

Vote for my row!

We still have 75 votes so far! Yea! I think we're in 1st place, thanks to all of you!

Creative Grid has sponsored a Row Challenge and our row has been selected for the contest! Last year we participated, but we didn't know we had been selected until right at the end of the voting period. This time we have until the end of the Row By Row Experience to get the vote out.

You can go to Creative Grid's Facebook page to see all of the rows entered into the contest. You need to click "Like" to vote. You can vote for as many rows as you like.

Or you can just vote for mine. :)

To make it easy for you to find my block, you can click on the link below.



[For Around the Block's Row Click Here!](#)



August 5, 2016

Admit it. Who's been thinking, in that sentimental way, about snow? It's only 142 days until Christmas, after all. And we all tend to get excited about that first snow fall. But that was earlier this week, when it was still hot. I like hot. I save on energy during the summer, since I don't have to heat the house and I don't have an air

conditioner. All I have to buy, in terms of energy, is a little electricity.

So as I was doing the load of laundry that just consisted of polo shirts and socks, I got this warm fuzzy feeling about how I miss wearing sweaters. And cooking crock pots of hot soups & stews. Which inevitably led to remembering how heavy those laundry loads were because of the bulky clothes. And the extra pots & pans for the soups & stews. And hauling 40 pound bags of pellets to heat the house. And the hats, scarves & mittens-and that's just for wearing in the house in the middle of winter.

And I concluded that summer could stick around a lot longer. Then I watched the news last night. Snow was predicted for the mountains. And this morning, the cold front moved through. You can almost smell the snow in the air. Just kidding. It's still at least 65 outside. And I concluded, I'm not ready for winter.

Besides, it's time for the summer Olympics! They start tonight, amid all of the controversies that typically plague the Olympics. I have programmed my DVR to capture all of the events. And I mean all. It used to be you could only get the main events: track, field, swimming, diving & gymnastics, with the occasional volleyball, water polo & basketball game thrown in. Now you can watch fencing, badminton, archery, canoeing, golf, handball, sailing, shooting, taekwondo, and my favorite, synchronized swimming.

I'm not kidding about the last one. When I was 14, I told my dad that I didn't want to be a speed swimmer any more. I'd been competing since I was 6 or 7 & I just didn't want to compete any more. I didn't have that Olympic spirit, I guess. So he introduced me to synchronized swimming and I competed on a team that was coached by a Jesuit priest from Creighton University. No lie. It was great fun.

So I'm ready for nonstop Olympic coverage. I figure I have about 1,000 hours of coverage programmed and about 150 hours of space on the DVR. I have embroidery projects to keep my fingers busy and a jar of peanut butter for sustenance. I'm ready. Okay, maybe I need some more projects.....

Monthly Mini & Monthly Ornament alerts:

Here are the projects for August. Both are kitted. Both are cute. Both might be finished before class.....Maybe.



ornament in September.

We will do the pickup truck tree

WHAT'S NEW!!

We got about 65 bolts of new fabric in. Come check it out!

From Blank:



From Stof: I could not capture all of the images for the Stof fabrics. Stof is a Danish company.



in bright colors, same with above panel)

(ours is in the



(only in more taupe colors)

