



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

August 14, 2015

I want to be very clear about this. If I find a bear up a tree in my shelter belt, I'll know it's a bear. I won't mistake it for a hawk or an eagle or a cat or a panther or anything else that might live in a tree.

That's a reference, btw, to the bears being found in a Colorado Springs neighborhood. Thanks, in part, to a woman who was feeding them. Apparently the bears told all their friends and they told their friends and soon it was the most popular take out place in the woods. Think Yogi Bear and picnic baskets.



And I also want to be clear that I have not fed the eagles- yes, I'm back to having eagles. I also have hawks. Who knows, maybe by the end of the summer I'll have condors. And while Lydia still goes outside, that, technically, does not count as feeding the animals. Mainly because she's still alive. Okay, okay. She usually stays inside during the day, and besides she'd be more trouble than she's worth for a large bird. She has claws & too much hair. Rabbits are tastier and they don't fight back.

In other animals news-you know I like themed blogs-this winter could be a Godzilla El Niño. Great. So not only in less than 100 days we could have a 100 degree difference in temperature and we could also have more snow drifts than I can drive through. Apparently the Pacific Ocean is 4 degrees warmer than normal. The last time that happened, about 17 years ago, the weather pattern was the most extreme it had ever been for an El Niño year. Most of the impact will be in California. In the Rockies, a typical El Niño brings 20+ more inches of snow than normal. Who knows what Godzilla will bring. Actually, some people are calling the up coming El Niño Bruce Lee. So I guess we need to be prepared for a karate chopping winter.

I'm just happy it's still warm enough that I can still wear shorts.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Robert Kaufman (plus we got 9 or 10 solid blues):



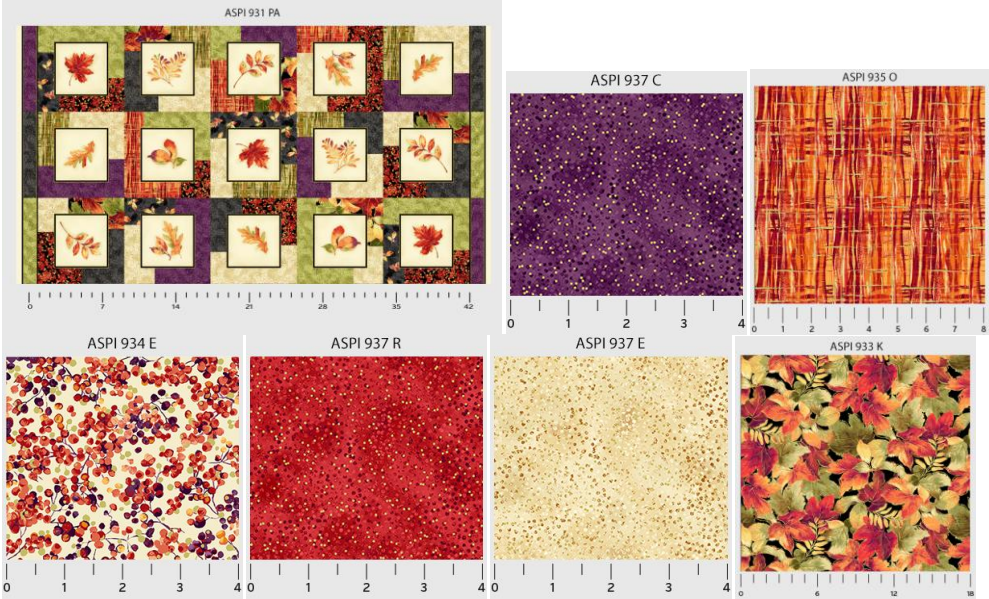
From Kanvas:



From Alexander Henry:



From P & B:



I only have a few of the One in a Minion panels left--more is ordered, to be delivered in October.



Quilting Treasures: Christmas Story:



From Camelot:



Seasonal Silhouettes are back!



Patterns:



August Classes & Special Events

MINE CRAFT QUILT CLASS AUG 13 & 20, 1-5 \$20

The oh so ever popular Mine Craft computer game has interesting pixelated characters that translate easily into quilt blocks. For the uninitiated, the "quilt blocks" will be made up of 2" squares (or smaller), with the colors placed to imitate the Mine Craft character. Sewing is simple--sew all the squares together. The hard part is choosing which green to put where. Patterns of various Mine Craft characters and images will be provided. Students are expected to bring fabric suited to the game--ask your kids, they'll know what

I'm talking about. (Essentially, lots of greens, some pink, some red, gold, brown, silver & blue.) Patterned fabrics will work, but stick mostly with tone on tone prints and some solids. Class will be divided into choosing & cutting your squares, and starting to sew your squares. I will have fat quarter bundles suitable for the blocks, but please bring your own fabrics and plan to exchange colors with other class members.

Take 5 Quilt Sun. Aug 9 & 16 1-5 \$20

Take 5 is a fun and fast quilt to make on a Monday holiday. This is always a popular class and you can usually get your top completed in class (the smaller versions, not the king size). And we have lots of new spring fabrics that will help relieve the doldrums of winter. This is a perfect graduation gift-think ahead to May. You can get it done! So if you need a quick quilt project, this is the perfect quilt class.

BJ Designs Sat. Aug 15, 10:30-5 \$20

Dakota or Lobo or Morley or Randolph

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.



Bertie's Year last Friday of the month, 1-4

Bertie's Year is a small wall hanging, (or you can make each block into a mini quilt for display each month). Bertie is done in flannels and wool (kit only includes flannel). Bertie (the bird) and friends (squirrel, pumpkins) are appliqued with crazy quilt embroidery embellishments.

Friday Nighters Fri. Aug 28, 5:30-9 \$10 (one time fee for year)

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2015 -- 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.

August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BOM 10:30-11:30 Monthly Minis 4-6

2 CLOSED	3	4	5	6 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	7 Open Sew1-4	8 Embroidery Club 10- noon T-shirt class 1-5
9 Take 5 1- 5	10	11	12	13 Minecraft 1-5	14	15 BJ Designs Your Choice 10:30-5
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13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14	15	16 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	17 Arcadia Avenue 6-8:30	18 Open Sew 1-4	19 Halloween I-Spy 10:30-5
20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21	22	23 Back Basting 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30	24 Let's Finish Downtown Abbey 1-4 Arcadia Avenue 6-8:30	25 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 Lone Star 10:30-5
27 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	28	29	30 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30			

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.

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.

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: May 4 (observed), June 1, July 1, August 29.

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

May flowers/floral, June baby novelties, July blue, August black & gray

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!