

Favorite quotes from the Dowager Countess of Downton Abbey:

MARTHA LEVINSON

So, how did you enjoy the south of France?

MARY

It was lovely. But almost too hot even now.

MARTHA LEVINSON

I think it's such a shame they close things up during the summer. I love the sun.

VIOLET, DOWAGER COUNTESS OF GRANTHAM

So we can see.



## **Shop Small Business Sale-- Saturday!**

### **Fat quarters on sale:**

Buy 10-19 = \$2.50 (\$2.75 for batiks and flannels)

20-29 = \$2.25 (\$2.50 for batiks and flannels)

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### **CHRISTMAS ON SALE -- 25% OFF**

### **DOWN THE HALL FABRIC \$3/YARD**

**November 28, 2014**

I don't know what is worse: Watching ads for politicians in the months leading up to the election or the ads that play during the Christmas movies, mainly the ones on the Hallmark Channel. Now you could point out that it's my own fault for watching the Christmas movies. But you gotta admit, they are hard to resist. One of the standard questions to ask, right after Halloween, is have you started to watch the Christmas movies? The answer is usually yes, even though we still don't like to see Christmas decorations displayed before Thanksgiving or Christmas music played till after Thanksgiving.

So yes, I've started watching the new bundle of Christmas movies from the Hallmark

Channel. For example, the movie, A Royal Christmas. What is it with us Americans. We fought a revolution to get away from royalty, and yet, movies about princes and princesses are all the rage. Anyway, a Royal Christmas was touted as a very special new movie from the Hallmark Channel, starring Medicine Woman Jane Seymour. But there wasn't much special about it. The plot was stolen from at least 6 different prince meets commoner, commoner becomes princess movies. I was royally disappointed. But maybe there is no fresh approach to royalty-styled movies.

So I tried another new Christmas movie called Northpole. Now I can tolerate a certain amount of fantasy in TV shows. For example, I like the CSI styled shows even though I know you can't do all of the scientific tests in the space of mere hours. I can also tolerate the sci-fi shows where things like the "beam me up Scotty" technology doesn't really work or could never work under current physics laws. Some things I just can't tolerate, like lawyer shows. Some fake is simply too hard to watch.

But I thought Northpole might be cute. It was a sweet movie, although nothing new in the plot line. Christmas spirit is low, the Northpole may disappear, to the rescue a feisty elf and young boy. Mainly this means, getting everyone to rally around lighting the town's 60 foot Christmas tree, a festival forgotten these many years. I bought the fantasy of elves, flying reindeer, woman with young boy finding romance with the boy's teacher, and even Robert Wagner and Jill St John posing as Santa & Mrs. Claus. Until the end. The movie ends with an impossibility that I just couldn't tolerate. The boy, his mother and his teacher, decide to light and decorate the 60 foot tree out in the park, at night, in the cold, all by themselves. So of course the whole town shows up to help. And of course in the space of about an hour (show time about 2 minutes), the 60 foot tree is trimmed and lit. Did I mention it was a 60 FOOT TREE! I've watched the Capitol crew struggle to get the tree in the door of the Capitol in under an hour. And it takes them days to decorate.

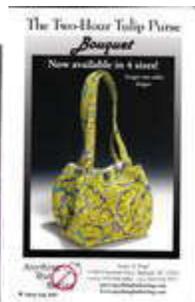
Beam me up Scotty, that was just one fantasy too many. Suspending my disbelief for flying reindeer and elves is one thing. Decorating a 60 foot tree in the dark, in the cold, in under an hour. I don't think so. And the deal is, it would not have been hard to rewrite the ending to make the trimming of the tree more believable. Sigh.

