

## **Vote for my row!**

### **We have 40 votes so far! Yea!**

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!](#)



**July 8, 2016**

I am glad that Becca doesn't know my cell phone number. Becca, btw, is my mini Australian Shepherd. She

worries a lot about a lot of things and if she knew how to text, my life would not be the same and my cell phone would die everyday about 2 p.m.

I was thinking about this last week when I went with friends to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo to feed the giraffes. If you've never done this, it is one of the coolest things to do ever. Giraffes have these really long, blackish tongues & they stick them out seeking treats. We bought Romaine lettuce leaves and it was delightful to feed these gentle, tall giants and to watch the wonder-filled expressions of kids and adults alike as they interacted with the giraffes.

And because it was the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, there were lots of kids and adults - and lots of cell phones. People were taking pictures, talking on the phone and texting everyone they knew and then some. And that's when I knew I was glad Becca didn't have my cell phone number.

Otherwise, my day would have gone like this:

B: Where are you? When are you coming home? I'm hungry. What are you doing?

Me: I'm driving. I'm not even to Ft. Collins. I told you I was going to the zoo. It's 2 more hours to Colorado Springs.

B: You shouldn't be texting while you drive. There's a jogger on the road. Gotta go bark.

2 hours later.

B: Took a nap. There's a dog in the yard. What should I do?

Me: I'm feeding giraffes. Bark if you want to.

B: Giraffes have horns and long teeth. You shouldn't be feeding them. Bark at them. Jogger. Gotta go.

30 minutes later.

B: The horses are getting too close. What should I do? Did you bark at the giraffes?

Me: I'm watching the Gibbon monkeys. They howl and it echoes in their cages.

B: Don't get too close. They have sharp teeth.

20 seconds later.

B: The horses are running. What should I do?

10 seconds later.

B: The horses are running back. What are you doing?

10 seconds later.

B: You're ignoring me. What are you doing?

Me: I'm watching the big apes. They have a big playground, almost as big as your yard. But they have lots of rope swings.

B: Can I have a rope swing? I'm bored. Oh, hawk. Gotta go bark.

Later.

B: It's getting cloudy. What should I do? What if it rains? Where are you? Why aren't you answering me?

Me: I'm watching the hippos. One of them is getting her teeth brushed. The other one is hiding under the water & won't come out. Kinda like you when you hide under the bed.

B: No I don't.

Me: Becca, you won't even come out for treats sometimes. Just like this hippo won't come out of the water for treats.

B: No I don't. Don't get too close to the hippo. They have big teeth.

Me: I don't know how you know these things. And I'm not having this conversation. I should have never given

you my cell number.

B: Squirrel. Gotta go.

Helicopter dog.



## **Road Trip! Row by Row! Opera!**

**What do these 3 things have in common?  
Lots of fun, good food, beautiful scenery,  
wonderful music. Aug. 18-21.**



Santa Fe hosts an open air opera season during the summer. For those of you unfamiliar with the Santa Fe Opera, it is recognized as one of the world's leading cultural festivals.

And to get to Santa Fe, we'll be stopping at as many participating Row By Row shops as possible: Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Raton, Taos, Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Albuquerque and potentially others if there is time.

Here's the plan: Depart 7 a.m. Cheyenne Aug. 18 (Thursday). First stop Colorado Springs. Then on to Pueblo and Raton.

We'll spend the night in Cimarron, NM (no quilt shop, sorry). Then it's through the Cimarron Canyon, on our way to Taos for lunch, shopping & Row By Row quilt stores (Taos).

Then onto Santa Fe and/or Albuquerque. There are quilt stores in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos. I plan to stay in Santa Fe 2 nights (Friday and Saturday).

Saturday we can spend going to quilt stores or looking around Santa Fe or both. That night is the opera Don Giovanni at 8.

Sunday we come home. We'll stop at Ruth's Stichery in Colorado Spring on the way home.

It's ambitious. It's jam packed with stuff to do. And it's the perfect time of year to visit

Santa Fe.

**Cost: \$650 Includes: Ticket to Opera (basic upper level seats), 3 hotel nights (double occupancy), van & gas. Food and fabric, on your own.**

**Dates: Aug. 18-21.**

**I need to know no later than June 30 if you want to go. I know it's quick, but I need to rent the van, hold the hotels and buy the Opera tickets. \$300 will hold your spot. Final payment due before the trip starts.**



## WHAT'S NEW!!

From Camelot: We've made a bunch of pillow case kits from this Disney collection-- printed on quality fabric!





