

  
**Around the Block**  
**QUILT SHOP**

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### **My Salvador Dali Bag!**

Made from bits & pieces of yarn that felted and yard that didn't. I couldn't have planned a better shape to the bag if I had tried.

It is hard to see the shape, but it has a flap (where the red & gray bands are) and a flat black bottom. It is big enough to fit my music holder. I have a picture of the back, but I can't get it to send.



August 25, 2017

"You didn't leave me with any solar glasses! I could have been blinded."

That's how Becca greeted me when I got home at 10:22 Monday night. Becca, for those of you who don't know, is my mini Australian Shepherd. Cassidy, my regular sized Aussie, doesn't usually participate in these conversations. And the cat, Lydia, is just indifferent. But Becca worries about things, including, apparently going blind.

"Becca," and I pointed a finger at her, "you don't look up. You look straight ahead: at joggers, cars, horses, dogs. Do you even know what the sun is?"

"Yup. It's that thing you're not supposed to look at without glasses. Where's dinner. You're late." Sigh. Living with a mini Aussie is exasperating at times.

For those of you following my Spain stories, I still have at least one to write, but this past week Wyoming was part of the Great American Eclipse. The path of the sun & moon went right through the middle of Wyoming, affording a 70 mile wide by the width of the state totality viewing area. But I think everyone went to a 50 mile wide area between Casper & Glendo, given the amount of traffic we had going home. Those with more money & better planning went to Jackson.

Now, Wyoming has a population of about 565,000. On Monday we may have tripled that. Nobody was officially counting, but given the traffic jam on I-25, there just might have been more people than antelope in the state, and that's saying a lot. Sue & I left Casper at 1:30 p.m., intending to be home by 6-we gave ourselves an extra couple of hours. Instead, we got to Cheyenne at 10:15, with 1 stop at Wheatland - a trip of 177 miles, normally 2½ hours tops. Alan Simpson, former Wyo Senator, once said that Wyoming is just one big city

connected by really long roads. Well, on that 177 mile long road we averaged about 20 mph, kinda like driving through a really really long school zone.

This is what it was like:

1:30: Left Casper heading to Douglas, 50 miles away.

2:15: Douglas. I told Sue, this isn't bad. Then about a half an hour later, we were stopped on the interstate.

2:42: Texting: "Parking lot 20 miles north of Glendo. Going no where fast."

3:04: "Haven't reached Glendo yet. May get off at Orin Junction & head to Lusk. They have a good quilt shop there." NOTE: Orin Junction is 13 miles from Douglas, and we weren't even there yet. Glendo is another 15 miles. There is a 2-lane secondary road that you can pick up at Orin Junction and I figured no one from Colorado would know that. Silly me. We had not yet even begun to see the full extent of the traffic.

3:35: "Still not to Glendo. Not even to Orin."

3:45: "Orin Junction 1 mile. We're just sitting here on the interstate."

3:48: "Stopped. Motor off. People are walking down the road. One guy got on his mountain bike. I'm going to get out my knitting."

4:06: Richard: "Want to come back & spend the night?" Note: This reply was immediate to my last text. Cell towers were jammed.

4:13: "A couple of Colorado cars did turn around. No clue where they think they're going. We didn't get off at Orin Junction, too much traffic." Everyone else had the same idea we had-use the back roads.

I told Sue that maybe we should have gone to Laramie through Shirley Basin, longer but probably not as much traffic. Others had that idea, too, and got stuck in Shirley Basin, because they ran out of gas and there are no fueling stations there. I also found out the next day that people who took the back roads and gravel roads out of Glendo didn't get home any earlier than we did. With 1.5 million people, give or take a couple hundred thousand, it only takes a few hundred thousand to decide to use the one-lane back roads and snarl traffic there as badly as on the interstate.

4:33: "Still not to Glendo. Turned off motor." Remember, it's 15 miles from Orin Junction to Glendo.

4:47: Jean: "I will close at 6." Note: Jean was running the shop.

4:47: "We might be to Glendo by then."

4:50: Jean: "All for 2 minutes. Hope you brought your sleeping bag."