So what about the ads, you say? Isn't that what this column was supposed to be about? Silly you. That's next week's story.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

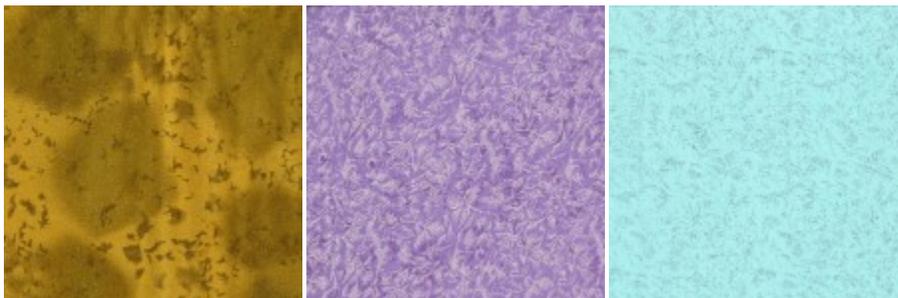
New notions (wonder clips, rulers, glue pens, hexi papers, pin cushions, needle threaders, new floss, wool, hand needles of various types & sizes, safety pins, Roxanne chalk markers, thread, and cutters).

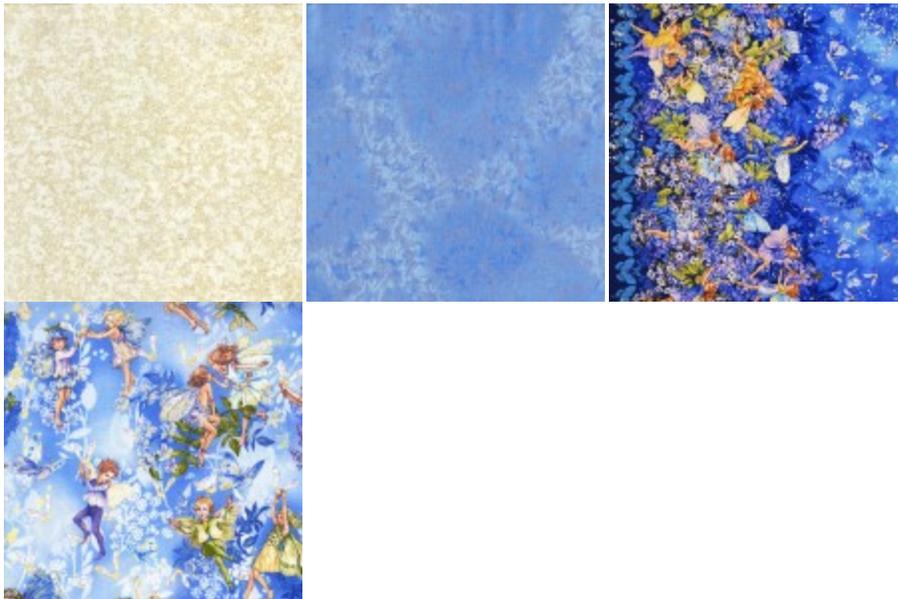
New books & patterns:





From Michael Miller:





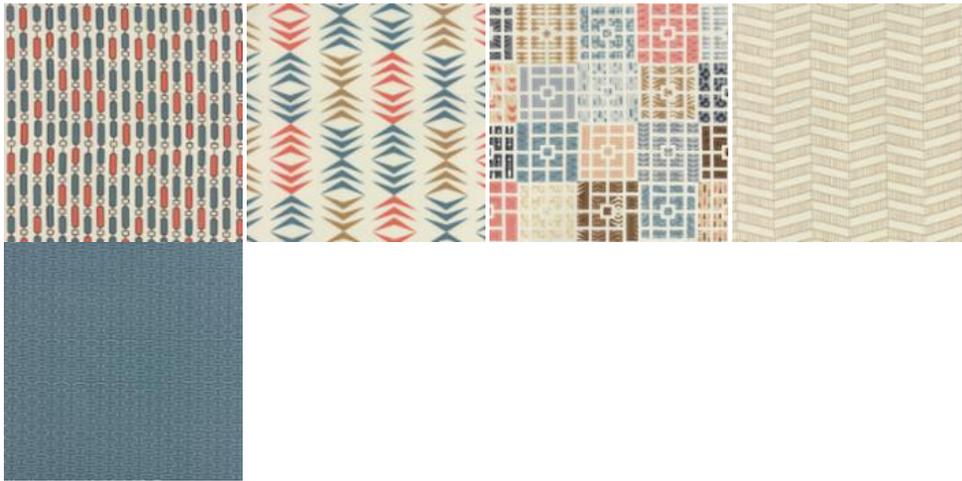
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From Moda, Rambling Rose:



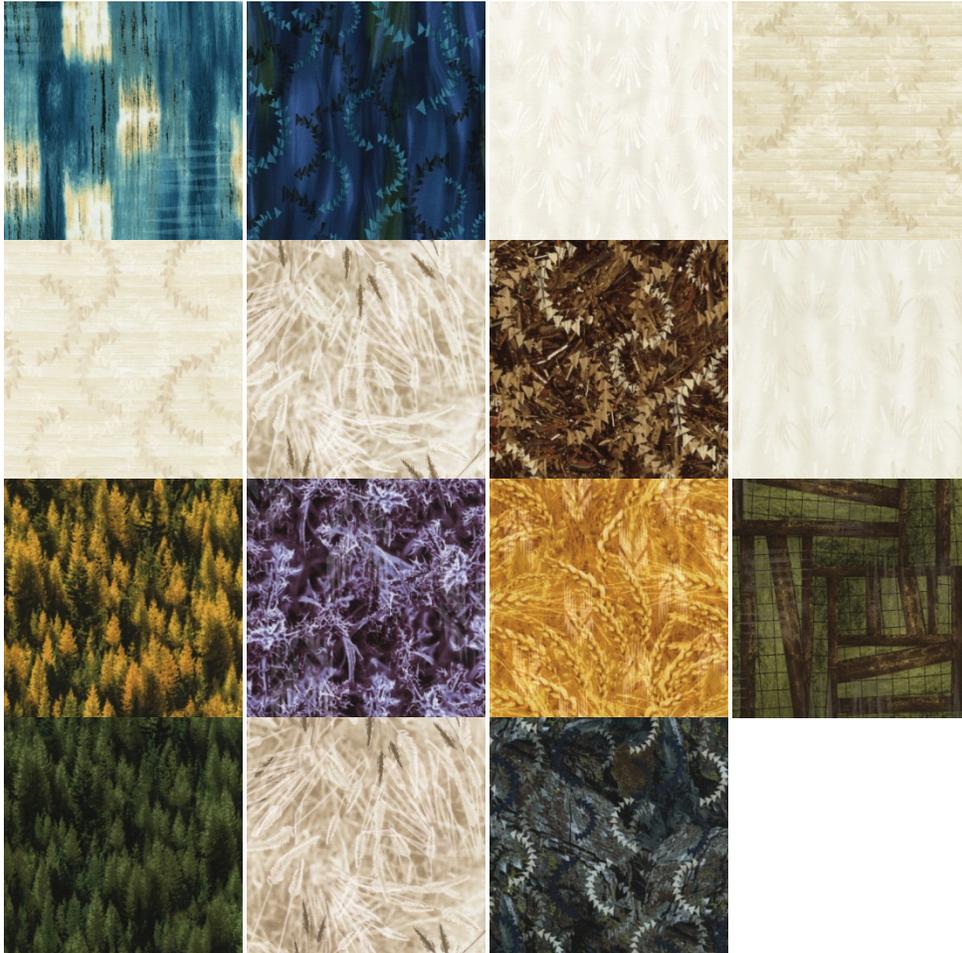
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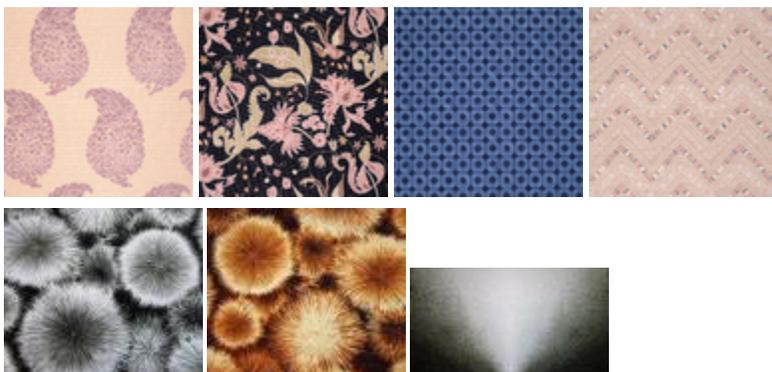
Barns:



From Timeless Treasures, Reclaiming the West:



And more:



## November Classes and Events

**Dakota or Lobo or Morley or Randolph Sat Nov 29,  
10:30-5 \$20**

This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.



