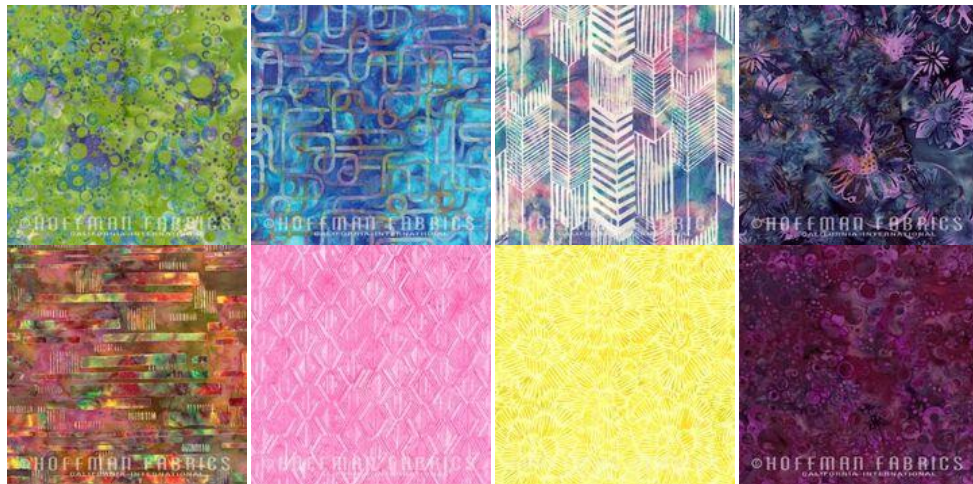


# BALI PARTY

## SAT. JAN. 30

New Bali batiks from Hoffman will be arriving next week. So we thought we'd have a party! Drinks with little umbrellas, treats & batiks--**25% off**. And it's supposed to be warm--in the 50s--so wear your Hawaiian shirts!

We have 50 new batiks arriving and no where to put them. So for 1 day only, I'm putting them (only the new ones) on sale at **25% off**. They are Hoffman's newest collection of batiks and they are gorgeous. This is just a small sampling:



**January 23 2016**

I love the English language. You can have a panda that walks into a bar and eats, shoots and leaves, or a panda that walks into a bar and eats shoots and leaves. Think about it. It's all in the commas. Or the popular: Let's eat Grandma! or Let's eat, Grandma!

Punctuation saves lives. It's all in the commas.

Or you can go through a drive through and order an egg burrito. At the window, you're asked, "Hot sauce?" and you say, "Yes, extra hot sauce, please." And that's exactly what you get, because when you speak you don't add commas, "Extra, hot sauce." Now all you grammarians out there, I know that normally you wouldn't add a comma between extra & hot, but let me tell you, if you don't, you'll get green hot hot sauce instead of the regular red sauce in a plastic squeeze container.

In other news, did you know that Bret Favre, of football fame, is advertising a new razor blade. I always wonder when athletes start doing endorsements. Some are funny-like the Manning endorsements for insurance. Or Shaq's Gold Bond commercials: "Do I use new Gold Bond men's lotion to look good or feel good. Yes I do." Smile. But Favre's seems a little more desperate.

He is standing in front of microphones and the "press" is out front asking questions. Bret first says, (with excited press murmurs in the background) "The good news is (pause) I'm coming out of retirement." More excited press noise. Then he says, "But the real news is, I'm changing the game (longer pause) in shaving." And then he smiles, but his smile looks like he hasn't had much practice in smiling. He then talks about a new razor blade, and a woman reporter asks, "Can you tell us why the blade lasts longer?" Bret: "First we use better blades made in Germany."

When did Germany become known as a better blade maker? I can think of lots of things Germany is good at--well, at least one, beer--but razor blades? Now, the ad mentions other reasons why this blade is supposed to be better, but of all the reasons, the company chose to highlight what they must consider to be the most important reason. Made in Germany. Go figure.

Just so you know--it's Australian Open time. That's tennis, in case you don't follow. I speed watch a lot of it because they broadcast up to 10-15 hours per day. And while I can fast forward through commercials, I just can't avoid all of them.