5:13: "Brought quilts & pillows. 2 minutes were worth it. Absolutely."

5:15: "Glendo!"

5:16 Richard: "Traffic still slow?"

5:48: "Worse. Just past Glendo. Whenever I text, we're stopped. Motor off. We've got people walking & biking up & down road. I'm waiting for someone to burst into song like in the opening of La La Land."

An hour later.....

6:44: Richard: "Traffic any better?"

6:53: "We are somewhere in Wyoming."

6:54: "Stopped."

7:04: Richard: "Remember the interstate is a high speed highway."

7:06: "I have dreams of seeing Wheatland before dark." Note: Wheatland is 32 miles from Glendo and sunset is about 7:45.

7:10: "We've been watching people hunting for trees."

7:12: Richard: "There are no trees in Wyoming."

7:13: "Exactly. That's why it's so funny to watch. We're not drinking anything. We also didn't pack TP."

7:20: "Gurnsey. Stopped. I've been in 5<sup>th</sup> gear maybe 5 times whole trip." Note: Gurnsey is 19 miles from Glendo. Remember Glendo? 2 hours past?

7:24: Richard: "I told you to stay as we have beer."

7:43: "We ran out of snacks 3 hours ago. It's like driving from Omaha but it's not."

7:45: "Sunset. Not yet to Wheatland."

8:03: "Wheatland. First exit is a parking lot and they probably don't have any toilet paper."

8:17: "Pit stop at Wheatland, 2<sup>nd</sup> exit, 1 mile from first exit. 30 minute wait at gas station for potties. Burger King is out of food. Heading out."

10:22: "Home."

562 minute drive home. 2 minutes 26 seconds of totality. Priceless.

## THE PONY EXPRESS COLLECTION

Northcott has collaborated with the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph Missouri to create a fabric collection that honors this unique part of American history! The collection includes authentic replicas of artwork from the museum. We are getting back in 5 more bolts (we are out of three and almost out of 2 more). We are out of the map, but are getting it back in.

There is also a Pony Express pin with coordinating charms for each of the 8 states along the Pony Express route. **Pins and charms are available now.**

**THE PONY EXPRESS BLOCK PARTY  
Runs September 9th-24th, 2017**

Exclusive to the States on the Pony Express Trail:  
Missouri, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, California, Nebraska and Kansas

**How it works:**

Participating shops will offer a free block pattern that have been designed with the Pony Express Collection. Visit participating shops, get a sticker on your Block Party Postcard (we have those) and get your pattern. Once you have collected 12 different shop stickers you must be the first to present your fully stickered postcard at the 12th shop to be redeemed for a \$75 fabric prize. Each shop has one first entry \$75 fabric prize to distribute. If that shop has already handed out their first entry \$75 fabric prize, there are 5 runner-up charm prizes.

Go to the Northcott web site to see a listing of all the shops that are participating.  
<http://www.northcott.com>

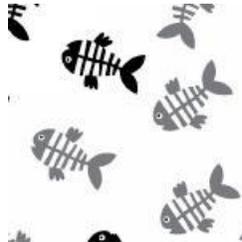
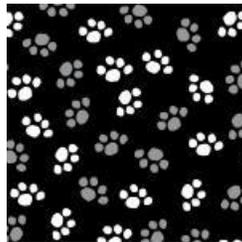
**PONY EXPRESS QUILT CHALLENGE**

Put your blocks to use and create a quilt with a minimum of 6 blocks from 6 different shops from the Pony Express Block Party. Take a picture and submit it to [submissions@northcott.com](mailto:submissions@northcott.com) by November 4th, 2017 for a chance to win one of three prizes from Northcott.

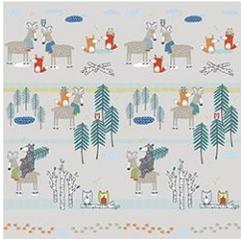
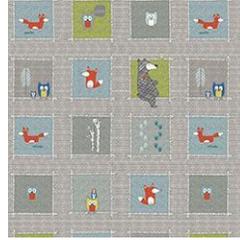
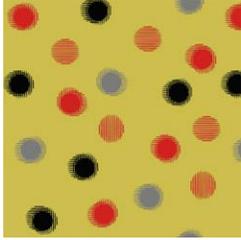
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## WHAT'S NEW!!

