

THE SNUGGLE UP



COZIEST MYSTERY QUILT EVER

I couldn't resist, we do one every year, but I just couldn't decide what to do. And then it hit me.

But I'm not going to tell you, because -- it's a mystery.

Here's the plan: On Wed. Dec. 16 **(or any time after)**, you can pick up your first packet of fabrics to make the first block. You can cut & sew at the shop, if you want. (It's really easy). Then on Fri. Dec. 18 (or any time after the 18th), drop by and pick up your second packet of fabrics for the second block. You can cut & sew at the shop, or sew at home. (It's really easy). If you plan to sew at the shop, bring your mystery fabric with you.

On Sun. Dec. 20, you get your last packet of fabrics and the pattern to put it all together. (It's really easy). And you can sew the whole quilt together Sunday afternoon--at the shop, if you want. Really. And it's bigger than a bread box and smaller than--well, let's just say it will be wonderful to snuggle under on the couch, on a full sized bed, at the football game, while drinking hot chocolate. You get the picture.

We only made 10 kits (they're \$72), just so you know.

Hints: Big blocks. Cozy fabric. Scrappy.

Trust me.



December 18, 2015

So I'm watching the movie *San Andreas*, which is about a huge earthquake hitting California. And I've come to a couple of conclusions. First, I could have written much of the dialog, because I knew exactly what everyone was going to say before they said it. I like disaster movies because of all the things that go wrong: Titanic breaking apart, cows flying through the air in *Twister*, the world freezing in *Day After Tomorrow*, the mountain exploding in *Dante's Peak* and all sorts of other improbable CGI effects. But *San Andreas* was just a tad too typical, at least the plot was.

But the second, and more important conclusion, is that if I lived in San Francisco and the big one hits, I'd be dead.

Reason #1. Everyone runs from one place to another. I don't run. So that means the big cracks that open up in the ground that everyone runs away from would just swallow me up. I'm what is called cougar bait. No. Not that kind of cougar. I'm talking mountain lion. I'm the one you invite on cross country ski trips or snow shoeing trips because I'm always the last one in line. Cougar bait. All anyone needs to do is ski faster than me, if you get my drift.

Reason #2. The characters find ingenious ways to get out of trouble. They figure out ways to make phone calls when cell phones don't work. They flatten tires and use car jacks to free a trapped girl. They MacGyver all sorts of solutions out of duct tape and baling twine. And as you all know, I can't keep my dogs inside a fence when I try those kind of solutions. I'd never be able to MacGyver my way out of an earthquake.

And speaking of dogs-when I last left you, I had a wheel barrow propped up against piece of paneling nailed, kind of, in front of the hole in fence which also had a large metal barrel propped on the other side of the fence. Okay, that didn't last long. And Becca dug a new hole as well. We are half way through winter and this dog decides to dig. Obviously it hasn't been cold enough.

So I jammed all sorts of things into that hole and moved the big metal trash can that was protecting the other hole to block this new hole. That combination has actually worked. But the barricade around the first hole still isn't working. On Tuesday morning, the dogs were on the wrong side of the fence. Remember Tuesday? All that snow?

So I dragged a wooden pallet-and don't remind me that this solution didn't work too well the first time I tried it, I don't want to hear it-through the snow, propped it

against the fence and jammed the wheel barrow against it. That worked for about a day and a half.

The hole is now jammed with a wooden pallet, one wheel barrow and 2 metal lawn chairs. What I'm thinking will happen next, is the dogs will climb onto the furniture and then climb over the fence. I'll keep you posted. My backyard now looks like Fibber McGee dumped the entire contents of his closet in the corner of the back yard.

A friend told me that I need to look into getting a new fence. Or dumber dogs. I told her that getting dumber dogs would be a lot cheaper. I'll let Becca know tonight that I might be swapping her out for a dumber dog. Maybe she'll change her tactics.

DOWN THE HALL SALE DECEMBER 19 ONLY

**Here's the Deal
Minimum buy in: 5 yards**

That gets you 1 chance to win. For every additional yard, you get an additional chance.

What do you win if your name is drawn? All remaining Down the Hall fabrics! It's all yours.

WHAT'S NEW!!

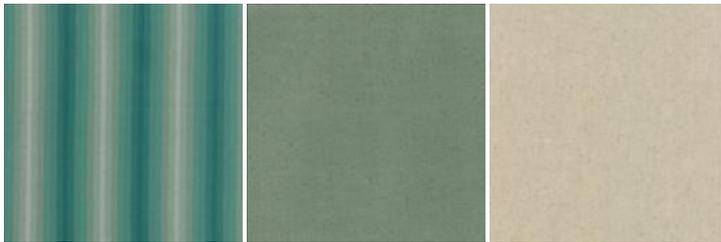
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jelly rolls & charms

From Moda: Linen blends



From Hoffman: pre cut laser kits

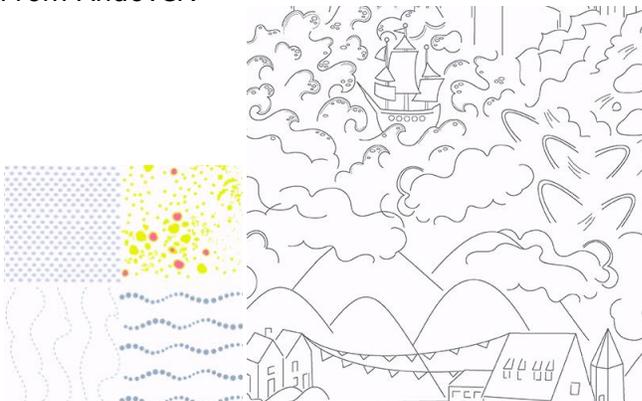


From Benartex:





From Andover:



December Classes & Special Events

Origami Bags Sat. Dec. 19 1-4 \$20

Barb Boyer

These bags make great gift bags, just in time for Christmas. You can use them to hold your knitting, your English paper piecing, Nook readers-actually anything, because you can make them in any size. For the standard bag, all you need is 2 fat quarters, but bring more than 2 fats: you will want to make several bags, as they are so quick & easy.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Beginning Machine Applique 6-9	3	4	5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Christmas Ornaments 1:30-3:30 Monthly Minis 4-6

					Open Sew 1-4	
6 CLOSED	7	8	9	10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon
13 Machine Applied Binding 1-4	14	15	16 Mystery quilt pick up & optional sew 10-5	17	18 Open Sew 1-4 Mystery quilt pick up & optional sew 10-5	19 Origami Bags, 1-4
20 Mystery quilt finish 'er up sew 1-5	21	22	23	24 Close at 3	25 CLOSED Full Moon	26
27	28	29	30 Year Endsale, Toad Toters 3-7	31 Year End Sale 10-6	CLOSED	

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: September 27; October 27; November 25; December 25 (I'll figure something out. I'm not coming in on Christmas).

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 orange/yellow; October green; November flannels; December red.