

BLACK FRIDAY SALE &
SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY SALE &
WHY NOT EXTEND IT TO SUNDAY SALE!

Nov. 25-27



Fat Quarters on sale-- 1-10 = \$2.75 ; 10-20 = \$2.50

20-30 = \$2.25 ; 30+ = \$2.00

Stock up--we're doing fat quarter quilts next year!

Christmas is also on sale, 25% off. Down the Hall Fabric = \$3.00/yard. Yard minimum cuts.



November 16, 2016

Is everyone happy now? I'm not talking about the election. We've got a ways to go before that might happen.

No, I'm talking about the weather. I think people choose to live in Wyoming, rather than California, because it gives us something to complain about. We're not happy unless the weather is acting up--blowing wind, 40 below zero, blizzards, 90 degree temps (that's hot for us). It's been really nice here for the last couple of months. Very little wind, warm temps--it was 70 degrees Wednesday--no rain, no snow.

Thursday, that all changed. Ice, snow, 25 degree cold. Slippery streets and sidewalks. Windshields icing up while you drive making it hard to

see. Defrosters running full blast. Coats, scarves, gloves, hats, boots.

Admit it. You love it. At least until February, or so. Or today. I had to shovel. I'm not loving it.

Anyway, fun facts for Thanksgiving. Now this comes with a caveat: You can't believe everything you read on Facebook, social media pages, Twitter-basically anything electronic. I think we've known this for years but somehow, this comes as news this week. For me, I haven't trusted 60 Minutes since my college days. And I gave up years ago pointing email forwarders to sites like Snopes.com, in order to show them that the email I'm supposed to sign or the action I should protest or the money that will be donated if I just hit reply are really just scams intended to clog internet servers.

Anyway, Facebook has decided to get rid of most of its human editor staff in favor of relying on electronic algorithms to decide what news stories are most important. Do you see where this is going? The more people click on "like," which these days is automatic -- I mean we really don't want to be in the position of not "liking" something on a friend's page - then that means that the story is really trending, meaning important. Whether it's true or not. Like the story Facebook featured this week about news reporter Megan Kelly, which said she had been fired by Fox News for ...well, that part really doesn't matter. The point is, because everyone "clicked" on it, the algorithm chose the story as a "trending" news story, and, therefore, I guess, true. No one, computer or person, checked the facts behind the story. It wasn't true. But it was trendy. Or Trending. Whatever.

And NPR reported on a guy who created a false story in order to get money from advertisers: For every person that clicks on a site that is sponsored with ads, the developer gets paid. The more outrageous the story-or perhaps the more believable even though false-the more money you can make. This makes tabloids look responsible.

With all that said as a caveat, I'm here to bring you fun facts about Thanksgiving. Now, last week I brought you fun facts about pets getting high on pot. Any untrue statements are Becca's fault. But she's pretty reliable when it comes to things that affect her self interest. Which is most things, actually.

Anyway, Thanksgiving: TV dinners are the result of Thanksgiving leftovers. No, someone didn't turn leftovers into tv dinners, although some tv dinners may taste like that. Swanson wanted to find a way to sell premade Thanksgiving dinners, with just the right amount of food, so people wouldn't have all of those leftovers. I think Swanson underestimated the attraction of Thanksgiving leftovers. I sometimes make a whole Thanksgiving meal just for me, so I will have leftovers. Swanson's first tv dinner was turkey, corn bread stuffing, peas and sweet potatoes. It cost 98 cents and you cooked it for 25 minutes at 425 degrees. Yum.

Next fun fact: Jingle Bells was written as a Thanksgiving song. Presumably James Lord Pierpont wrote it because he was inspired by the sleigh races in Medford, Mass. So where does Thanksgiving fit in? It was meant for a Thanksgiving program at the church where Pierpont was an organist. There is some question, though, as to whether it was performed in church, given the racy double entendre lyrics-all that dashing about with Fanny Bright and the sleigh getting stuck in a snow drift. The equivalent of running out of gas today.

Another fun fact: Pilgrims didn't wear black & white. Or at least not all the time. Or maybe not at all. For example, according to the Mayflower History folks (see, I do my research), an inventory of Pilgrim clothing shows violet waistcoats, blue stockings, white stockings, a red petticoat, blue aprons, red cap, green pants, green gown, violet cloak and a blue suit. Not a severe black & white suit with gold buckles in the mix. I'm a direct descendent of Gov. William Bradford, so I think this Thanksgiving I'm going to dress up Pilgrim style in a purple sweater, red socks and blue jeans. Pilgrims also ate more shellfish and deer than turkey. There were no mashed potatoes & gravy, no sweet potatoes with marshmallows, no pie pumpkin or otherwise, no green bean casserole with fake fried onion rings on top mixed with a can of cream of mushroom soup, no sweet corn, no...Okay, I gotta stop. I'm hungry & it's time for lunch.