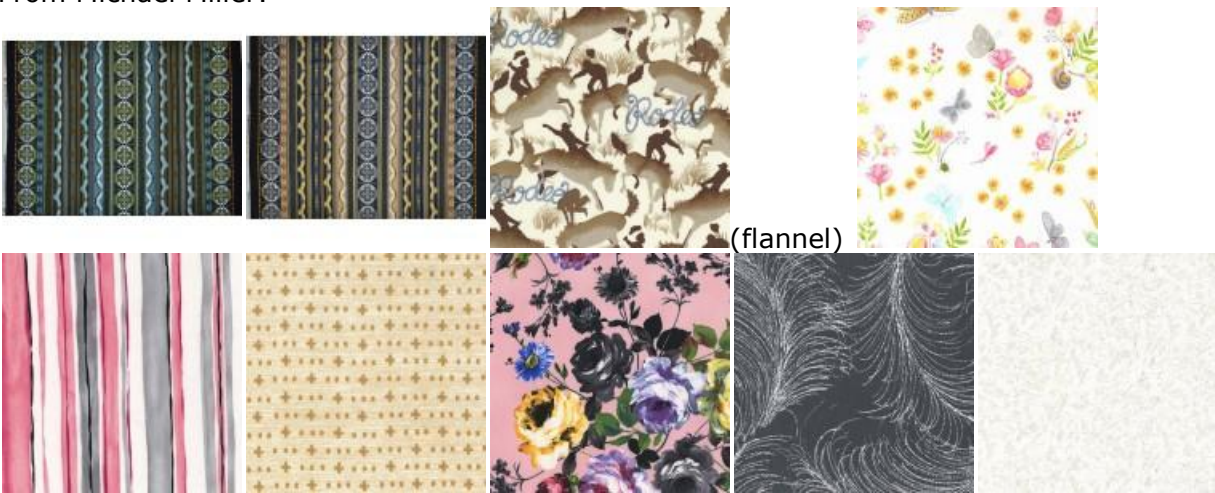
And a

dot fabric.
From Red Rooster:

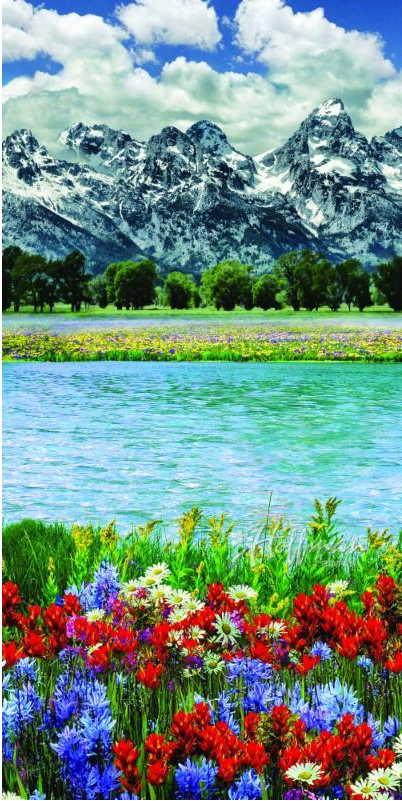




From Michael Miller:



From Hoffman:



From Moda:



Patterns:



LBG-0575-P
Sleigh Bell Trio



All 3 quilts are 44" x 15".
Laundry Basket Quilts

In the Beginning:



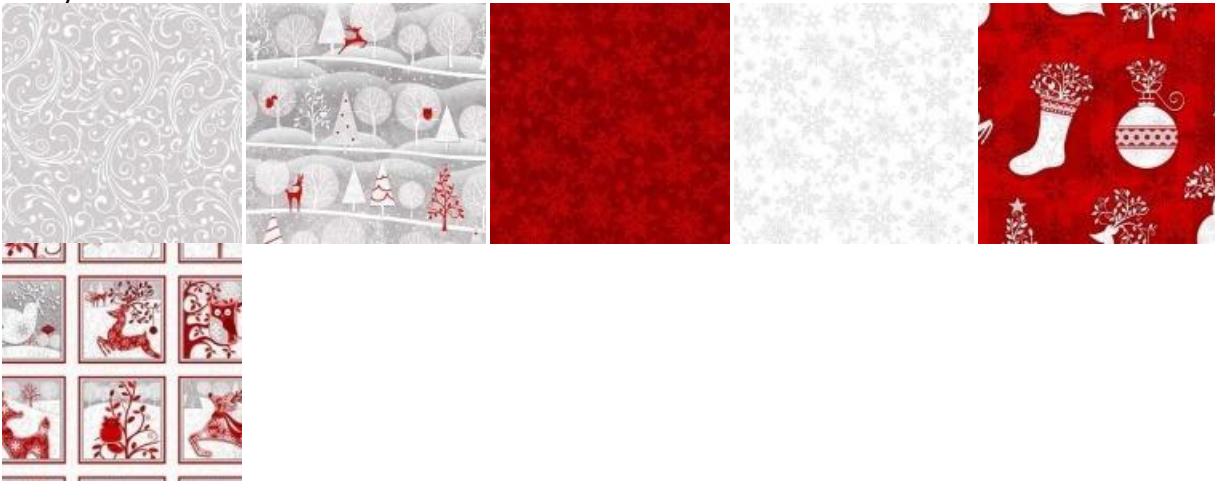
Also from Benartex are 2 1/2" strips called Dreamscapes. Couldn't grab a pic.

