triangles Wed. April 23, 1-3 OR 6-8:30 \$20**

**Barb Boyer**

Learn the basics of making half square triangles from bias strips. This is my favorite way to make half square triangles, when I have lots to make.

**Friday Nighters Fri. April 25, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)**

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2014 -- or just help you get things done. You give me a list of your "to dos" or unfinished projects you want to finish and then each month I check off what you've completed. Trust me. If you need incentive to stay on track, this is it. You can bring your sewing machine or do hand work.

**Stripped in Bali Sat. April 26, 10:30-5 \$25**

**Sue Frerich**

This cool quilt is made with 2 1/2" strips -- perfectly suited for Bali Pops or any other coordinated set of strips. The color illusions created by the light and dark fabrics create a wonderful geometric pattern.



**Let's Make Socks! Mon. April 28, 1:30-3:30 or 6-8:30.**

We've learned how to knit the cuff, now it's time to learn to do the heel through the toe.

### **Beyond the Basics: Inset Seams-Attic Windows**

**Wed. April 30, 1-3 OR 6:8:30, \$20 Barb Boyer**

From attic windows, to mitered borders to lone star quilts, inset seams are a must to master. Learn the basics of inseting seams, the "Y" seam construction, while making a small attic window block quilt.

## **May Classes and Special Events**

**Block of the Month Sat. May 3, 10:30-11:15 FREE**

Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block. This year we're making a Christmas Quilt -shaped like a tree. Each month will feature a different block, mostly 12" finished blocks.

**Make it Do (Use it Up, Wear it Out, Make it Do or Do Without) Sat. May 3 ongoing**

**Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 Barb Boyer \$20 (free if you buy the kits)**

Each month we will feature a snowman, from McKenna Ryan's Snow Buds patterns. The kits will be laser cut, all ready for assembly. You can also choose to make the Snow Bud with your own fabrics. The laser kits will billed month by month.

**Monday Morning Quilts May 5 10-2**

**Free, if you buy that month's kit**

**In May will work on any past Monday Morning Quilts - to let up catch up and complete the projects you have started. This includes Lost Socks, Check Boxes, the Rainbow Quilt, and Connected Places.**

**Beyond the Basics: Flying Geese**

**Wed. May 7, 1-3, 6-8:30 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Using the Flying Geese Ruler, learn to make 4 flying geese at the same time. If you've ever wanted to put a flying geese border on a quilt, but thought it was too much work, learn to use this ruler and it will make flying geese constructions a snap!

**Knit Pickin' Club Thur. May 8, 6-8:30**

Every second Thursday, we're getting together to practice our knitting. 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. You can start simply by making a dishcloth. Carol will teach you the essentials to get you started. For those of you who already know how to knit, you can still join the club--it's time for you to simply sit & knit & share ideas.

**Hand Embroidery Club Sat. May 10, 10-11:30 FREE**

**Kathy Sconce**

(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

This year we're stitching "penny squares" using simple drawings that we create! During class we will draw various designs and stitch then on 5" squares. Each month we will learn new stitches and trade designs and ideas. Then these 5" squares can be made into a sampler quilts, or stitched into a "book" of stitches. You will also make your own notebooks so you can keep your squares, ideas, floss, needles & scissors in one place. You can join anytime.

**Mini Take 5 Sat. May 10, 1-5 \$20**

**Barb Boyer**

If you cut the Take 5 block in half, you wind up with a cute mini Take 5 quilt! I stole this idea from a customer, who wanted to make the Take 5, but make it smaller. So we designed it to be half the size of a regular block-perfect for a crib quilt.

**Let's Knit Socks! Mon. May 12, 1:30-3:30 OR 6-8:30**

**Carol Moler**

Learn the basics of top down knitted socks with heels and toes. Continued class.

**Hand Applique Club Thurs. May 15, 6-8:30**

Every 3rd Thursday, we're getting together to practice our hand applique skills. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and sew. More and more patterns are showing applique work, and while sometimes you can just fuse it down, learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

**BQ Quilt for Railroaders! Depot Days in Cheyenne!**

**Sat. May 17, 10:30-5 \$20**

**Barb Boyer**

The Model Railroaders are in town and we thought it would be a perfect time to make a train quilt. The BQ pattern is well suited for a quick project that showcases fabulous fabrics. I'm working on getting some great train fabrics in stock.

**Catch up on the Monthly Minis: Sat. May 24 10:30-5**

**Barb Boyer**

Stitch on the last 4 Snow Bud blocks, or even start on Block 5. Get caught up on your monthly minis!

**Field Day Quilt Mon. May 24, 10:30-5 \$25 or free with kit**

**Barb Boyer**

This cool quilt is made with 2 1/2" strips and squares cut from the new Hoffman line - Home is Where Your Story Begins. This quilt is quick pieced and will brighten any room.

**Friday Nighters Fri. May 30, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)**

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2014 -- or just help you get things done. You give me a list of your "to dos" or unfinished projects you want to finish and then each month I check off what you've completed. Trust me. If you need incentive to stay on track, this is it. You can bring your sewing machine or do hand work.

**Turning 20**

**Sat. May 31, 10:30-5, \$20 Barb Boyer**

This fun, simple quilt is easy to make and stunning to look at. Perfect for any beginner. You may even get the quilt top sewn in class.

## April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2 Doodling on Your Quilt 1-3:30 OR 6-8:30</b>	<b>3</b> Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	<b>4</b> Open Sew1-4	<b>5</b> BOM 10:30-11:30 <b>Make it Do 1-2</b> <b>Binding 3-4</b> <b>Monthly Minis 4-6</b>
<b>6</b> Closed	<b>7</b> Monday Morning Quilts 10-2	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Shop Hop	<b>12</b> Shop Hop  Embroidery Club 10-noon
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> FullMoon	<b>16</b> Beyond Basics: Paper Piecing 1-3:30 OR 6-8:30	<b>17</b> Hand Piecing 1-3  Hand Applique Club 6-8:30	<b>18</b> Open Sew1-4  Good Friday	<b>19</b> T-Shirt Class 10:30-5
<b>20</b> Closed  Easter Sunday	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Beyond Basics: Bias Half Square Triangles 1-3:30 OR6-8:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	<b>26</b> Stripped in Bali 10:30-5
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Let's knit Socks! 1:30-3:30 or 6-8:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Beyond Basics: Inset Seams 1-3:30 OR 6-8:30			

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<b>4</b> Closed	<b>5</b> <b>Monday Morning Quilts 10-2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Beyond <b>Basics: Flying Geese 6- 8:30</b>	<b>8</b> Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Embroidery Club 10- noon  <b>Mini Take 5 1-5</b>
<b>11</b> Mother's Day	<b>12</b> Socks, cont. <b>1:30- 3:30 or 6-8:30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>FullMoon</b>	<b>15</b> Hand Applique Club 6- 8:30	<b>16</b> Open Sew1-4	<b>17</b> BQ quilt for <b>Railroaders 10:30-5</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Get Caught up on Monthly Minis: Free sew from <b>10:30-5</b>
<b>25</b> Open sew 1-4	<b>26</b> Field Day Quilt <b>10:30-5</b>  Memorial Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	<b>31</b> Turning 20 <b>10:30-5</b>