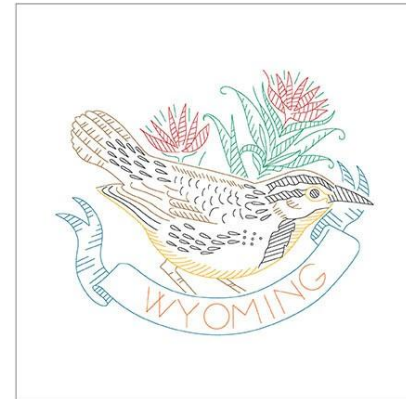
So Happy Thanksgiving and everything you read in my posts you can believe. Except on April Fool's Day. Or except when Becca lies to me. She's

devious. I wouldn't put it past her.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Kaufman:

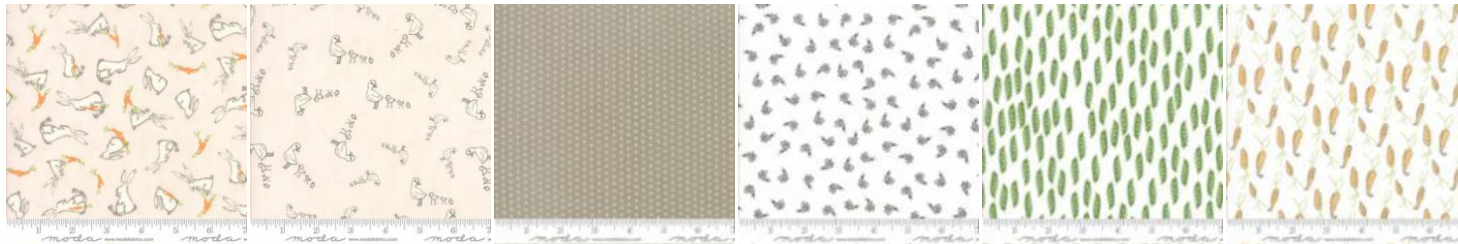
Okay, the pic doesn't come well. We have all 50 state birds, printed in color for embroidery (or not). It's a digital print. We also have a bolt of just the Wyoming state bird.

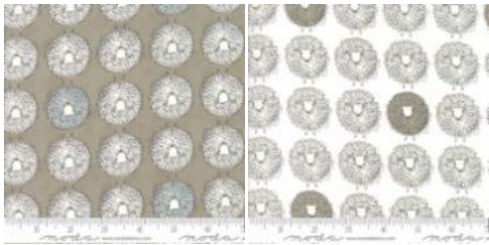


From Checker:



From Moda:





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From Camelot--Star Wars & Star Trek:



Villains:



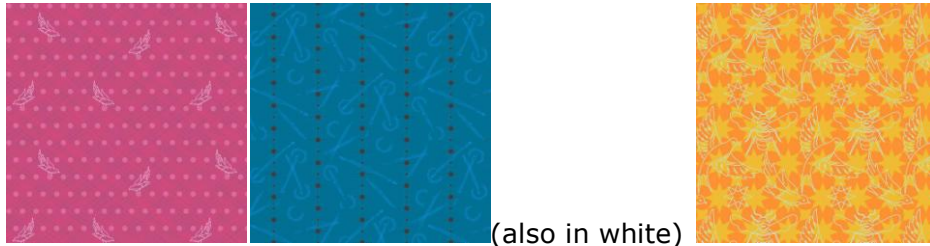
Frozen:



Alexander Henry:

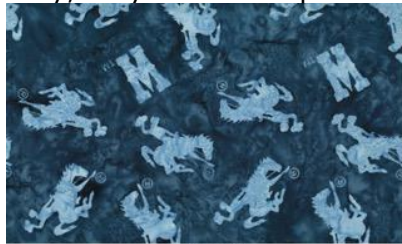


Andover:



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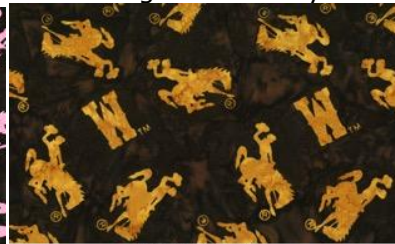
From Hoffman: This Bucking Horse & Rider is only available this year. It will not be reprinted. I have 30 yards of navy, 30 yards of the pink & chocolate, 30 yards of the dark brown & gold and 45 yards of brown & light tan.



