



NOTICE:

Binding Class:

Moved to Sunday Dec. 17 from 1-4. Sorry--I just realized I scheduled the binding class on top of a concert.

Choir Concerts:

LCCC Christmas concert, Sunday Dec. 10, South High, 3 p.m. FREE
Capital Chorale Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 17, St. Mary's, 7:30
FREE

December 8, 2017

So what's on your Christmas List?

I made the mistake of watching the Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon the other night. Actually, the mistake wasn't watching the cartoon. The mistake was watching it while the dogs were in the house. Which means Becca.

Becca, for those of you new to these posts, is my very opinionated mini-Australian Shepherd. And letting her watch something like the Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon just gives her way too many ideas.

For example, she wants me to put Christmas lights on her doghouse, just like Snoopy did. I told her she'd just chew on the wires and besides I didn't have an extension cord long enough to reach an outlet. That's not really true, but don't tell her that. She said Snoopy didn't use extension cords and he won a

contest with his lights. I reminded her that was a cartoon, but she ignored me and went on to her next point.

Her letter to Santa.

Don't ask.

But she's asking for a flat screen tv for her doghouse, a flag pole complete with flags, and an astro turf putting green with a putter and balls. That set me back. Not the tv or flagpole, which she has been harping on for a while. No, it was the putting green.

"Becca???" I didn't even need to finish my thought.

"Your brother golfs. I thought that when he comes for a visit again, we can practice putting."

Now, you can't laugh at a mini-Aussie. She'd just start pouting and you don't want to be around a morose mini-Aussie. So instead I suggested maybe we could put in surround sound in the doghouse and she could control it with an Echo Dot. That made her happy and she ran off to take inside measurements of her house.

So what's on your Christmas wish list. I know we all want world peace and an end to the antics in Washington. But that won't happen in 3 weeks. So instead, I have some suggestions for you culled from the Internet.

Tech gadgets seem to be the hottest items out there. My favorites: You can get an auto-remote crockpot that you can activate with your phone from work. I don't know who remotely gets the ingredients from your fridge to the pot, but I suppose there's an app for that.

There is also the TrackR App which lets you track anything you've lost: keys, car, hubby, the dog. Stick the tracker "thingy" (tech term) on the item and use your phone to find it instantly. It won't work, though, if you can't find your phone.... But they probably have an app for that, too.

Or there's a pen that you can never lose. That's right. For \$250 you can buy a Cross Peerless TrackR pen that has a built in Bluetooth tracker. If you leave it somewhere, you can track it down. Think about this one for a minute. Done? Okay, so do you really want to go knocking on someone's house to ask for your pen back? The other draw back, it only comes in blue & black. For \$250 you'd think they'd have more colors. I bet these sell like

hotcakes.

So what's on my list, you ask?

1. A clean car so I don't feel embarrassed when I go thru drive thrus for food.
2. A house elf who carts my bags of pellets into the house each night.
3. Nasal strips for a dog who snores (Becca).
4. New sweaters-I've discovered most of my favorites have holes in them.
5. Lightbulbs. Lots of lightbulbs. I think I have 3 that work in my house.
6. Boxes of batteries so I can lose those & then have to buy more batteries.
7. Faster wi fi so I can drop premium channels & just do Netflix.
8. A meat thermometer.
9. Someone to replace the clapper thingy in the toilet.
10. Socks. I love socks.
11. The Rocketbook Everlast. You can write on it, send your notes to apps like Evernote or Dropbox, and erase what you don't need.

And, of course, Peace on Earth.

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

Last pattern available Dec. 8. We have 2 kits left. Quilt will be displayed today.

Help sessions--for cutting and sewing:

Sat. Dec. 9 4-6 (sewing)

Fri. Dec. 15 during open sew 1-4 (sewing)

Nolting Longarm Machines

Nolting has 5 main machines, each with different reaches: from 17" to 30" depending on the machine. They are sold with or without a frame, but after I saw & helped set up one of the steel frames this week, I recommend buying the frame. All machines, except for the Standard--the most economical machine-- have a stitch regulator. I recommend a stitch regulator. All machines can be equipped with a computer and there are a couple of different ones to choose from. In addition, you can get an extended table base so that you can use rulers, you can get larger bobbins on some of the models and on the frames you can get hydraulic lifts to raise and lower the tables. In the coming weeks, I will

print out more information on each model.

