

Quilter's Patch Quilt Kits!

This is Edyta Sitar's newest Block of the Month book. And we have it kitted just for you! Spoiler Alert: We have 2 maybe 3 kits available (1 may be spoken for). Kits are \$264 or \$22/month with credit card. If you are interested please let me know quickly. These kits will not be on the 40% off sale at the end of the month. We also have all the Moda bolts that make up this line. Even though winter has just started, this is the perfect Pick Me Up quilt to brighten the short winter days.

We will also have a Hints & Tips class once a month, in case you need a little help. Look for those classes to start in January.



December 16, 2016

I've decided to create a Christmas wish list that will never be filled. They make movies about stuff like this. It usually ends well with the listed getting, if not exactly what she wants, something a lot better. I don't expect anything from my list except having a little fun.

1. I want a pair of pjs worn by Joan Watson on the tv show Elementary. She wore them once. She came down the stairs at the beginning of the show wearing the coolest black & white horse pjs. Later in the show, Sherlock wakes her up (a different day) and she has on different pjs. I don't know how many sets of pjs this character owns, but you rarely see her in the same outfit twice, pjs or otherwise. I looked them up, foolishly thinking that might be something I could get for myself. Silly me. They are made by Olivia von Halle, and they cost about \$500. If I owned \$500 pjs, they'd be the only pair in my drawer.

Now I realize that this is tv and she is just a character, but she is one of the best dressed characters on tv, although she clearly doesn't generate the income to support her clothing habit, especially a different pj a night kind of life style. I know, I know. It's tv. And it's marketing. And it doesn't have to be realistic. But it would have been nice to see those pjs one more time in that one episode.

2. Also on my list is an unusual yarn that comes from the muskox. The yarn, called qiviut which is an Eskimo word that means down or underwool, is made from the fine undercoat of the muskox. It's one of the warmest & most luxurious fibers in the world. It can be washed, it's light weight, and it holds its warmth even when wet. But it's not an easy yarn to come by. Domestication of the muskox began in the 1930s, I think. Then a Musk Ox Producers' Cooperative was formed in the late 1960s by Native women on Nunivak Island. The women make knitted items for sale and for a long time, I think, the only way to get any product, let alone the yarn itself, was to buy from the coop. I'd love something from the coop but that stuff is pricier than the horse pjs.

Today, the yarn is available through limited sources-which actually isn't the difficult part of the Christmas wish list item. It's the cost. One ounce (think head band, maybe a hat?) runs about \$110. I like scarves. That would take 6-7 ounces, is my thinking. And while I'd love to do a poncho/wrap out of the stuff, I can't see wearing a \$1,000 poncho any more than I can envision wearing \$500 pjs.

Now Becca heard me talking about my Christmas list and she decided she wanted in on the action. She's convinced me that she and Cassidy need a human sized walk in dog house that is solar heated.

"You mean a greenhouse?" I asked her.

"No, a dog house with solar panels. If you want to grow tomatoes in it, that's up to you."

She's being thoughtful here-if I can walk into it, then I can also store stuff in it, like dog food, extra blankets, wood shavings, buckets, plastic swimming pool, etc. But it could have a human door and a dog door and it would provide some shelter during cold days. I think it's a great idea, because my usual solution in cold weather is to put Cassidy and Becca in the back yard, which is connected to the garage where they can get out of the wind and snow. But Cassidy has figured out how to break the cedar panels that form the backyard fence. And Becca is good at digging out, even in sub zero. Giving them their own house in the front yard is a perfect solution. But Becca's Christmas wish list is even pricier than my list: At first glance the solar heated sheds cost about \$2000.

"You can get that air conditioned for the summer, too," Becca said.

"You'll settle for the straw bale fort on the back deck for the time being. You've got igloo dog houses stuffed with shavings and blankets with straw bales surrounding to break the wind."

"You could put in a pool, too. That would be nice."

Clearly Becca was not listening to me. She never does, actually.

"Ask Santa."

"I already sent him a letter. I got a reply back"

"Santa sent you a letter?"

"Yeah, he said I was on the naughty list. Something about cleaning the treats out of the cat box."

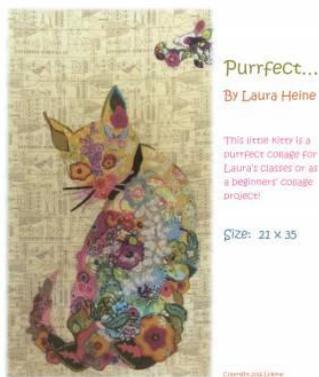
"Becca, those are treats."