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GROUND CAPPUCCINO NOTE: TEA ROSE



STYLE# P2992-#10 CAPPUCCINO



STYLE# P2992-#555 BISON

From Camelot Cottons:



Star Trek--

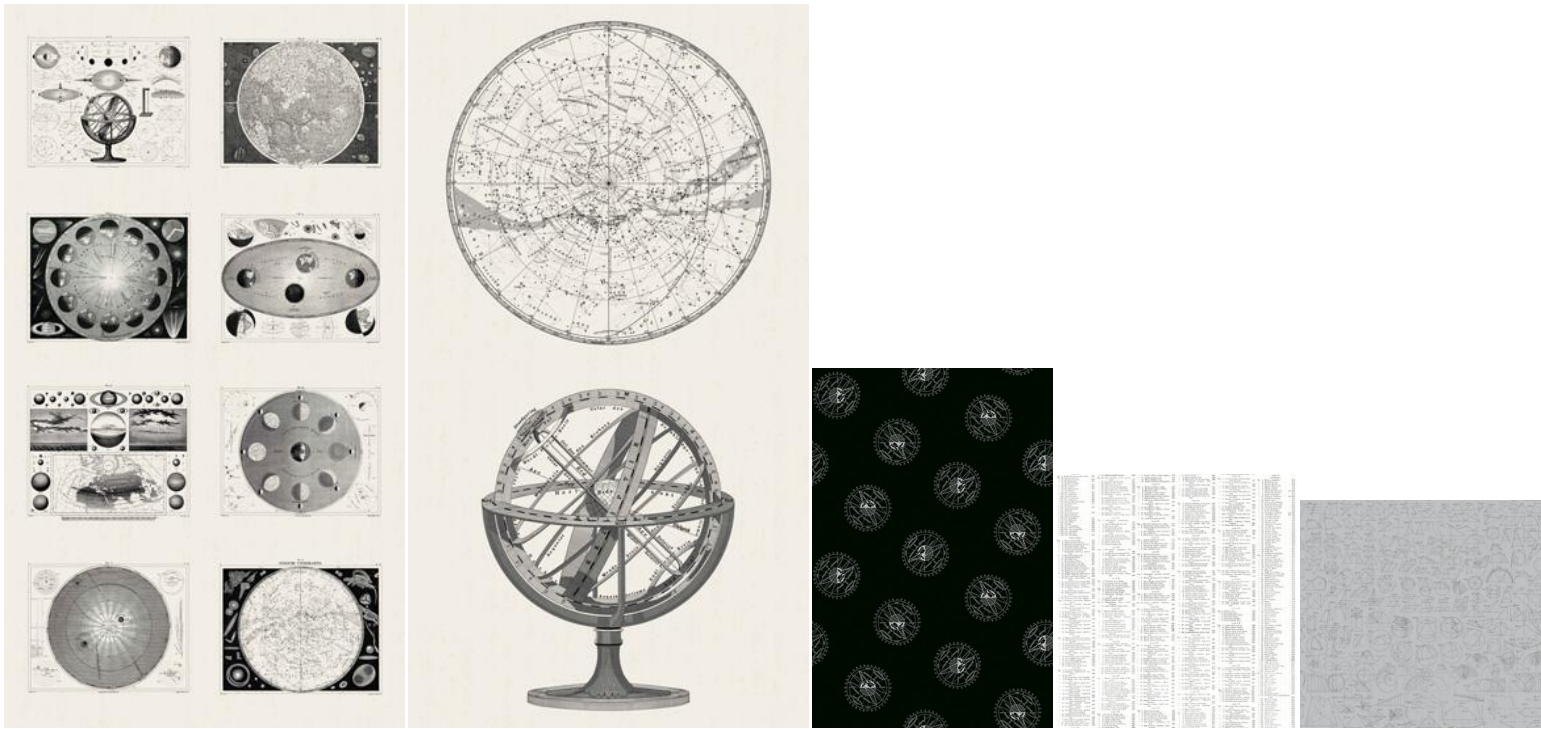
Nightmare Before Christmas



From Moda:



Encyclopedia Galatica



Sweet Treats:



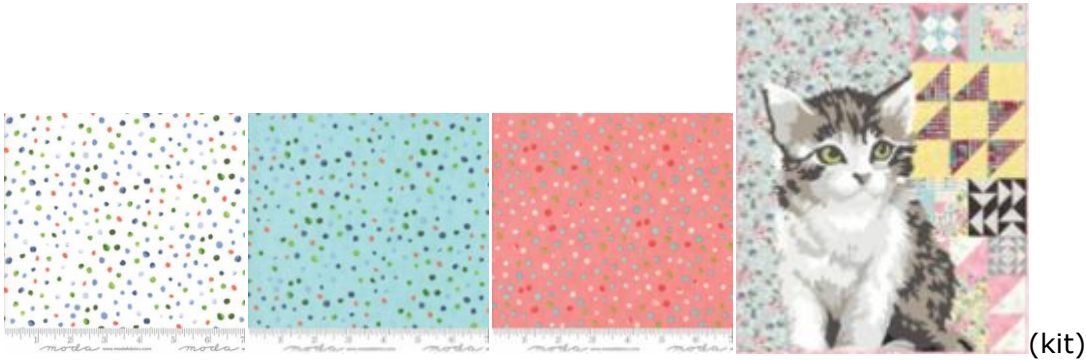


Alexander Henry:





From Moda:



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.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 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 |

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| 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 | | |

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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