

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, 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 11, 2015

What not to do in the wind.

Now, I know we all know this stuff, but if you're like me you do it anyway. And regret it.

1. Empty the ash can from the shop vac. No matter where you stand on the porch, the wind will swirl back toward you, carrying all of the ash you just dumped. (From the pellet stove)
2. Carry your trash out to the trash bin. Now this needs a little explanation. First, if you are carrying large items, like boxes, either you or the box will fly away. Second, if you are toting trash bags by holding on to them while driving out to the trash bin on the road, if the tops of the bags aren't closed, stuff flies out. (Okay, I could put the bags in the back of the Subaru, but it's easier and less messy just to jam them between the driver's door and drive out to the road. And if I get the bags placed just right, they rest on the forward/backward seat button and my car seat slowly moves backward while I'm driving. By the time I get to the road, I can barely reach the pedals. But that's a different issue.)
3. Trash part 2 continued. If you're carrying 3 bags of trash, you can't keep the car door open long enough to get out of the car, because the wind keeps blowing it shut. And you can't let go of the bags because they will blow to Nebraska. Then, assuming you hit a lull in the wind and got out of the car, getting back into the car is also a challenge. You've got to get both feet back in before the door slams shut.
4. Walk down the frontage road while hauling a suitcase. Fortunately for that young man, he was heading south, not north.
5. Put your big dog (St. Bernard) into the bed of the pickup & drive 50 mph (or faster) down the road. I was right behind this guy and I was waiting for the "Twister" moment when I could holler, "We've got dogs!" (It was cows in the movie.)
6. Travel on I-80 or I-25 anywhere. Which means, when it's this windy, the highway signs say, "Advised no travel on the interstates. Find an alternate route around Wyoming." Just kidding. Almost.

6. Put your dogs in the backyard (because they - meaning Becca - are still, sometimes, not all the time, climbing over the front fence) after a major wind storm. I left the house yesterday, said goodbye to Becca, and almost got to the garage before I remembered: I have 2 dogs. I searched for the other one, and she had gotten through a new hole in the fence. The wind had wiggled a board off the fence & Cassidy found the hole. So this new hole is now boarded up with a wheel barrow on one side and a metal drum that used to function as a dog house on the other side. I know what you're thinking..... And you're right. They figured it out. I nailed up paneling today. But I only used 2 nails.....

7. Now, to be fair, I'm not the only with wind related fencing problems. The school section to the west of my house has a broken post (6 X 6 wooden post) and the only things holding up the whole line of fencing is some barbed wire. Fortunately the cowboys moved the cattle off a couple of weeks ago.

8. Which brings me to the last thing not to do in the wind: Herd cattle. The cowboys were putting up a small corral one cold windy day, because, of course, that was the day they had scheduled to move the cattle off the pasture. Not the day before when it was nicer. No, the day it was windy, cold, and snowy.

So stay safe during this jet stream momentous occasion, be grateful that you don't live at the top of mountain passes where the wind is 90+ mph, and remember what the old Hitching Post sign said one year: What wind?

DOWN THE HALL SALE DECEMBER 19 ONLY

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

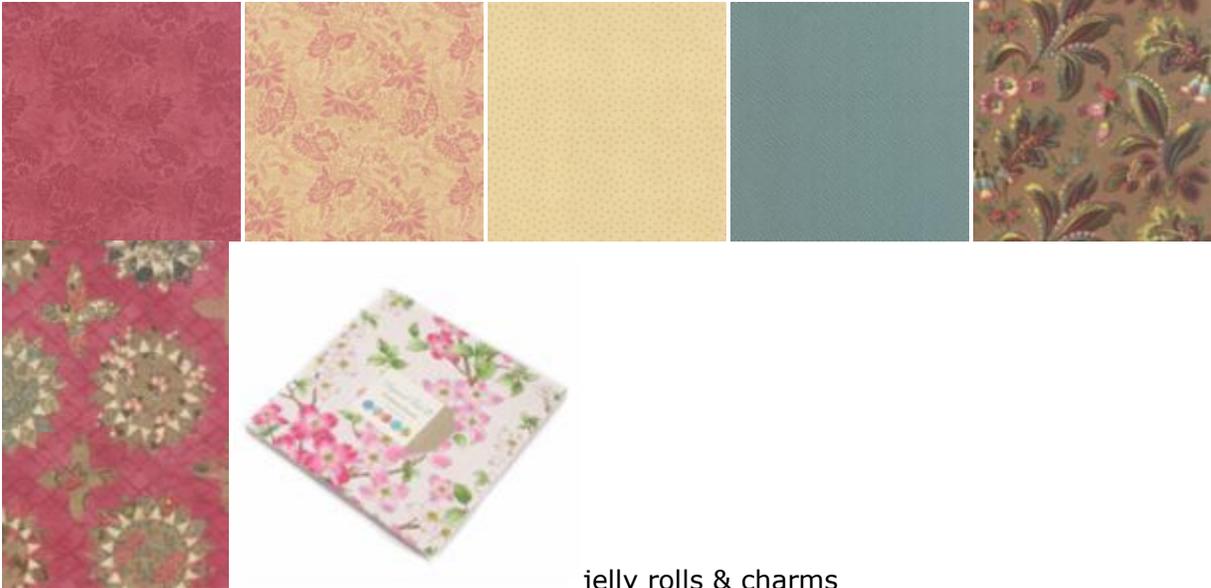
That gets you 1 chance to win. For every additional yard, you get an additional chance.