### December Classes & Special Events

**Monday Morning Quilts Dec 1 10-2**

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

Each month we will feature quilts from the Fons & Porter Love of Quilting magazine or other fun quilts. From Fons & Porter, we will choose one of the quilts from the magazine and make limited kits. In class, we will show you how to put the quilt together and you will have time to get started. Quilts will be big or small or in between. December quilt is a cute quilt from Quilter's World. It's actually still under construction. Come in and take a look.

**Doodling for Machine Quilters Wed. Dec. 3 1-4 or 6-9 \$25**

**Barb Boyer**

You can do basic meandering, stars & loops with a darning foot on your sewing machine. But how do you...? Learn to do a variety of designs to expand your quilting repertoire. You will learn leaves, pinecones, feathers, flowers (a variety), paisleys, dragonflies and other interesting motifs.

**Finish Your Quilt Sale Dec 6**

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

**Block of the Month Dec 6, 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.

**Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Jan-Dec. 4-6 Barb Boyer \$20 ongoing**

**Learn to knit TBA! Mon. Dec 8 1:30-3:30 OR 6-8:30 \$20  
Carol Moler**

**Underground Railroad Quilt -- ongoing  
Thurs Dec 11, 18 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25**

To celebrate the ending of the Civil War, we will make a sampler quilt featuring 15 different blocks from the Eleanor Burns book, *The Underground Railroad*. We'll explore a little history during class and learn to make the blocks at the same time.

**Knit Pickin' Club Thur. Dec 11, 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, it's time for you to simply sit & knit & share ideas.

**Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Dec 13, 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 them 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 quilt, 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.

**English Paper Piecing  
Mon. Dec 15, 1-3 Barb Boyer \$20**

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden. The new Downton Abbey line is showing a hexie quilt, using the English paper piecing method. We'll get started on a purse using iron on templates, and then move on to larger quilts and learn different methods of paper piecing.

**Hand Applique Club  
Thursday Dec 18 6-8:30 free**

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 learning how to hand applique is a wonderful skill that can be carried anywhere you go.

**Friday Nighters Fri. Dec 19, 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.**

**HAND APPLIQUE CLUB**

This is a get-together & stitch class. Many of us are trying hand applique these days-- patterns are calling for a lot more applique. The club is designed for quilters who already do some hand applique, but beginners are welcome as well. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, talk about threads and, in general, just stitch. A little quiet time away from the distractions of home is what we need to get our projects done.

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**HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB**

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. We provide free vintage patterns, and this year we will have free patterns of girls with hats, that you can embroider, embellish and color. Each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques.

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**Knit Pickin' Club**

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).

**Toad Toters**

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: October 8, November 6, December 6.

**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**

September brown, October orange, November green, December flannels

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> BOM 10:30-11:30  Monthly Minis 4-6 <b>Finish            Your            Quilt            Sale</b>

2 <b>CLOSED</b>	3 <b>Monday Morning Quilts 10-2 Quilt TBA</b>	4	5	6 <b>FullMoon</b>	7 <b>Open Sew1-4</b>	8 <b>Embroidery Club 10-noon</b>  Park Bench 1-5
9 <b>Beginning Quilting 1-4</b>	10 <b>Learn to knit TBA 1:30-3:30 or 6-8:30</b>	11 Veterans Day	12 <b>Beginning Machine Quilting 1:30-4 or 6-8:30</b>	13 <b>Underground Railroad Quilt 1-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>	14 <b>Go with the Flow 10:30-3</b>	15 Table Topper 10:30-5
16 <b>Beginning Quilting 1-4</b>	17 <b>English Paper Piecing 1-3</b>	18	19 <b>Beginning Machine Applique 1:30-4 or 6-8:30</b>	20 <b>Underground Railroad Quilt 1-4 Hand Applique Club 6-8:30</b>	21 <b>Open Sew1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	22 <b>Quick Curve Ruler Quilt 10:30-5</b>
23 <b>Pillow Case Party 1-4</b>	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day <b>CLOSED</b>	28 <b>SALE</b>	29 <b>BJ Designs 10:30-5</b>
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