"Yeah, that's what Santa said too. So it's up to you to build the solar dog house."

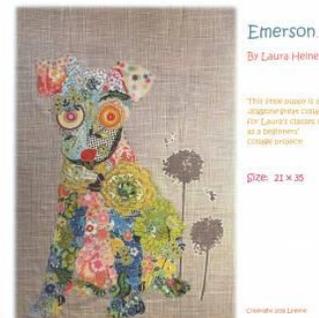
"It's on the list."

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By Laura Heine

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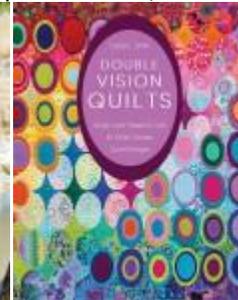
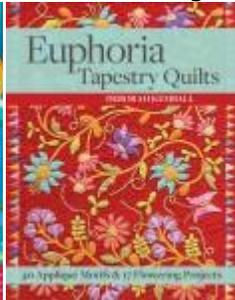
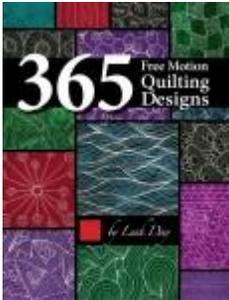
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We have a couple other from Laura Heine



We got a lot of the truck patterns in, both larger & smaller



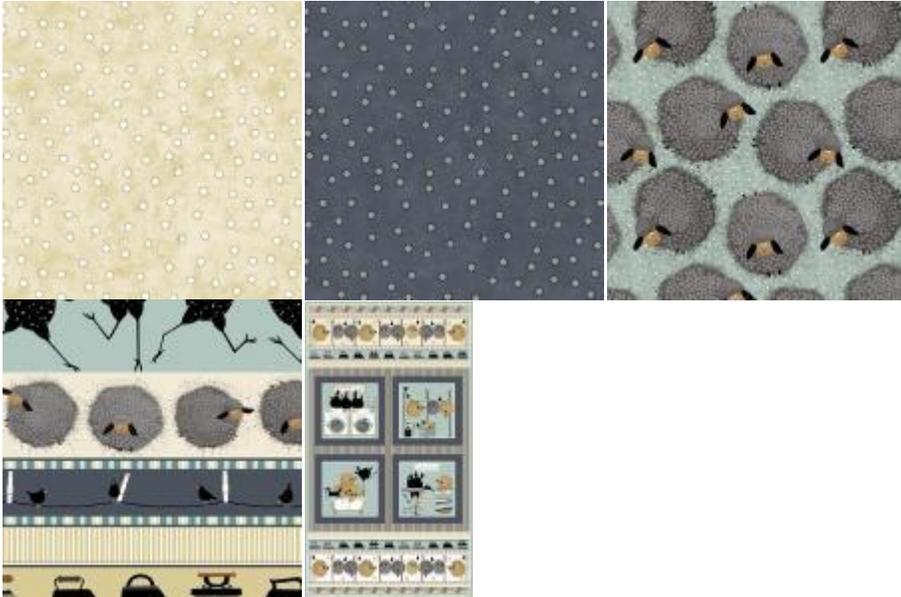
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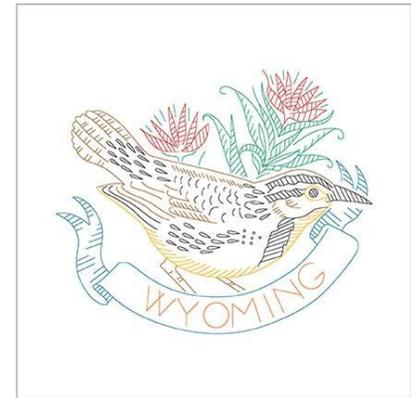


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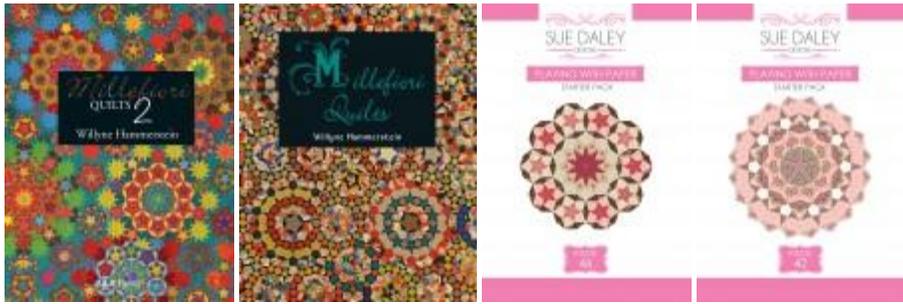


From Kaufman:

Okay, the pic doesn't come well. We have all 50 state birds, printed in color for embroidery (or not). It's a digital print. We also have a bolt of just the Wyoming state bird.



