

-- PARTY TIME --



**SAVE YOUR CALENDARS FOR A DATE
TO BE SPECIFIED, AT A LATER DATE!**

We are cutting through the wall and expanding into the space next door! I can share some of the details now.

I have signed up to become a Nolting Long Arm dealer. We will sell Nolting Long Arm quilting machines AND we will have machines to rent--just one at first. I have been a Nolting fan for more than 13 years and have a 17" Fun Quilter at my house. Noltings are easy to operate, easy to maintain, and the price can't be beat! In the coming weeks, I will provide info on the Nolting machines in the newsletter. If you are interested now and would like a long arm machine for CHRISTMAS! let me know. (See info below)

In addition to putting Nolting longarm machines into the space next door, we will move the classroom next door as well. The

plan is to cut a hole in the wall where the books currently reside to provide access (in addition to the front door). The space not occupied by the machines will become the classroom.

This means that I won't have to pick up my mess in the current classroom every time we have a class! And I promise I won't migrate my sewing mess into the space next door. Some of the fabric will go into the new space, plus other stuff--just don't know yet.

Timing for all of this? Don't know. I'll keep you posted. And we'll have a grand opening, with cookies, punch, treats, give aways, and maybe some fun demos.



October 27, 2017

Becca has been eyeing my shopping bags this week.

"You're not buying me a Halloween costume are you?"

"Why, do you want one?"

"You couldn't get me on a leash wearing some dumb costume. But I think it would be fun to buy one for Cassidy. We could go trick or treating and I could get her to carry the pumpkin bag for treats. She could go as my dog and I could be her human."

"Wait a minute. Doesn't that mean you will have to dress up like a person?"

"Of course not. That would be silly."

"Okay. Well, what will Cassidy go as?"

"A dog, of course."

I've said this before: talking to a mini Aussie doesn't always make sense.

"Have you talked to Cassidy about this?"

"Of course not."

"What about Lydia. Are you letting her in on this action."

"Of course not. She's a cat."

"And that means.....?"

"She can't go as a dog."

And that was the end of that conversation. I enjoy Halloween. I loved getting dressed up as a kid. My only memory of costumes from that time, though, is my 6th grade costume: I went as a gypsy. I think it was the first costume I put together myself.

My first adult costume was when I was doing my master's work at Marshall University. I had always wanted to dress up as the headless horseman and ride a black horse through a neighborhood. So I made a headless horseman costume with a cape that extended above my head concealing my head. I carried a pumpkin in my arms as my head. I couldn't wrangle the horse, so I was horseless as well as headless. I then decided to visit my professor's house to "scare" him.

I pulled up to his house, got out of the car, adjusted my costume and boldly walked into the house & went to the kitchen - where I saw 2 complete strangers. It was at that moment I realized I was in the wrong house. Without saying a word, I turned around & left. I then went to the house next door, which is where I should have been in the first place, and explained to my director that he might have some explaining to do with his neighbors.

My other favorite adult costumes have been in the form of a pun: "Cereal" Killer-wearing tiny cereal boxes on my shirt and carrying various

implements of destruction, like a knife, a cardboard gun and a syringe.

Or "A Salt and Battery" - wearing an oversized Morton salt box that had batteries taped to it. I was working in the criminal division at the Attorney General's Office at the time.

Or "Weapons of Math Destruction" - putting various math tools, like a protractor, ruler, slide ruler, compass, on my shirt.

Or "Quarter Pounder with Cheese" - wearing overalls and carrying a hammer, a quarter and a slice of cheese. When I'd ask people to tell me what I was, I'd pound the quarter with a hammer and ask if they'd like a slice of cheese with that.

Or "The eyes have it" - wearing a hat with wiggly eyes all over it.

Or "Investigator" - dressing up like an alligator and wearing a deer stalker hat and carrying a magnifying glass.

You get the idea.

I suggested to Becca that she could go as a "hot dog" instead of a human.

She just growled. "You tell us that all summer long when it's hot outside. You think it's funny."

"Well, it is. You just don't get it. Hot dog. Like, a food item?"



"Well, it's not hot and you don't eat me, so I don't see the point."

"It's funny, Becca." "No it's not." "Yes it is." "No it's not." "Yes it is." "No it's not." "Yes it is."

