



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

February 12, 2016

For those of you who watched the Broncos win last Sunday, here is a list of all the things you missed. I'm talking, of course, about the half time show, the ads & all the controversies. Not the controversial calls during the game. Or Cam Newton's sullen attitude at his news conference after the game, and statement, "If I offended anybody, that's cool..."

Now, I thought the half time show was pretty innocuous. I enjoyed watching Bruno Mars dance and the flash backs to prior performances while Coldplay played. I didn't understand what the almost naked chicks were singing about and thought the dance segments were very tightly structured, kinda like a Busby Berkeley dance routine from the 1930s only with more energetic arm motions: translation, fist pumps. That was Beyoncé's portion of the show. But I just figured choreography is choreography and chalked the whole thing up to age, as in not my age bracket.

And then 4 days later someone was asking me about what I thought about all the controversies over the half time show.

Did you miss them, too?

Well, here's the skinny: Beyoncé's song had been released the day before, so if you were unfamiliar with it, that's understandable. That's a joke, BTW. Anyway, the song is called "Formation," so now the dance sequence might make a little more sense. Maybe.

Beyoncé apparently wanted to inspire listeners, empower the fans to love themselves and be proud of who they are. Okay, I'll admit. I missed that. Probably because at the time, I couldn't understand the lyrics. So for all of you who also missed the point, the song, and the music video, apparently takes a stand on issues like racism, sexism, and police brutality: translation on the last point, anti-police rhetoric.

The dancers also wore black berets and their fist pumps were in homage to the black power political movement: translation, Black Panthers. Did you miss that, too? They also danced in an X formation: translation, Malcolm X. I completely missed that. There were even lyrics about Hurricane Katrina and federal neglect of black communities. I won't even ask if you picked up on that.

So now former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani is upset. Folks are protesting outside of NFL Headquarters on Park Avenue. Facebook is all over the problem.

And I missed all of that. I guess I have to stay better connected. I have no issue with Beyoncé's message. Just her delivery system.

And then there was the controversial Doritos commercial with the baby--no, not the fairly disgusting puppy monkey baby commercial with the guys who can't dance, advertising, in case you missed it, Mountain Dew. Yeah I missed that even though I've seen that commercial several times now.

No, it was the ultra sound baby that made a dive for a Dorito mom threw away in exasperation because her husband was eating them during the ultra sound & the baby was reacting, wanting a Dorito. Apparently wanting one badly enough to come popping right out of the womb. The issue, in case you missed it, involves abortion: translation, the pro choice crowd viewed the commercial as "humanizing" fetuses and labeled the ad "anti-choice." At least the pro choicers got the sponsor correct because there is a rally among them to boycott Doritos. Seriously.

And you thought it was just a football game.



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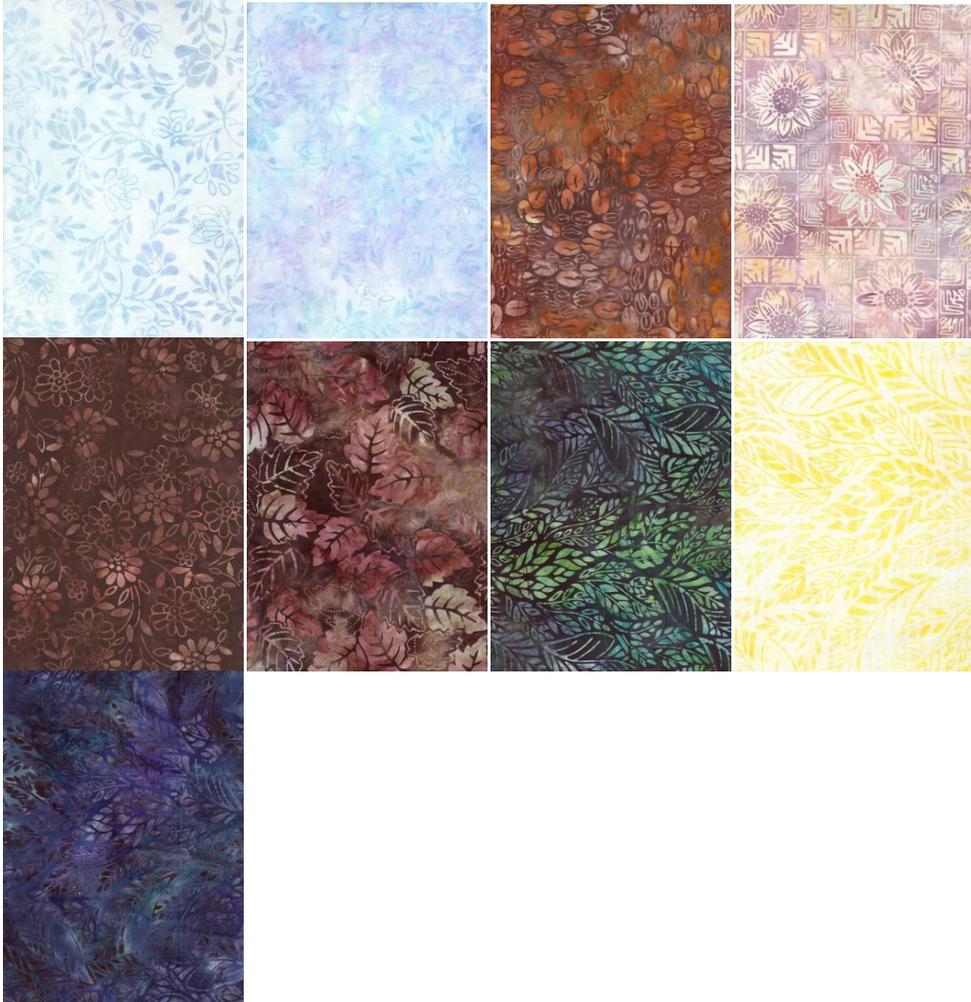
DOWN THE HALL FABRIC WILL START AGAIN IN MARCH.