What do you win if your name is drawn? All remaining

Down the Hall fabrics! It's all yours.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Moda:



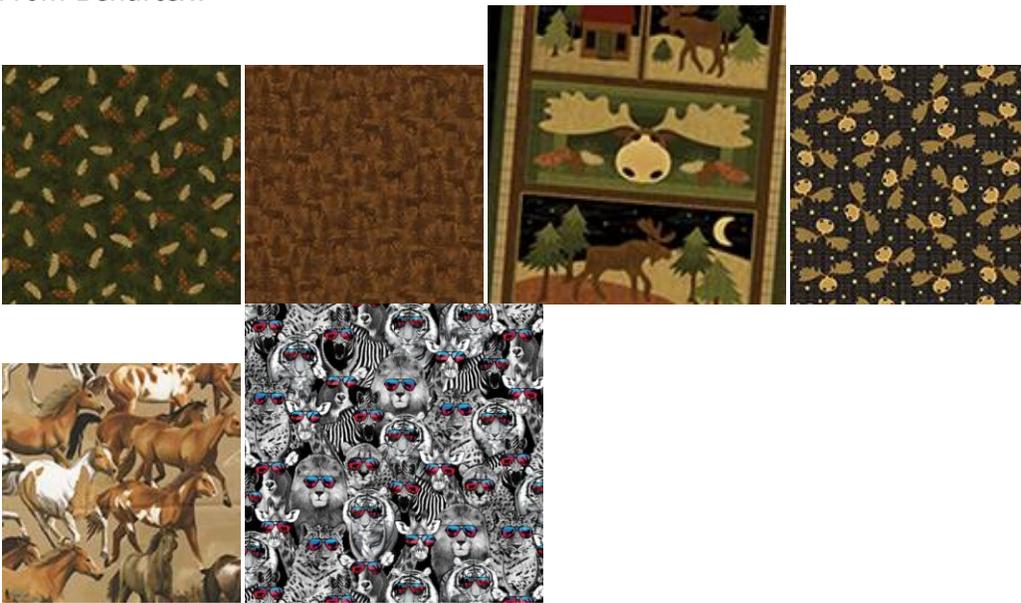
From Moda: Linen blends



From Hoffman: pre cut laser kits



From Benartex:



From Andover:



From Red Rooster:



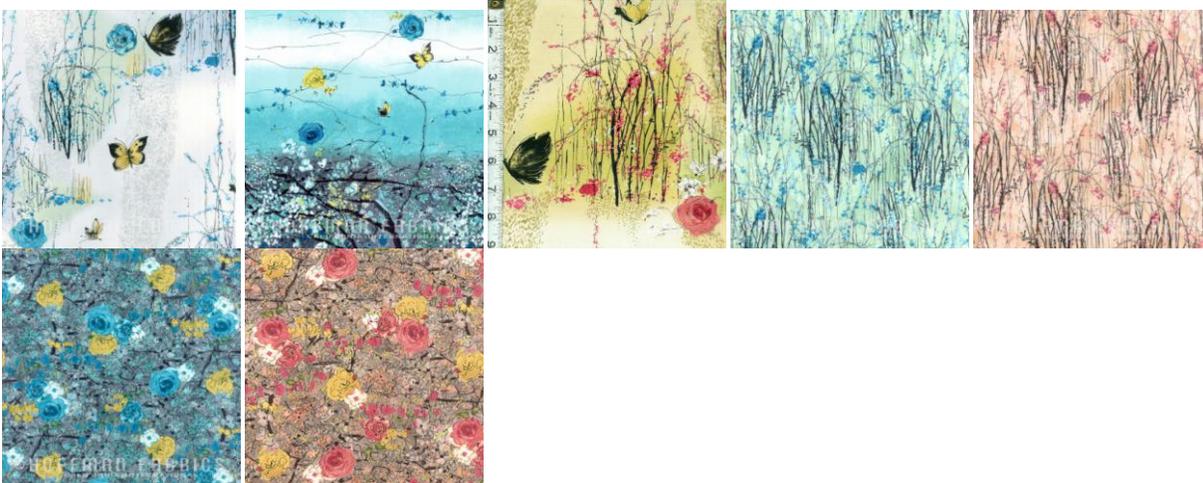
From Free Spirit:



flannel:



From Hoffman:



Purrfectly Pieced

We have all of the flannels for Bonnie Sullivan's newest: Purrfectly Pieced. We have 2 kits with all of the flannel (not the patterns right now, sorry) and we have 2 sets of individual patterns kitted (have sold a couple). Make sense? If you want to do the whole quilt, we have the flannel cut for the project. If you just want to make one block, we have individual patterns kitted. Kits are limited right now, and we need to get a few more patterns in. If you are interested, and we sell out, just let us know. We have enough flannel to make a few more kits.



Kits for the entire project (minus binding & backing) are \$93. Individual patterns, kitted with fabric, are \$20.

December Classes & Special Events

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Dec. 12, 10-noon FREE

Kathy Sconce

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

This year we're doing birds-state birds. We will have between 40-50 birds (some states use the same bird) for you to stitch. Various setting for turning the birds into a quilt will be provided. Color suggestions for the birds will also be offered. As a bonus, you will get the state outlines, state flowers, and other patterns to compliment the birds. You can join anytime.

NEW TIME

Machine Applied Binding Sun. Dec. 13 1-3 \$20

Barb Boyer

This style of binding uses cording to help keep the binding straight & true. Bring a small quilt, your binding and your sewing machine-check the supply list to make sure you have the right tools (cording, the correct foot, binding cut at the correct width). Putting binding on by machine cuts your time more than in half-and by using cording, you can have a perfectly applied binding with no messy "oops" where your stitching just didn't quite catch the binding on the back side.

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.

December 2015

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

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| 6 CLOSED | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 11 | 12 Embroidery Club 10-noon |
| 13 Machine Applied Binding1-4 | 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 | |
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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.

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

Happy quilting!