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From Robert Kaufman:

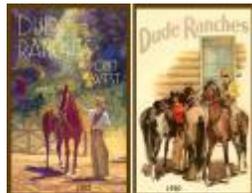


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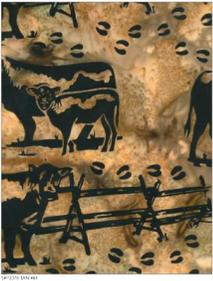
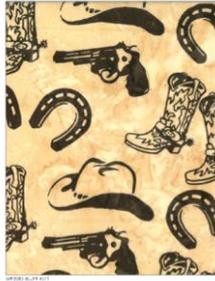


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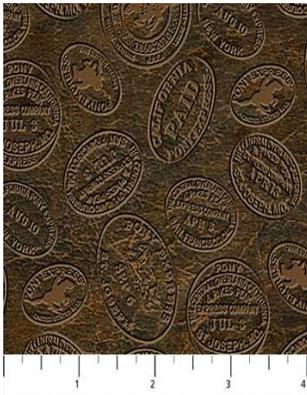
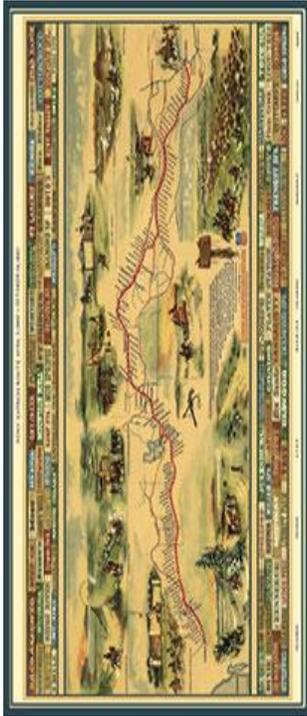
We have Cowgirl Western postcards in, 2 different sizes--4 X 6 & 5 X 8.

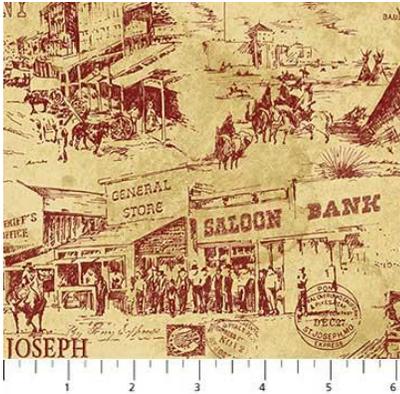
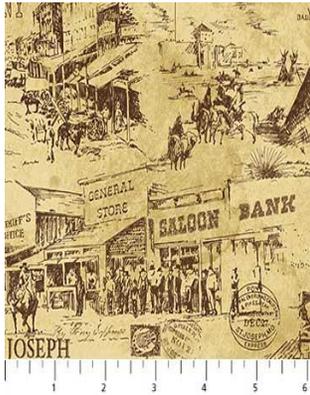


From Hoffman:  
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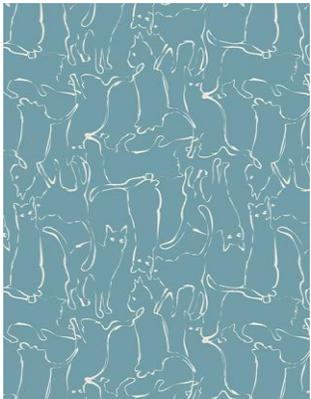
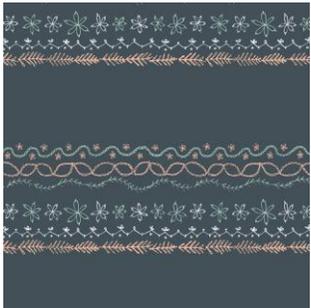