From Checker:



From Moda:



(sheep, not yo yos)

From Camelot--Star Wars & Star Trek:



Villains:



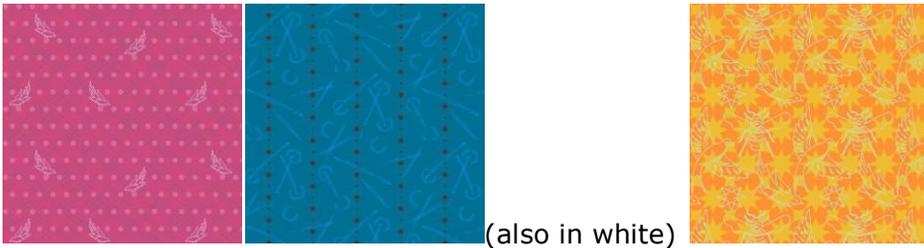
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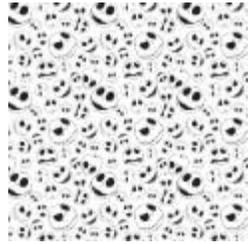
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From Camelot Cottons:



Star Trek--

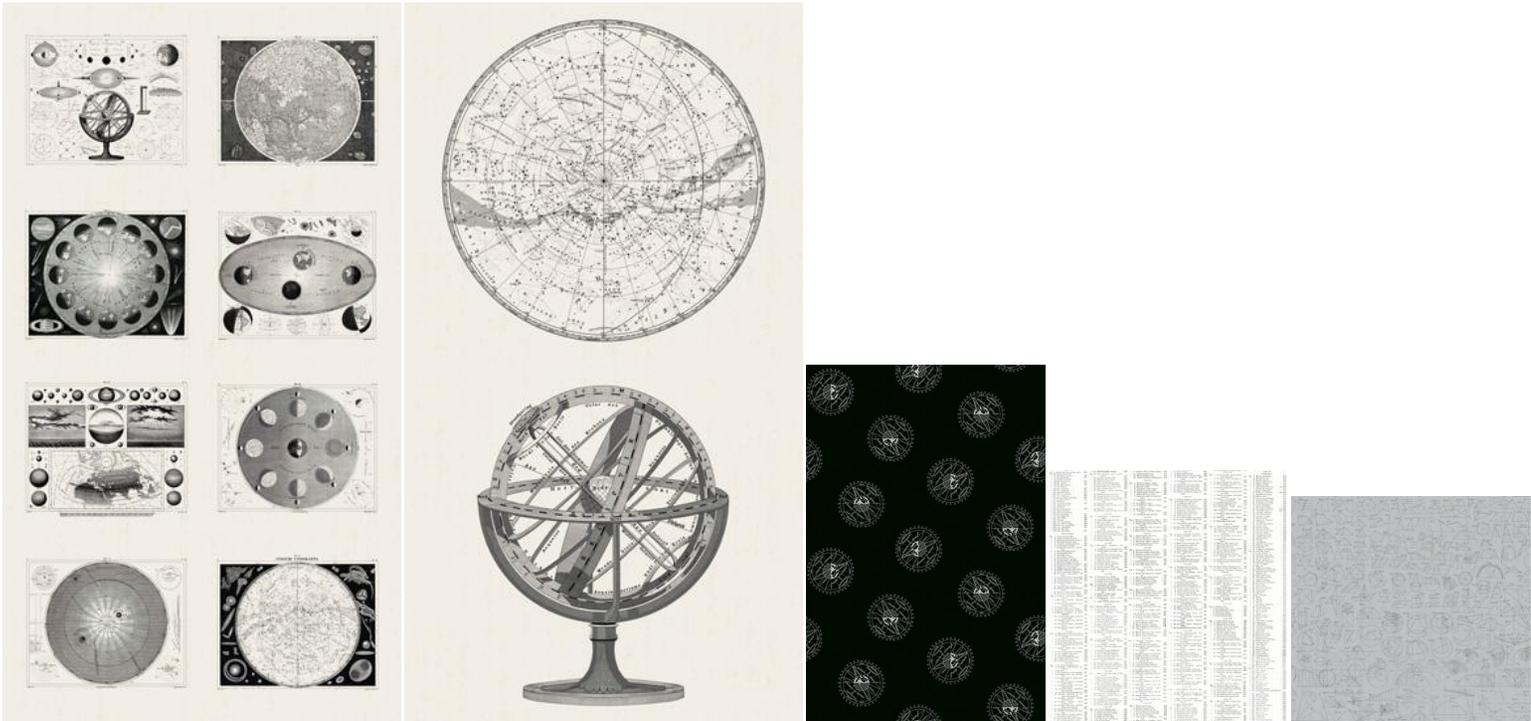
Nightmare Before Christmas



From Moda:



Encyclopedia Galatica



Sweet Treats:





November Classes and Special Events

Misty Pond-paper piecing class Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

Misty Pond is one of Judy Niemeyer's patterns. You can choose this pattern or any of the other Judy Niemeyer's patterns. Sue will help get you started-reading the pattern, choosing your fabrics and getting your fabric organized (trust me, if you have not done one of her patterns, having a guide to get you started is the best plan). She will also teach you how to paper piece, and put the quilt together. We will schedule extra classes, as necessary, to help keep you going and to help you with put all the pieces together.



Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler Quilt ongoing Nov. 19 & 26 10-12 \$20

Christmas Row Quilt 3rd Sat of the month, 1-4 ongoing

Wild Orchid Raven Quilt last Friday of the month ongoing, 2-4 \$20

This block of the month will feature a different raven block, from the Raven book by Blackbird Designs. You can hand applique the blocks, but class will show you how to trace the pieces, fuse them in place and applique around by machine. We have 1 kit left of the original fabrics, but you can choose your own fabrics from your stash.

Friday Nighters, last Friday of the 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.

Snowflake Flannel Sat. Nov 26, 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt uses a free panel and flannel. Class will focus on learning how to cut the panel & keep it from stretching, and learning how to sew with flannel. This is a quick quilt and you will get most of it done in class - meaning you will have a cozy quilt to wrap up in just in time for Christmas.

Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 27 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!

Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Nov 30, 1-4 OR 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

December Classes and Special Events

Finish Your Quilt Sale Dec 3

Bring your finished quilt top to the store, and we'll help you find the perfect back and binding. Plus, we'll give you 20% off your backing, binding and/or batting. It's time to finish your quilts!