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

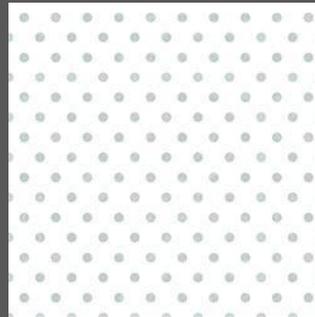
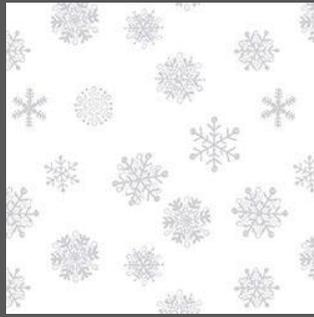


computer.

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.

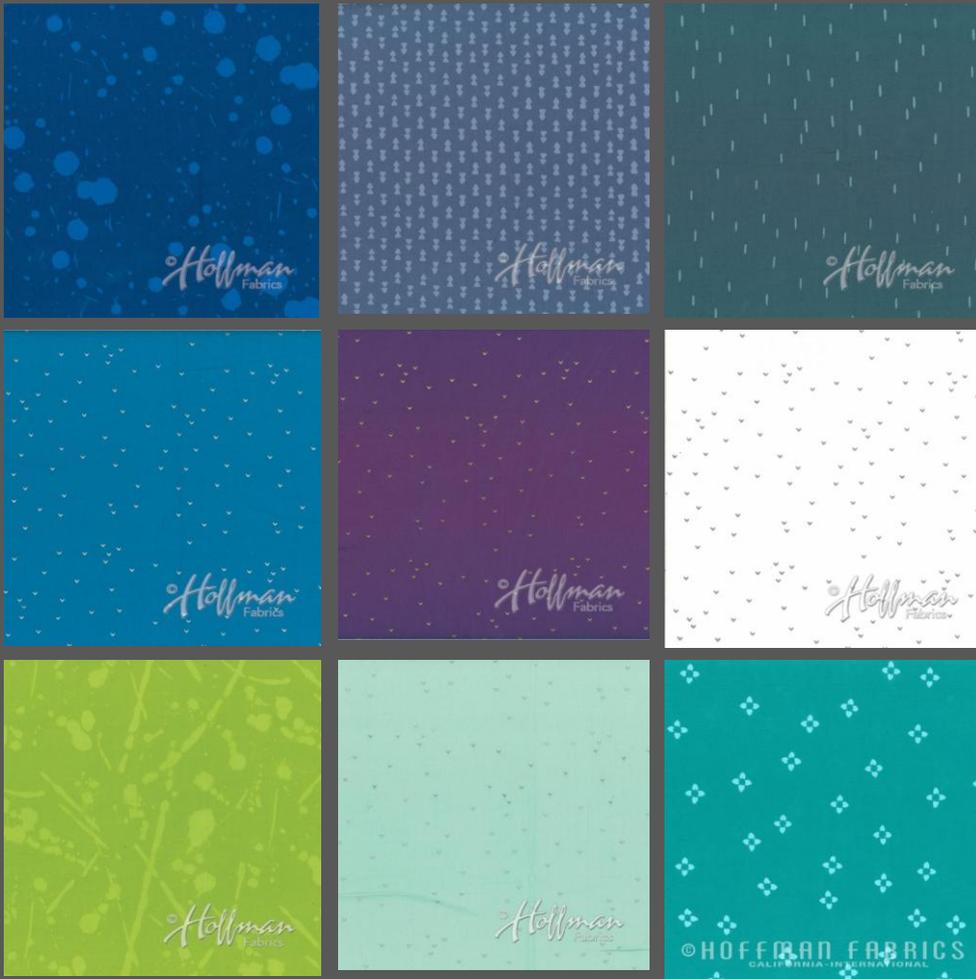
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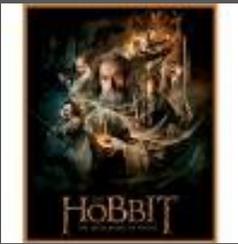


