



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

April 28, 2017

I am resigned to having to click on all those annoying "list" stories you see on the internet. I just have to see if I've been there, if I agree with the list, or if I'm doing what it says I shouldn't be doing. Admit it, you look, too. I figure someone (several someones) is hired to come up with these lists, and, for the most part, they are made up. Don't laugh. You're gullible, too.

Anyway, today there was a list of the 25 best beaches you should see before you die. I like beaches. Every where I go I try to swim in the bodies of water associated with the state or country. Some people get their pictures taken in front of every US Capitol, others visit national parks & presidential libraries. I swim. I think I managed 7 of the beaches on the list, although I may have motored by a couple of others while on a tour bus. That counts.

Today also featured "things you should never wear while traveling"--okay, I looked, and I only violate one thing, sometimes: the fanny pack. While the fanny pack may increase your inner bulge, it saves on shoulders and I'm a tourist, I'm supposed to wear loud colored shirts, big hats, shorts, sunglasses and fanny packs. Otherwise, what's the fun of being a tourist?

There was also 8 things you should never microwave, 27 things you should know before you eat at Jack in the box (I'm not making that up-5 things I could understand, but 27?) and "these jobs are the most damaging to your health." I can only imagine. I didn't look up any of these.

I did check out the 11 most terrifying abandoned places in the US, because sometimes you need a destination vacation that is not a presidential library. And I can say I've never been to one of them. Here is an edited version-some of the places aren't as much terrifying as they are dilapidated. Falling apart shouldn't really count as scary/terrifying.

Moundsville Penitentiary, WV. It closed in 1995 and nearly 1,000 prisoners died inside. It also operates as a B&B now-well, maybe not bed/breakfast, but you can spend the night. They make movies about doing stuff like that. It never turns out well.

Other frighteningly abandoned places include Holy Land USA in Connecticut, a Christian-themed park, that closed after its owner died in the 1980s. It's on the list because there was a murder there in 2010. It's also creep looking. All abandoned theme parks are creepy-- Google the top 10 creepiest amusement parks and you'll see what I mean.



Then there's the Willard Asylum for the Chronic Insane in New York. The asylum has been nicknamed Destination Fear, in part because you can hear unexplained screams echo in the buildings. In 1995 400 suitcases from former patients were found, patients who probably died there and were buried in numbered but nameless graves out back. Bodie, CA, and Garnet, MT, are gold mining ghost towns. Bodie has been designated a State Historic Park. I think anything that gets designated as a "state park" can't be all that terrifying.

Portland boasts a series of tunnels, called the Shanghai Tunnels. If you were a fan of Leverage, one of the episodes took place in these tunnels. Criminals, back in the day, used these tunnels for slave trade trafficking in both men and women. Dudley Town in Cornwall, Conn., is a 400-year abandoned town. Not much is left. And you ask why is this creepy? It's because Edmund Dudley was beheaded here for plotting to overthrow King Henry VIII, and a curse was placed on his family for the treason. You remember Henry the 8th? They guy who chopped all of his wife's heads off? Anyway, this place has a feel like "the village of the damned" and it's said if you take something from the abandoned village Dudley's curse attaches to your family.

And, finally, there is the Villisca Axe Murder House in Iowa. This is another "B&B," where you can stay the night and experience the walls closing in on you: It is said that the walls protect the identity of the murder(s) who killed the entire family of Josiah Moore and 2 overnight guests in 1912. Care to spend the night here, anyone?

What started this whole list thing, was a list I saw about how to tell if you are having a midlife crisis. But as I went through the list, I realized they were really only talking about quilters with a dilemma: You think you are losing your mind (can't remember where you put that fabric you just bought or you realize you bought another yard of the same fabric you bought last month); Can't sleep through the night (you wake up realizing how you can make those borders work on your quilt or you remember where you put that fabric you just bought); Your vision of future is dismal (you know you won't get the binding on the graduation quilt or you realize the baby quilt you started 5 years ago is now going to have to be bigger and the shop no longer has any of the fabric left). So I figured quilters don't have mid life crises. They just have quilt panic moments.

## **What Wind Contest!**

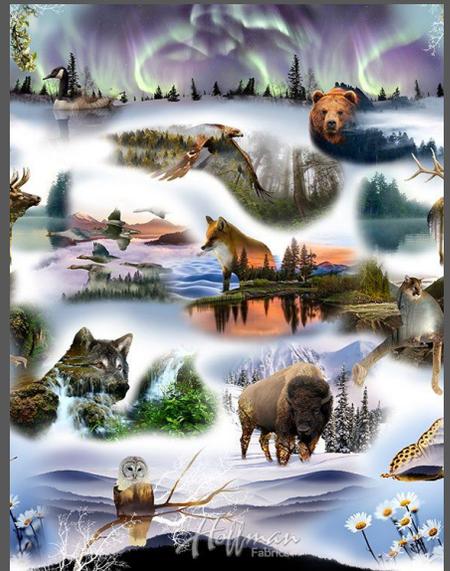
**We have a winner!**

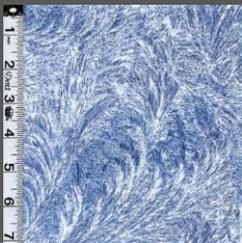
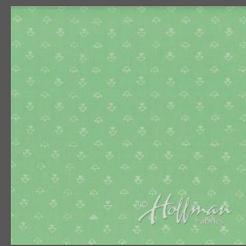
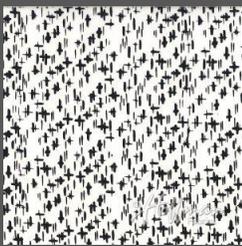
**Karen Bryan with a dog, a fire hydrant and wind. If you can't see the "drops" use your imagination!**