WHAT'S NEW!!

Great Pumpkin Pattern has arrived!



From Anthology:



From Blank:



From Free Spirit--5" squares & 2 1/2" strips: Butterfly Garden (goes with bolts)



Hoffman:







From Benartex:



February Classes & Special Events

Beginning Quilting ongoing Wed Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 6-9 or Sun 14, 21, 28

English Paper Piecing 1st & 3rd Mondays ongoing

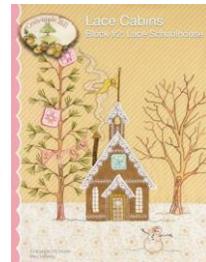
Hand Embroidery Club Sat. Feb 13, 10-noon FREE Kathy Sconce

(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 Sat. Feb 13 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.



Wrapsody Purse Sat. Feb 13 4-6 (and 20, & Mar 12) 1-3 Sue Frerich \$25

This is the coolest purse I've seen in a long time. It is light weight (uses a new kind of interfacing), has lots of pockets and very cool zippers. Sue learned this purse at Houston last fall. The detail work on the purse is exquisite and with Sue's guidance, it will be a snap to make.



Beginning Quilting ongoing Sun. 1-4, Feb 14, 21, 28

BJ Designs: Morley Moose & Friends Mon Feb 15, 10:30-5 \$20

This is a 1) fusible 2) machine appliqued and 3) a pieced wall hanging. These make great gifts and are fun to put together. You can choose any of the patterns you want (bear, moose, reindeer, lobo, bison, horse and others) and you can use your own fabrics or buy one of our kits. The kits are good sellers and we have a hard time keeping them in stock.

Morley J. Moose III.



Hand Quilting Wed. Feb 17, 1-3 \$25 Sandra Freeburg

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

Wrapsody Purse Sat. Feb 20 10-2 ongoing

Jelly Roll Race Sat. February 20 2-6 Barb Boyer \$20

Ready, Set, Stitch! Well, you don't have to race if you don't want to. This is a quick & easy quilt made from 2 ½" strips - you can either purchase ready cut strips or cut your own. And that's all you use, just strips (unless you want to add a few accent pieces). If you haven't made a Jelly Roll Race quilt, they are lots of fun and we have lots of fun 2½" strip precuts just waiting to be used.

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 Fri. Feb 26 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 2016 -- 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.

LOTP: Bear's Paw Sat. Feb 27, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and this is the second quilt for this year. You can make the quilt in 2 colors, plus border, or make each Bear's Paw scrappy using fabrics from the entire Little House collection. This quilt in another traditional quilt, and it is the other quilt that is mentioned in the series of books.

February 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Back Basting Applique 1-3 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30 | 4 | 5 Open Sew1-4 | 6 BOM 10:30-11:30 Binding demo 1-3 Monthly Minis 4-6 |
| 7 CLOSED | 8 English Paper Piecing 2-4 | 9 | 10 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30 | 11 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 12 | 13 Embroidery Club 10-noon Lace Houses 1- 3 Wrapsody Purse 4-6 |
| 14 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 15 BJ Designs 10:30- Morley Moose & friends Presidents' Day | 16 | 17 Hand quilting 1-3 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30 | 18 | 19 Open Sew1-4 | 20 Jelly Roll Race 10-2 Wrapsody Purse 2-4 |
| 21 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 22 Full Moon English Paper Piecing 2-4 | 23 | 24 Beginning Quilt 6-8:30 | 25 | 26 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -? | 27 LOTP: Bear's Paw 10:30-5 |
| 28 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 29 | Color of the month: Red | | | | |

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: January 24; February 22; March 23; April 22 , May 21.

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

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow, May neutrals .

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

Happy quilting!