

# LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE FABRIC HAS ARRIVED!



**November 13, 2015**

Nothing funny happened this week. Really. It's hard to write this column when no one does anything strange or unusual. Even the weather didn't cooperate.

We were supposed to have this big storm and all we got was wind. The wind was supposed to create a blizzard out of the 4 inches of snow that was supposed to descend. But you can't get much of a blizzard with an inch of snow. So then when the wind comes it's just annoying. It was so windy - wait for it - that it kept opening the door to the shop. It was so windy, you had to be careful which direction you parked so that you either didn't get the door unhinged when you opened it or your legs slammed while trying to get out of the car. Yeah, it was that kind of wind.

And on the topic of things windy, even Donald Trump wasn't funny this week. He said was that he thought wages in the US were too high. And that everything else was too pricey. Nice comment, coming up on the Christmas season. But he's right. It's called inflation & we've been living with it since at least WWII, and no one has come up with a solution. Not even Trump. So that's nothing new or terribly insightful. Or funny. And then he gave a 95 minute rant in Des Moines. That could not have been pleasant. Or funny.

NASA reported news about Phobos, the larger of the two moons that circle Mars. Apparently it is on the "verge of disintegrating." Now, the phrase "on the verge" clearly has different meaning for astronomers: 30 million years. So it's a pretty safe bet that the mission to Mars (Phobos, actually) in 2018 won't be scrubbed.

See what I mean-nothing really funny. Even NASA, my favorite target for funny comments, didn't cooperate this week.

What else. Okay, Shaquille O'Neal had his pants stolen by Charles Barkley. And he's refusing to wear pants until Barkley gives them back. You gotta admit that's at least funnier than Trump.

And in news we don't really need, but what is probably the funniest news of the week, The Weather Channel has a video that demonstrates why driving in snow is dangerous. Really, I didn't know that.

And finally, in other things dangerous, golfing in Florida can be dangerous to your health. We've always known that, but to prove it, a golfer snapped a picture of an alligator fighting/eating a python just off one of the greens. Now Wyoming hazards tend to be just antelope, rabbits, geese and an occasional



rattlesnake. But gators & snakes? It's like something out of a Japanese giant monster B movie.

And speaking of giant monster movies, nice segue huh, did you hear about the 800 pound gator found wandering a Houston shopping center this week. He was dubbed Godzilla by the gator catcher Christy Kroboth. Kroboth is affiliated with a non corp that teaches people about alligators. Here's her advice: "If he is causing a problem and showing up on your driveway or in the middle of a street then call you local wildlife department for help. If you are unable to call for help right away, then back away slowly and leave the animal alone," she said. That advice ranks right up there with The Weather Channel video advice that driving in the snow is dangerous.



## FABRIC IS HERE! LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE QUILTS!

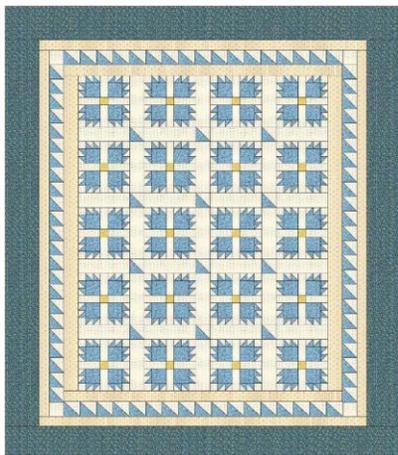


We will be highlighting 5 quilts (see 4 of them below) to go with the Little House collection. In the store, you will see a Log Cabin quilt (sample is done with on of the first Thimbleberries collection); a Bear's Paw quilt (done with Smithsonian fabrics); a Flying Geese quilt (done with Downton Abbey fabrics) and a Churn Dash--in Little House fabrics, and a 9-patch done in Little House fabrics.

Fabric will be \$11.80 per yard. Fat quarter bundles of the Flowers: \$69. Walnut Grove: \$54. Icons: \$36. Bundle of all fats: \$159.

If you are interested in getting any of the fabrics, we will take pre paid orders. Fat quarter bundles will do at least two quilts. Additional fabrics will needed for borders and backgrounds.