## WHAT'S NEW!!

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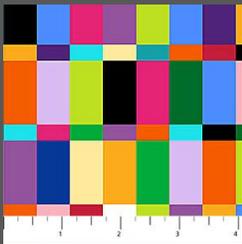
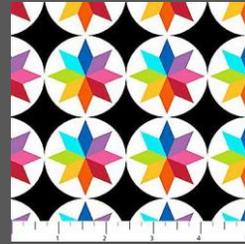
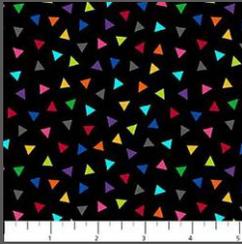




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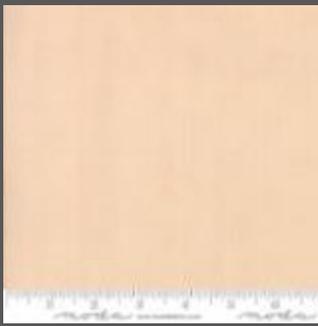


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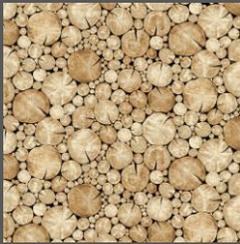


From Moda:





From Benartex:



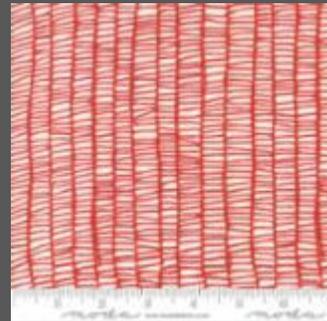
More from Moda: just precuts right now. Bolts should arrive later.



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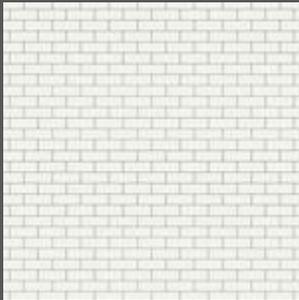
fabric to come, goes with the animals



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This is a kit

Stof:



From Windham:



## April Classes and Special Events

### **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.

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### **Block of the Month** Sat. Apr. 3 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 basket quilt. Each block will be a different basket. The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to use plaids!

### **Eleanor Burns: Stars Across America** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month, OR 1<sup>st</sup> Mon of each month Feb - July 1-4 \$25

Eleanor Burns has designed 12 quilt blocks, plus various pieced borders to go with each block, that celebrate 12 famous women, including Martha Washington, Harriot Tubman and Eleanor Roosevelt. Come learn their stories and piece their blocks, using traditional fabrics or make it modern and celebrate today's rising stars from designers like Tula Pink and Kathy Dougherty.

### **Monthly Minis** First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec. 4-6 \$10 for the year (plus patterns or kits)

This year we are doing Holiday House, pre laser cut. Each kit will be app. \$40. These blocks can be made into a quilt, or kept separate as individual wall hangings.

### **Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur. of the month, 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.

### **All Things Halloween!** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

We will do 5 Halloween projects this year, including a full sized quilt, a table runner, an ornament, and other fun projects. You can pick and choose which projects you would like to do or sign up for all of them and get 1 class for free! **Third project: to be decided.**

### **Hand Embroidery Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE (but see below) Kathy Sconce

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

Starting this fall we are doing barns. If you want to participate, there will be a COST. The patterns is \$20 + \$12 for printing. Each month, I will print the barn on Transfer Ez for you. Bring your fabric and supplies (floss, hoop, scissors, etc), and we will sit & stitch on the blocks during class. Fabric requirements will be provided in the first class.

**Fat Quarter Fun** Sat. May 13, OR Mon May 15 1-6 \$20 Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich

Every other month we will make a quilt using fat quarters (plus additional fabrics for borders). Three of the quilts will be from the same book, and the last 3 quilts will come from another book, maybe 2 books. Each quilt will employ a new cutting or sewing technique, just to keep it interesting! We will have limited kits of each quilt. We will offer these classes twice-pick your day, Saturday or Monday. **May's quilt is strip pieced cut apart block & sewn back together. Intrigued?** Books shows it done in blues, and that's how we've kitted it!

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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Full Moon</b>	<b>12 Level 2 Machine Quilting 1-4 OR 6-9</b>	<b>13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>	<b>14 All Things Christmas 1-4</b>  <u>Good Friday</u>	<b>15 One Block Wonder 10-5</b>
<b>16 CLOSED</b>  <u>Easter Sunday</u>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Back Basting 1-3</b>	<b>20 One Block Wonder 10-5</b>	<b>21 Open Sew1-4</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Pillow Case Party 1-4</b>	<b>24 English Paper Piecing 2-4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	<b>29 One Block Wonder 10-4</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <u>Memorial Day</u>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<b>Color of the month: Neutrals-whites/beiges</b>

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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: Jan 12, Feb 10, March 12, April 11, May 10.

#### 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/beiges/whites.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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