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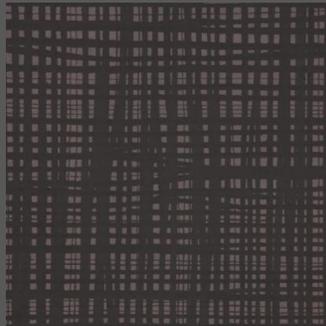
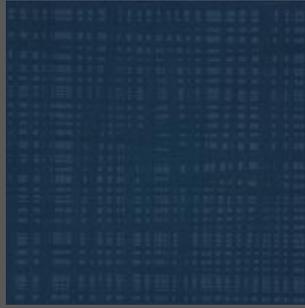




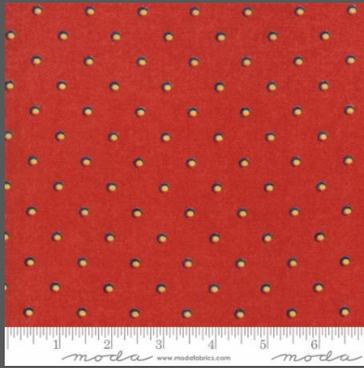
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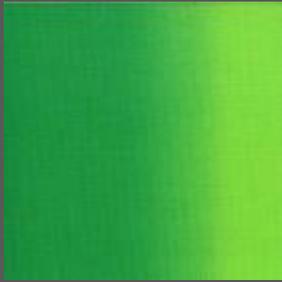


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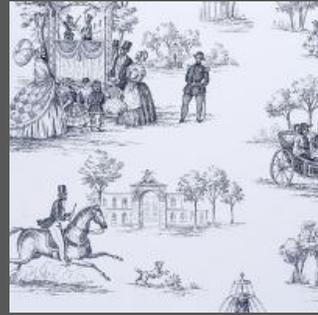
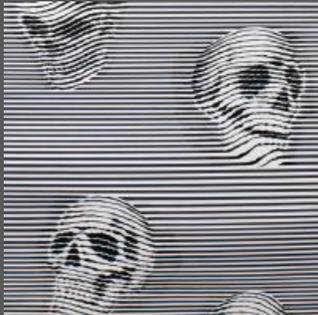


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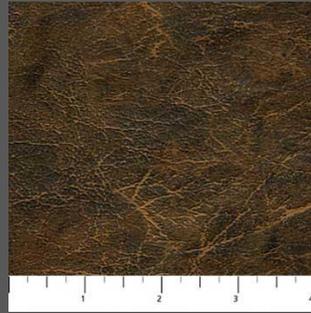




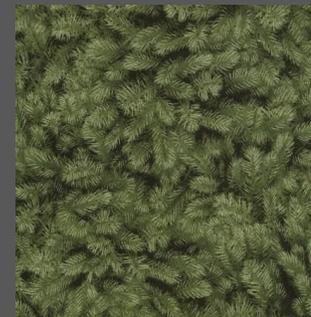
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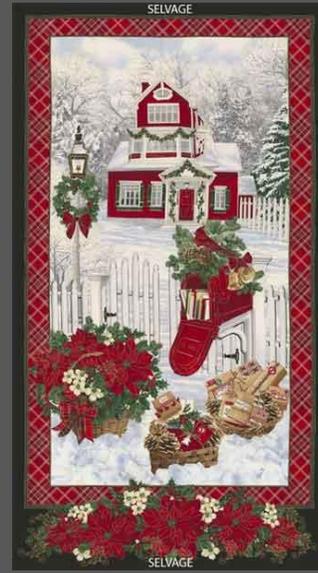
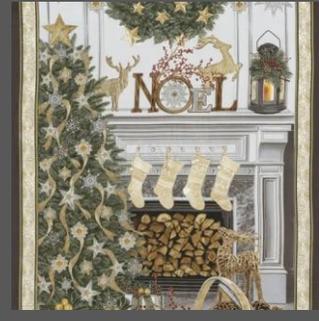


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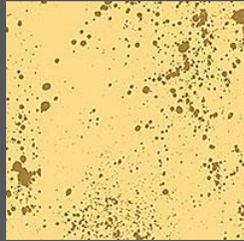
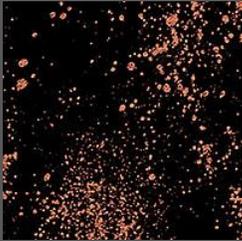


From Timeless:





From Stof:



From Robert Kaufman:





Fall Classes (through October)--Alphabetically arranged!