RJR: Geekery



Also from Moda: Wool scrap bags in assorted colors

Henry Glass:



August 2016

Block of the Month Ongoing. First Sat of month 10:30-11:15 FREE Barb Boyer

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 red, white & blue quilt-patriotic theme, if you like.

Ornament Club 1st Sat of the month, 1:30-3:30 Free, if you buy that month's kit

Each month we will feature a different pieced ornament. Some of the ornaments can be used as gift tags & gift card holders. You can pick & choose which ornaments you want to make-each ornament will be displayed prior

to class. You can make the March ornament & skip the April ornament, for example. Kits are limited, though, so if you are interested in a particular kit, be sure to sign up for that month & let me know.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing various table runners/ door banners/small wall hanging celebrating each month. Some of the quilts are long & skinny, some square, some round. Most of the quilts will be kitted.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Thurs. of month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

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.

Hand Embroidery Club Sat. 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

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

This year we're still 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.

Lace Houses, block of the month 2nd Sat. of month 1-3 Kathy Sconce \$25

Lace Houses is a Crabapple Hill pattern. It combines fusible applique, laces & trims, crayon coloring, minimal piecing, and, most importantly, embroidery. Each month we will concentrate on a new block or part of the quilt. The class will run from February through November, maybe December. Come learn from our master embroiderer, Kathy Sconce.

Disappearing 9-patch Quilt Sun August 14, 1-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

Using just one charm pack and a couple of yards of extra fabric, you can make this delightful lap sized quilt. Of course, you can make it bigger. We have some wonderful new charm packs (5" squares) that would make a gorgeous 9-patch (disappearing) quilt. This quilt is quick & easy to do. Perfect for beginners.

Disappearing Triangles/9-patch Quilt Wed August 24, 1-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

This quilt is done like the Disappearing 9-patch, but it is made with 10" squares so it is bigger. Sample is made with brightly colored batiks.

Christmas Row Quilt Ongoing 3rd Sat of the month, (in August class is August 27) \$20 Barb Boyer

Each row uses a different pieced block. There are log cabins, stockings, wreaths, ornaments, snowmen, trees, houses, bells, and stars. Each month we will piece a different row. There are 7 rows (2 rows use multiple blocks), plus a pieced border. You should be able to have the quilt done by Christmas!

Bertie's Year & Companions last Friday of the month, 1-4 \$20, free if you buy the kit

Bertie's Year & Purfectly Pieced are small wall hangings, (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. The patterns are by Bonnie Sullivan, and you can do any of the series-she has a spring, summer, fall & winter Bertie's, plus the original, and plus the cats. You choose. Class is ongoing-because we need the time to get the embellishing done!

Friday Nighters last Fri. of month 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.

August 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 English Paper Piecing 2-4 | 2 | 3 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 4 Wrapsody Purse 1-4 | 5 Open Sew1-4 | 6 BOM 10:30- 11:30 Ornament Club 2-4 Monthly Minis 4-6 |
| 7 CLOSED | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 12 | 13 Embroider y Club 10- noon Lace Houses 1-3 |
| 14 Disappearin g 9-patch 1- 5 | 15 English Paper Piecing 2-4 | 16 | 17 | 18 Full Moon Santa Fe | 19 Open Sew1-4 Santa Fe | 20 Santa Fe |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Color of the month: black | | |

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: June 20, July 19, August 18.

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

June Brown, July Blue, August Black.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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