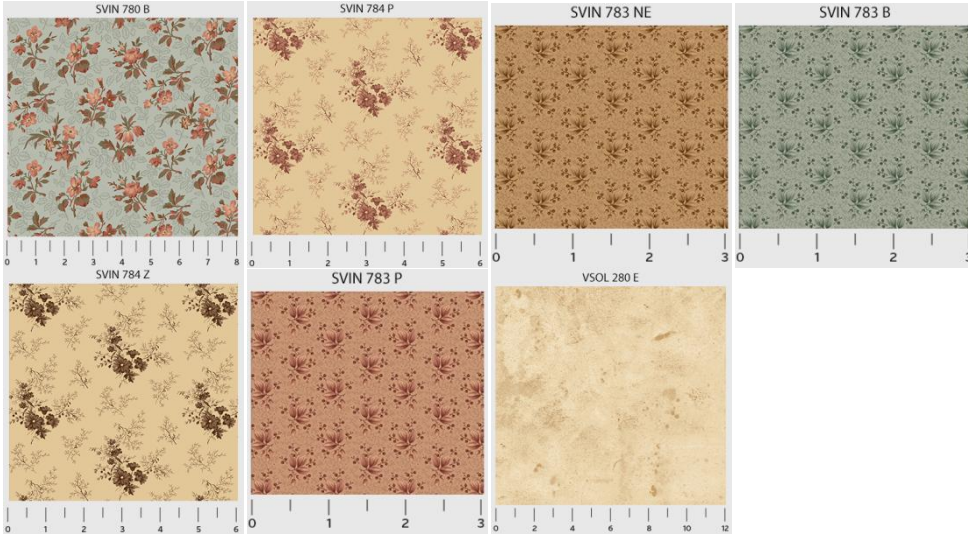
## WHAT'S NEW!!

From Moda:

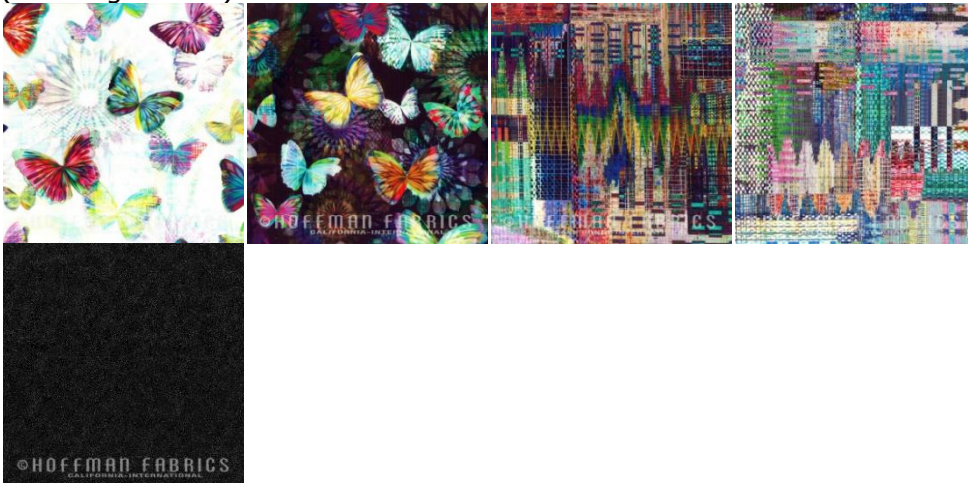




From P & B:



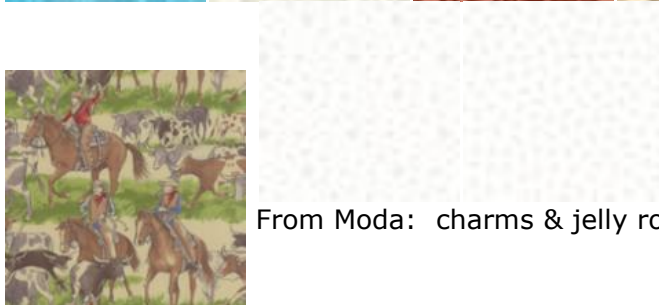
From Hoffman:  
(challenge fabric)



More from Hoffman:



From Blank:



From Moda: charms & jelly rolls:

From Free Spirit:



## January Classes & Special Events

**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.

**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!

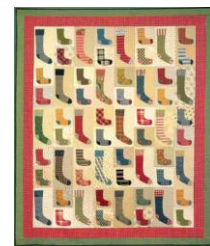


**Friday Nighters Fri. January 29 5:30-? \$10 Barb Boyer**

This class will help you get organized for Christmas 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.

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

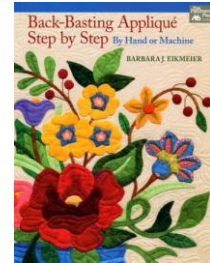
Save Our Scraps! Quilts! On the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (when it occurs-the next one is in April) we will make a scrappy quilt. The first quilt is called Lost Socks. Each sock (40 little ones, 20 big ones) is different-because they are all lost socks, the ones lost in the dryer. You can 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.



# February Classes & Special Events

## **Back Basting** Wed. Feb 3 1-3 Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of appliquers. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!



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

## **Block of the Month** Sat. Feb 6 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.

## **ABCs of Binding** Sat. Feb 6, 1-3 \$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.

## **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.

## **English Paper Piecing** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays ongoing

## **Knit Pickers' Club** Thur. February 11, 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.

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

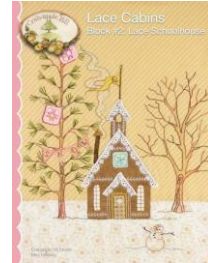
(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon)

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 1/2" 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.

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1CLOSED	2BOM 10:30-11:30  Monthly Minis 4-6

3 CLOSED	4	5	6	7	8	9 Embroidery 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 ML 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

## February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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!