From Troy:



Plus the new Barn Trails Landscapes prints.

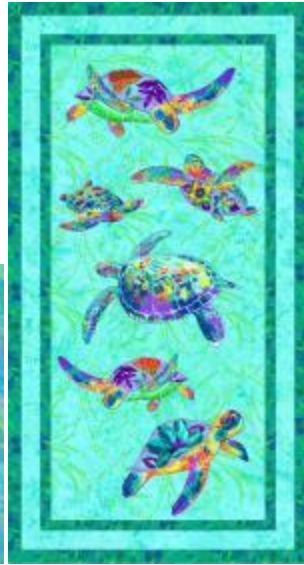
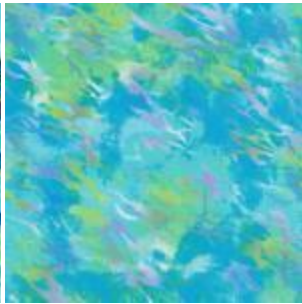
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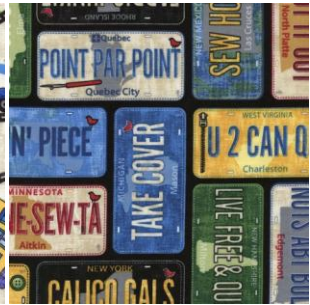
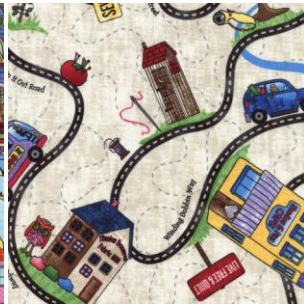
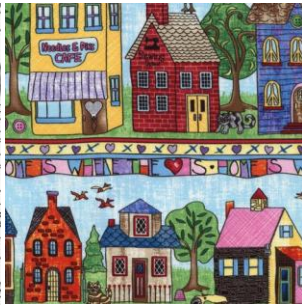
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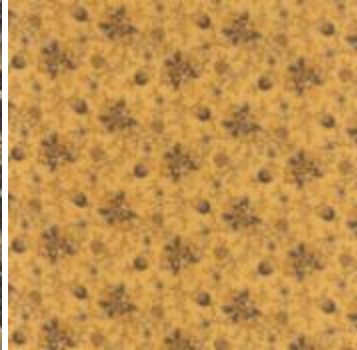
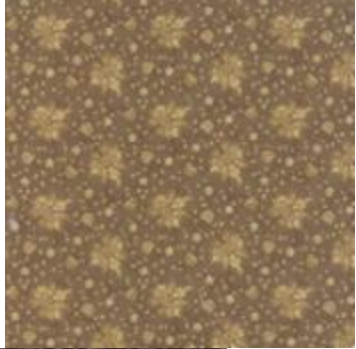




From Timeless:



From Moda: Wild Orchid: We'll be getting this book/pattern & we'll do a monthly class.