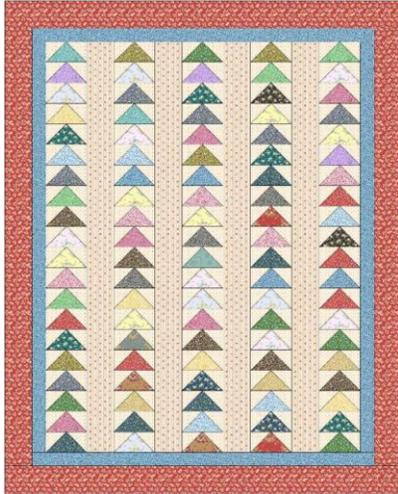
Log Cabin Quit 90" X 90":



Bear's Paw 81" X 93"



Churn Dash 77" x 77":



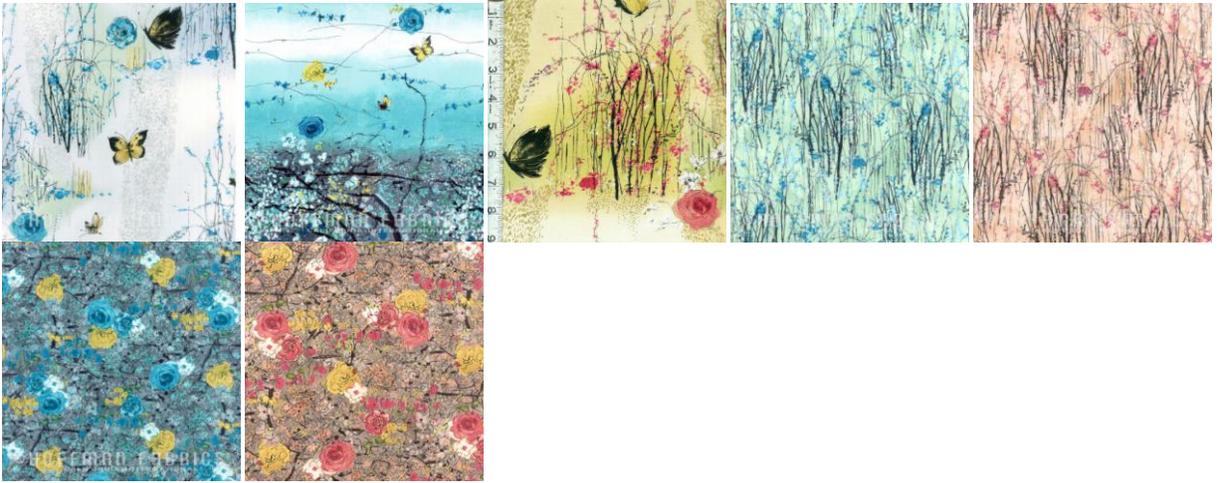
Flying Geese 58" X 72":

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# WHAT'S NEW!!

From Hoffman:





From Moda:



From Frond:



From Quilting Treasures:



From Free Spirit, Tim Holtz:



A kit!

## 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.

## November Classes & Special Events

### **NEW TIME**

#### **Machine Applied Binding**

**Mon. Nov. 9 1-3 OR 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.

#### **Let's Finish Downton Abbey!**

**Fri Nov. 13 ongoing**

#### **Hand Embroidery Club**

**Sat. Nov. 14, 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.

#### **ABCs of Binding**

**Sat. Nov 14, 1-2 \$20**

**Jo Sunderman**

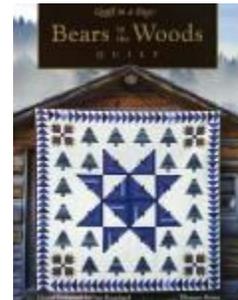
Learn the ins and outs of selecting binding, cutting binding and applying binding. It's easier than you think. If you have a project you are working on, be sure to bring it to class for some hands on advice. Also, bring paper to take notes and a fat quarter for practice.

#### **Tree Skirt**

**Sat. Nov. 14, 3-6 & Nov. 28, 1-5 \$20**

**Barb Boyer**

The tree skirt from Bear in the Woods book, an Eleanor Burns, Quilt in a Day book. You can do pieced Christmas trees, and a moose or 2 (complete with hoof prints) or just make it in 2 colors. Extra sizes will be provided, in case you have large Christmas trees. The "skirt" can also be used as a table topper (if you don't cut a hole in the center).



**Beginning Machine Quilting**

**Wed. Nov 18, 1:30-4 OR 6-8:30 \$25**

**Sue Frerich**

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

**Little House: Laura's Log Cabin in the Woods Quilt Sat. Nov 21 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer**

This is the first of our "Little House" quilts. The inside of the quilt is a traditional log cabin block, and the border is a pieced nine patch. Pattern is supplied in class. You can make this quilt from any fabrics, but the "Little House" calicos will make a bright & cheery quilt, perfect for your own "little house" on the range.

**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. Nov. 27 5:30-? \$10**

**Barb Boyer**

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.

**Pillow Case Party**

**Sun. Nov 29 1-4 FREE**

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents.



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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.

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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: 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.