The best entry level machine is the Fun Quilter. It comes in 17", 20" & 23" reach. It comes with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The Pro Machine has the Intellistitch Turbo stitch regulator, single stitch option, standard speed control, needle up/down and customizable handles in the front & rear. The Pro Machine comes in 20", 24" and 30" reach with 10-12" of inside height. There are easy dials on the front to set stitch length and other options. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



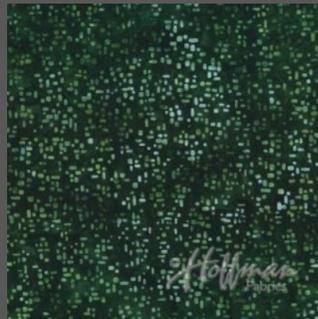
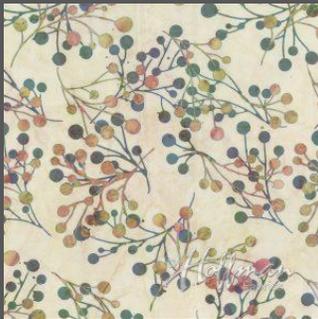
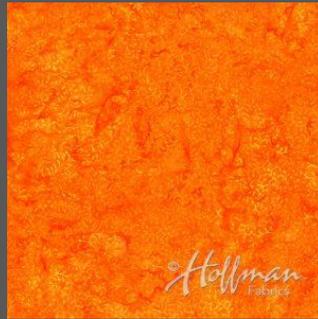
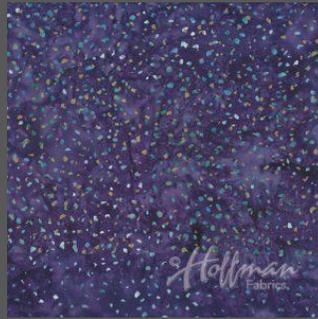
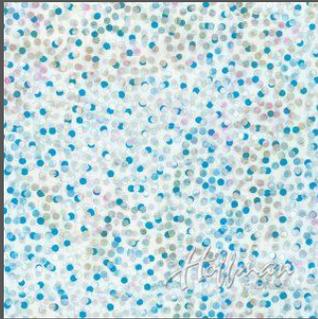
The NV Machine is the newest in the fleet of Nolting machines. This machine has a touch screen with programmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needle up/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

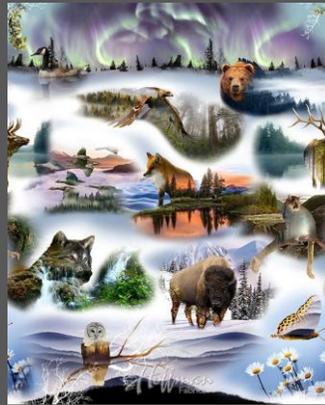
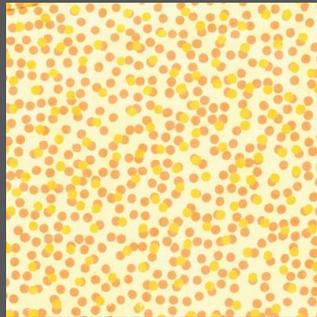


Nolting also has a commercial machine with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

WHAT'S NEW!!

We also got 10 more P & B bolts of neutrals--creams.
From Hoffman (plus a couple more):



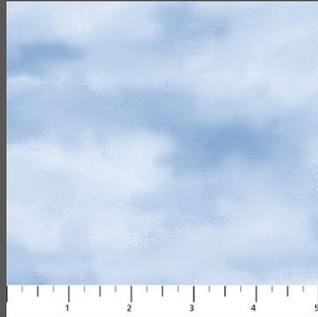
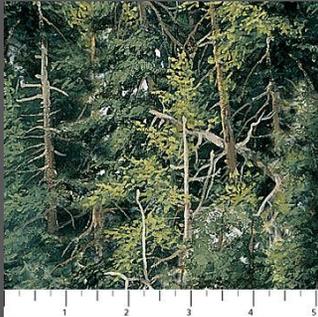


