



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

Don't forget tomorrow is the first day for Free Block of the Month and for the Monthly Minis! Hope to see you!

### January 1, 2016

Stories will continue next week. This week was filled with Customer Appreciation Sales, Thin Man movies, and inventory--counting everything in the store. It's a huge job and I couldn't do it without my fantastic help. Be sure to thank them for going above & beyond. It's one thing to be able to play with fabric all day. It's an entirely different matter to have to count it all. But we are done & ready for the new year.

Happy New Year!

## WHAT'S NEW!!

We have new fabric and we will be putting it out on Saturday. More is coming, so stay tuned. I'll have pictures next week.

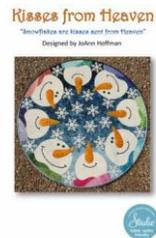
## January Classes & Special Events

**Block of the Month** Sat. January 2 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.

**Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Jan-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.



**Hand Embroidery Club** Sat. January 9, 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.

**Turning Panels into Quilts** Sat. January 9, 1:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

We like panels, but we don't know what to do with them. Bring your favorite panel to class and you will learn various ways to turn the panel into a quilt-using free patterns, retail patterns and patterns you make yourself. We'll discuss design, math and colors. Panels make quick, easy & beautiful quilts.

**English Paper Piecing** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays starting Jan. 11, 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

**Beginning Quilting** Wed. starting Jan. 13, 6-9 OR Sun. Jan. 17, 1-4 8 weeks  
\$65 Barb Boyer

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

**T-Shirt Quilt** Thur. January 14 & 21, 1:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

T-shirt quilts make great graduation presents, and January is the perfect time to get started-if you want it done by May. You will need 10-20 t-shirts-you can use more than 20, depending on size. Each t-shirt quilt is designed specifically around your t-shirts-don't worry, I do the math.

**Knit Pickers' Club** Thurs. January 14, 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.

**Stack & Whack Sat. Jan 16, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer**

There are some quilts that everyone needs to do-at least once. Stack & Whack is one of those quilts. You take beautiful fabric, cut it into identical pieces, and sew it back together in a kaleidoscope pattern. We will work with the 8 repeat, classic, pattern.



**Mitten Quilt Mon. January 18 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer**

This cute pattern has 4 interlocking mittens-so you can't lose your mittens! You can use Christmas fabric, "winter fabric," or, my favorite, flannel! Great for couch quilt for those cold winter nights.

**Hand Quilting Wed. Jan. 20, 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.

**LOTP: Nine Patch Sat. Jan 23, 10:30-5**

We are highlighting Little House of the Prairie fabrics this Spring, and the first quilt for this year is the traditional double 9-patch. The sample is shown using, mainly, the Walnut Grove fabrics. A fat quarter bundle plus the alternate block (the plain block) will make this quilt. The 9-patch quilt is one of 2 quilts mentioned in the Little House series, so this is a perfect quilt to highlight the new collection from Andover.

**Spoon Quilting Wed. Jan 27 1-3 \$25 Sandra Freeburg**

No more sore fingers! Learn to Spoon Quilt, with a special spoon quilting tool. This tool helps you keep your stitches tiny and even without pricking your finger. Need to have basic quilting skills (rocking motion quilting).

**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. January 29 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.

**S.O.S. Quilts Lost Socks 5<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month, Jan 30, 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer**

Save Our Scraps! Quilts! On the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (when it occurs-the next one is in April) we will make a scrappy quilt. The first quilt is called Lost Socks. Each sock (40 little ones, 20 big ones) is different-because they are all lost socks, the ones lost in the dryer. You can combine scraps of fun fabrics for the socks, combined with cuffs (big socks) heels & toes. Flannels, brushed cottons and regular cottons can all go into the same quilt. Future S.O.S. Quilts will use precuts and strips.



January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 CLOSED	4	5	6	7	8	9Embroidery Club 10-noon Turning Panels into Quilts 1:30-4

10	11 English Paper Piecing 2-4	12	13 Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	14 T-Shirt Class 10:30-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6- 8:30	15 Open Sew1-4	16 Stack & Whack 10:30-4
17 Beginning Quilt 1-4	18 Mitten quilt 10:30-5 M L King Day	19	20 Hand quilting1-3  Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	21 T-Shirt class, cont. 10:30-4	22	23 LOTP: Nine Patch 10:30-5
24 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	25 English Paper Piecing 2-4	26	27 Spoon Quilting 1- 3  Beginning Quilt 6- 8:30	28	29 Bertie's Year 1-4 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	30 S.O.S.Quilts 10:30-5
31 Beginning Quilt 1-4						Color of the month: purple

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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: 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 .

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