All Things Christmas! 2nd Fridays every other month. 1-4 \$20/per class
Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich
Our Christmas project for October is the cute yo yo Santa, pattern from Happy Hollow designs. We have kits!

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.

Bargello Tree Nov. 19 & 16, 10:30-4. Barb Boyer \$20. Pattern will be handed out in class. You will need 1 Christmas 2 1/2" set of strips (30-40) plus background. We will have a couple of kits available as well. This is also a quilt that you could light up!

Beginning Machine Applique Wed. Nov 29, 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.

Beginning Machine Quilting Wed. Nov 15, 1-4 or 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich
Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Beginning Quilting Sun. starting Sept 10 1-4 OR Thur Sept 14 6-9 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer
This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

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!

Cowgirl Star Fri Oct 27, 1-6 \$20 Sue Frerich
Lasso up your 10" precut squares to make this cute, easy, and fast quilt. You do a little sewing, you do a little slashing, and you wind up with a quickly pieced star. Fun! Pattern will be given in class.

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.

Fat Quarter Fun Sat. Nov. 11 OR Mon Nov 13 1-6; \$20
Barb Boyer & Sue Frerich
Every other month we will make a quilt using fat quarters (plus additional fabrics for borders). November's quilt is a wonky 9-patch-which will be on display soon.

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.

Gypsy Wife First Sat of month, 1-4, Oct through at least December \$25 Sue Frerich

This is a quilt mad from strips, blocks, more strips & more blocks. It's not a sampler quilt, but it contains many different blocks in different sizes. It's not a strip quilt, because it contains blocks. But it is a stunning quilt, one where you can use your scraps and go crazy or stay a little more coordinated by using a collection. The best description is a picture.

Hand Applique/Back Basting

Wed. Sept 27, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$25

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of appliquers. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!

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, starring wool! Come to class, see what we're planning, and don't forget to bring a project to stitch on.

Hand Quilting Wed. Sept. 20, 10-noon \$25 Sandra Freeburg

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

Hoffman Wildlife Quilt using Hoffman's Call of the Wild panel and a Mountain Peaks Creation pattern. **Wed Nov. 1**, 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

The class will focus on how to fussy cut the panel to turn your quilt into a "looking through the window" styled quilt. You need 2 yards of the Call of the Wild panel-don't wait too long. This fabric sells out quickly! \$20

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.

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.

One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Sat Sept 23, 30 & Oct. 28 see calendar for times

\$25 Sue Frerich

You don't want to miss this class. The technique is called One Block Wonder and you need 7 panels for the quilt. Sue used a beautiful eagle print (keep your fingers crossed, we may be able to get 1 bolt). But we have lots of interesting panels that would make a fantastic One Block Wonder Panel Quilt. (I'm looking at the Star Wars panels....). The technique used is similar to a Stack & Whack quilt, but the difference is in how it is sewn together. This is truly a stunning quilt. You don't want to miss this class!

Pillow Case Party Sun. Nov 26 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!

Santa Christmas Panel Mon Nov 6 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!

Spoon Quilting Wed. Oct 11, 10-noon \$25 Sandra Freeburg

No more sore fingers! Learn to Spoon Quilt, with a special spoon quilting tool. This tool helps you keep your stitches tiny and even without pricking your finger. Need to have basic quilting skills (rocking motion quilting).

Trip Around the World Sept 13, 27, & Oct 4 \$25 Barb Boyer

This is a Trip Around the World-on Point! The quilt measures app. 95" X 95" and is panel sewn using 8 different fabrics. Pattern is given out in class only. You don't have to choose your fabrics before class-the first class is all about color!

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 Columbus Day	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	26	27 Friday Nighters 5:30 -?	28 One Block Wonder 10:30 4
29	30 English Paper Piecing 2-4	31 Halloween				Color of the month: Green

November 2017

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19	20	21	22	23 CLOS ED Thanksgiving Day	24 Fri day Nighters 5:30 -?	25
26 Pillow Case Party 1-4	27 English Paper Piecing 2-4	28	29 Beginning Machine Applique 1-4 or 6-9	30		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 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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