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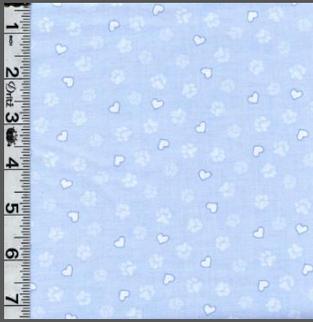
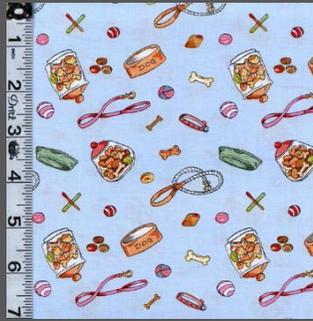
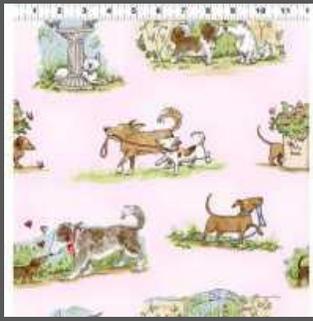
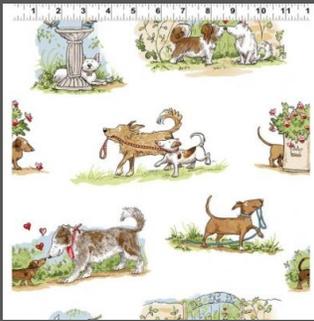




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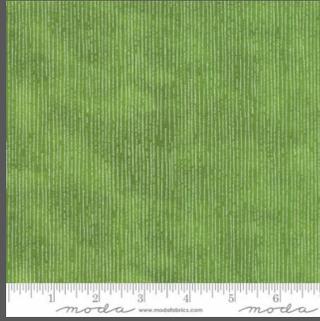


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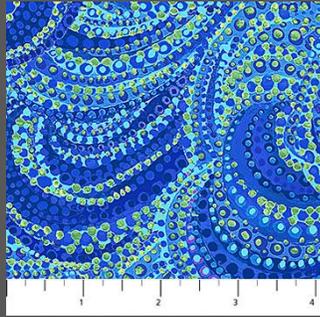


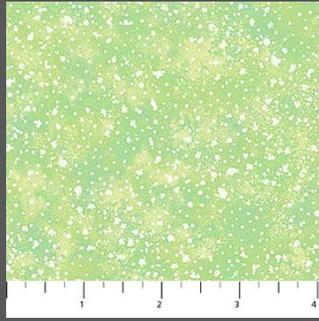
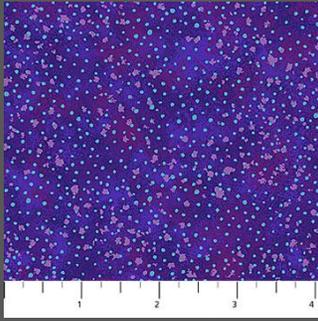
From Moda:





From Northcott:





From Timeless:



Fall Classes (through October)--Alphabetically arranged!

Bali Wedding Star third Sat of month from Sept-Dec check calendar for times \$30 Angela Fisk & Tina Wilson

The Bali Wedding Star is a Judy Niemeyer foundation paper-pieced pattern, but Angela and Tina have simplified the color selections. In class you will learn the basics of foundation piecing, plus you will learn how to deal with those curves-really easy, don't worry. The first class will discuss color selection, cutting and organization. The remaining classes will focus on sewing and completion. Please sign up early because the background fabric requirements may require the ordering of specific bolts of fabric. Come in, choose colors you are interested in, and I will bring the bolts into the store.

Block of the Month First Sat of month 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!

English Paper Piecing 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (But not in September, sorry)

English paper piecing dates back to the early 1800s. It is a hand sewing method that uses paper templates to help sew complex angles together, like hexagons. Any number of different designs can be made, including Grandmother's Flower Garden-this is the pattern I am doing this year. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

Hand Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE (but see below) Kathy Sconce

(Club normally meets the 2nd Sat. of each month from 10-noon) We are finishing up our barn project that we started last fall. In January we are planning a new adventure, starting wool! Come to class, see what we're planning, and don't forget to bring a project to stitch on.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Wed of each month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

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. We're currently working on some felting projects, but we're planning on heading into fingerless mittens,

mittens, and socks.

Santa Christmas Panel Sat Dec 9 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer This panel has 3 parts: splitting the panel into a mock attic window setting; making stars with a new ruler from Creative Grid; and learning how to light it up & make it sparkle!

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Christmas					1	2 BOM 10:30-11:30 Gypsy Wife 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6 Full Moon (observed)
3 CLOSED	4	5	6 Christmas Triangle Frenzy 1-6	7	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Christmas Panel w/lights 1-4
10	11	12	13 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	14	15 Open Sew 1-4	16 Judy Niemeyer 10-5
17 Hand and Machine Binding 1-4	18	19	20	21	22	23

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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.

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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