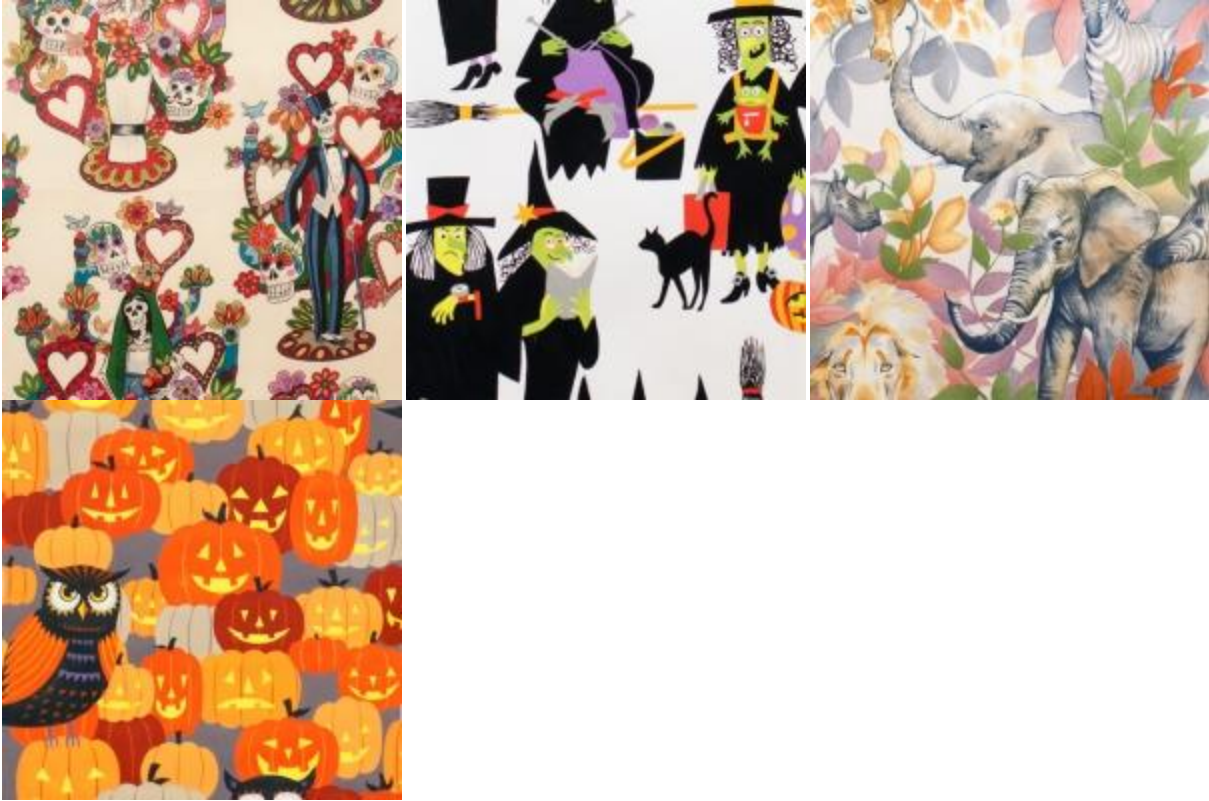




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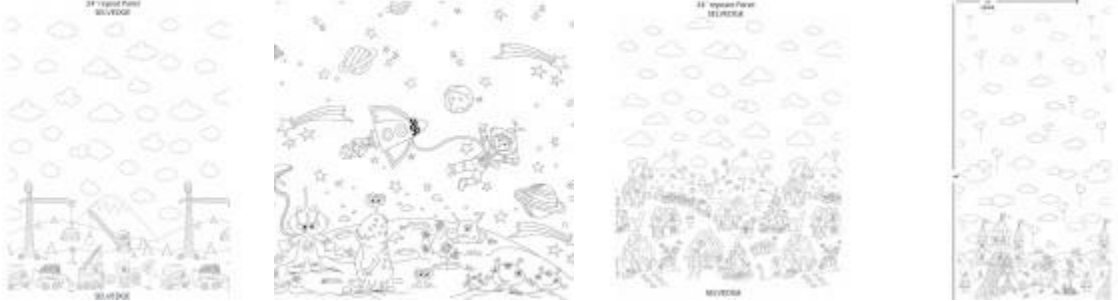




From Benartex:



From Michael Miller:



These are coloring panels. We will be getting in fabric markers, but you can color with crayons, sharpies or colored pencils. Great for placemats for kids, napkins for kids, quilts for kids and coloring for adults!

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## **Bucking Horse & Rider Quilt** July 10, 1-5 \$20 Barb Boyer Free if you buy the kit

For the special someone who is going, or will be going, or already has gone to UW or who is just simply a fan of the Bucking Horse & Rider logo: Make them a Bucking Horse & Rider quilt. This quilt is simple, dramatic looking and showcases the BH&R fabric.

**Wrapsody Purse** Thurs July 7, 21, Aug 4, 25 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.

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

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**Christmas Row Quilt** 3rd Sat of the month, starting May 21, 1-4 \$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!

**Turning Panels into Quilts** Sun. July 17 1-5 \$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. Bring your sewing machine as well. We might have time to sew!

**Jelly Roll Race** Sat. July 23 10:30-4 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 2 1/2" 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

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**S.O.S. Quilts** 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 10:30-5 \$20 Barb Boyer



This is another of our Save Our Scraps quilts. This quilt is made with 2 ½" strips in cascading colors. So, of course, if you like our version, we have kits. Or you can use your "scraps" and make your own cascading quilt.

### **Pillow Case Party** Sun. July 31 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!

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**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.

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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: 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.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely,

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