Block of the Month Sat. Nov 5 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, **4-6** 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, Sept-Dec. 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.

English Paper Piecing 1st & 3rd Mondays 2-4 ongoing Barb Boyer \$20

Doll Clothes, American Girl or Barbie Wed-Fri, Dec 7-9, 10:30-5 \$25 Barb Boyer

Learn how to make doll clothes for either the Barbie Doll sized doll or the 18" American Girl Doll. You can come all 3 days, or just pick one day to sew outfits. We will learn how to sew the basics: pants, shirts, skirts & dresses. We will also explore some of the other fun items, from shoes to purses to costumes to historic. Once you know how to sew on the small scale, you can make any outfit in any size. You will need your own patterns, fabrics and embellishments (lace, beads, etc). I will have some embellishments and some fabrics from my stash available as well.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Thur. of the month, 6-8:30

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. If you are in the Monday knitting classes, you can work on your project and get help, if you need it.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Beginning Quilt 6-9	3 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9	4 Open Sew 1-4	5 BOM 10:30-11:30 Ornament Club 2-4 Monthly Minis 4-6
6 CLOSED	7 English Paper Piecing 2-4	8	9	10 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	11 BJ Designs 10:30-5 Veterans Day	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon ABC's of Binding 2-3
13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14 Full Moon	15	16 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4 or 6-9	17 Misty Pond (paper piecing project) 1-4 or 6-9	18 Open Sew 1-4	19 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Christmas Row Quilt 1-4
20	21 English Paper Piecing 2-4	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Wild Orchid Raven Quilt 2-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	26 Eleanor Burns El's Garden Sampler 10-12 Snowflake Flannel Quilt 1-6
27 Pillow Case Party 1-4	28	29	30 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	Color of the month: flannel		

December 2016

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25 CLOSED Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 Year End sale, Toad Toters 3-7	31 Year End Sale 10-6

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: Sept. 16; Oct. 16; Nov. 14; Dec. 14.

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; October green; November flannel; December Christmas.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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