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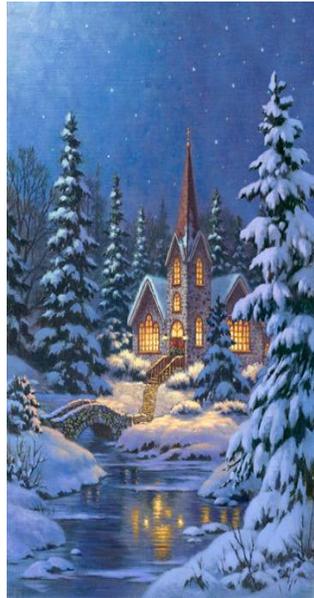


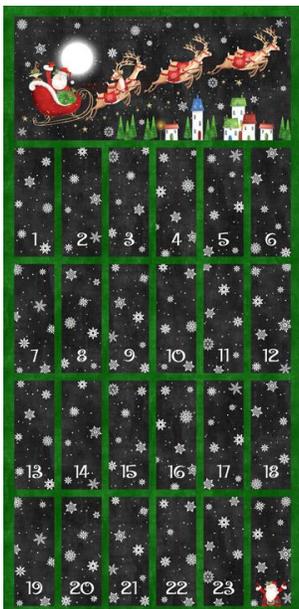
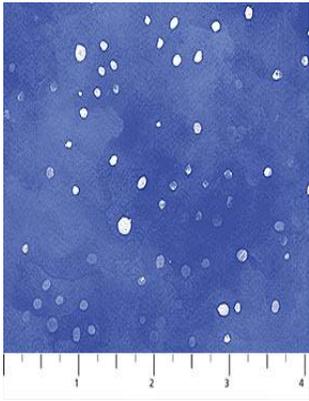
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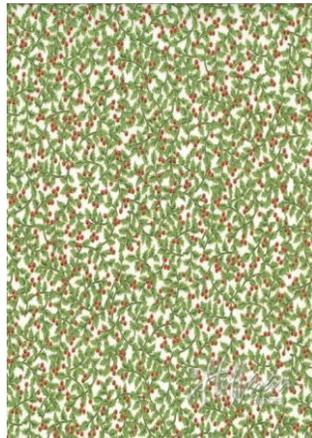
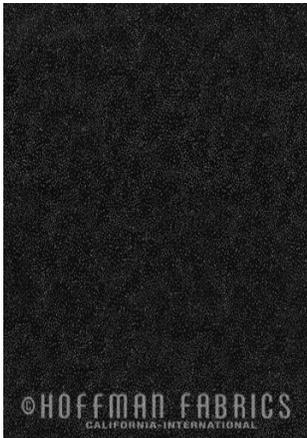
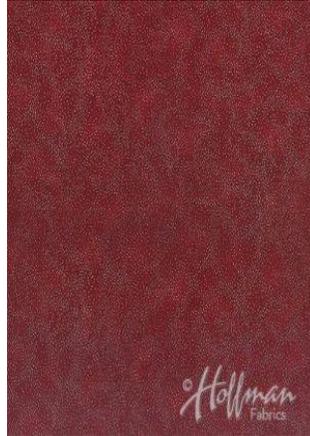


From Northcott: We also got twinkle light for the panels & we'll show you how they work, after we've figured it out.





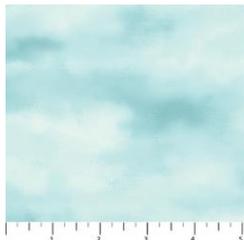
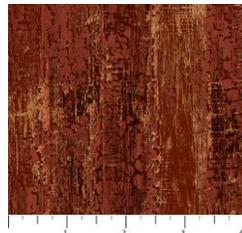
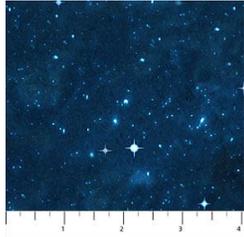
From Red Rooster:  
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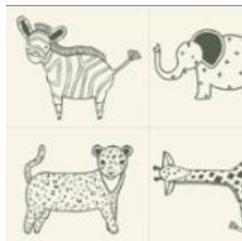
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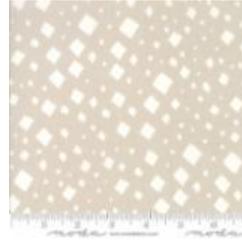
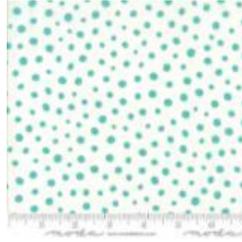


From Northcott:



From Moda:





## ROW BY ROW!

Here is our Row! It's called, "Who Let the Horses Out ..... of the Barn."  
The block with the horses is an elongated Hole in the Barn Door block.



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## August Classes and Special Events (Check calendar below for dates & times)

English paper piecing on Aug 28 2-4. Come learn how to hand stitch using the English paper piecing method. It's an ongoing class, and class fee is \$20 for the year.

See the schedule for other classes: Friday Nighters, Knitting, Embroidery Club, Block of the Month, Monthly Minis, and Open sews.

**August 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Open Sew1-4	<b>5</b> BOM 10:30-11:30 Cora 1-3  Monthly Mini 4-6
<b>6</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>7</b> Full Moon	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>10</b> Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	<b>11</b> All Things Christmas 1-4	<b>12</b> Embroidery Club 10-noon  Cora 1-6
<b>13</b> Beginning Quilt 1-4	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Open Sew1-4	<b>19</b> Solar Eclipse extravaganza: Day 1: Disappearing Sun quilt 10:30-5
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Solar Eclipse extravaganza: Day 1: Disappearing Sun quilt 10:30-5	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	<b>26</b> Counterpoint 10:30-5
<b>27</b> Pillowcase party 1-4	<b>28</b> English Paper Piecing 2-4	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Color of the month: Black</b>

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Color of the month: Orange</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Advent Calendar 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6</b>
<b>3 CLOSED</b>	<b>4 Fat Quarter Fun 1-6</b>  <a href="#"><u>Labor Day</u></a>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Full Moon</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 All Things Halloween 1-4</b>	<b>9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Fat Quarter Fun 1-6 Pony Express Kickoff Party all day</b>
<b>10 Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	<b>11 Pony Express Quilt 10:30 5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Trip Around the World 10:30-4 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>	<b>14 Beginning Quilt 6-9</b>	<b>15 Open Sew1-4</b>	<b>16 Judy Niemeyer 10-2</b>
<b>17 Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	<b>18 Pony Express Messenger Bag 10:30-5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Hand Quilting 10- noon</b>	<b>21 Beginning Quilt 6-9 Cora 1-6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 One Block Wonder 10:30 4</b>
<b>24 Beginning Quilt 1-4</b>	<b>25 Pony Express Messenger Bag 10:30-5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Hand Applique 10-noon Trip Around the World 1-6</b>	<b>28 Cora 1-6  Beginning Quilt 6-9</b>	<b>29 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?</b>	<b>30 One Block Wonder 10:30 4</b>

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3	4 Trip Around the World 10:30-4	5 Full Moon Beginning Quilt 6-9	6 All Things Christmas 1-4	7 BOM 10:30-11:30  Gypsy Wife 1- 4 Monthly Mini 4-6
8 Beginning Quilt 1-4	9 Pumpkin Panel w/lights 1-4 <a href="#">Columbus Day</a>	10	11 Spoon Quilting 10- noon Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	12 Beginning Quilt 6-9	13 Open Sew 1-4	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Cowgirl Star 1-6
15 Beginning Quilt 1-4	16	17	18 Christmas Triangle Frenzy 1- 6	19 Beginning Quilt 6-9	20	21 Judy Niemeyer 10- 5
22 Beginning Quilt 1-4	23	24	25 Hoffman Wildlife 10:30-4	26 Beginning Quilt 6-9	27 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	28 One Block Wonder 10:30 4
29 Beginning Quilt 1-4	30 English Paper Piecing 2- 4	31  <a href="#">Halloween</a>				Color of the month: Green

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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 use printed patterns and some vintage free patterns that you can embroider, embellish and color. Depending on the projects, 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: Sept. 6, Oct. 5, Nov. 3, Dec. 2 (observed)

#### 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

August: black. Sept: Orange. October: Green November: flannel December: Christmas

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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