Around the Block

June 29, 2018

Becca and Cassidy stage an intervention. Or try to. Remember, these are dogs.

Cassidy: Grrrr.

Becca: Quiet. We're staging an intervention....

Cassidy: Grrrr.

Becca: Stop it. Go lie down. We're intervening to prevent little tiny itty bitty kittens from coming into our household. We were told kittens were coming, but we thought they'd be KITTENS not kittens.

Cassidy: Grrrrr. Ones with tiny sharp little claws. All I did was say hi and I got face slapped.

Becca: Quiet. We need your help. The next time Barb decides that little kittens would be a good idea, just tell her no. A little tough love will go a long way for peace in the family.

Cassidy: We had to eat outside Friday night. And Saturday night. Grrrrr.

Becca: I had to give up my dog bed.

Cassidy: No you didn't. That one was too small for you and besides you sleep

under Barb's bed.

Becca: It's still my bed. And Saturday night one of the kittens got to sleep on the bed with Barb. That's usually my place.

Cassidy: That's when I got face slapped.

Becca: And that kitten was up & down all night. I never did find out where the other one went.

Cassidy: It hid behind the piano.

Becca: How do you know that?

Cassidy: It told me. Becca: No it didn't. Cassidy: Yes it did. Becca: No it didn't. Cassidy: Yes it did.

This would have gone on all night if I hadn't intervened and shooed them outside.

Never bring two little kittens into a nonkitten proofed household. This was not one of my finest decisions.

If they decide to hide, you can't find them. And they're not quiet smart enough/old enough to keep themselves out of danger. So letting them loose in the house to fend for themselves isn't a good idea. And it's just not right to keep them locked up in a bathroom. And even then, I had to remove all of the movable objects from the bathroom and flip the shower curtain over the bar so they couldn't claw up it.

But I'd feel sorry for them and I'd let them out for a while at night. I figured so long as I was home & could supervise, they probably wouldn't knock over too many things, climb up the the curtains, or go tearing through my fabric stash. And....they didn't get into too many things, although it was funny to see the more courageous one hanging by her claws off the ironing board in the quilt room, unsure of whether she could let go and make it to the floor unscathed.

But I spent more than half the night trying to find them, generally scaring them when I tried to catch them. So that didn't help with their socialization. And the dogs were no help. I tried to use them as blood hounds to seek and find but they weren't that interested. Not even Becca, who I thought would find them Tasty and Crunchy.

So they went back to the shelter where a more deserving family will adopt them.

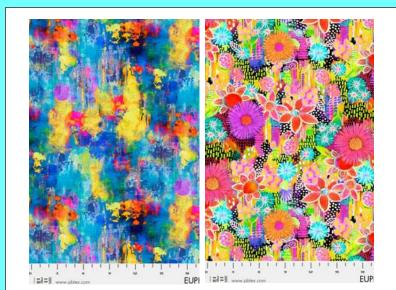
I looked at the older cats, but one said she needed a quiet household because she tended to pee when she got excited. Translation: not particularly housebroken and Becca would scare the pee out of her. Another was independent and didn't want to cuddle. Translation: I like to hide and Becca would lose her place under the bed.

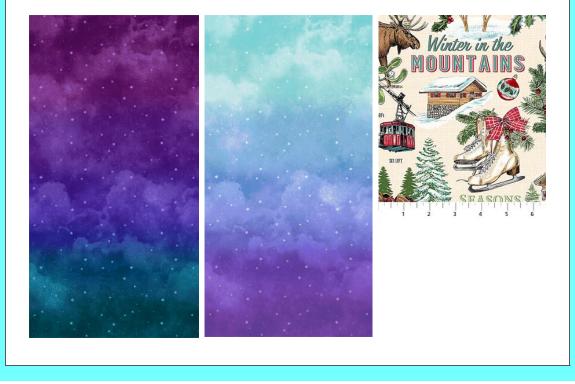
So I am still catless. And, fortunately, still mouseless. So that's a good thing.

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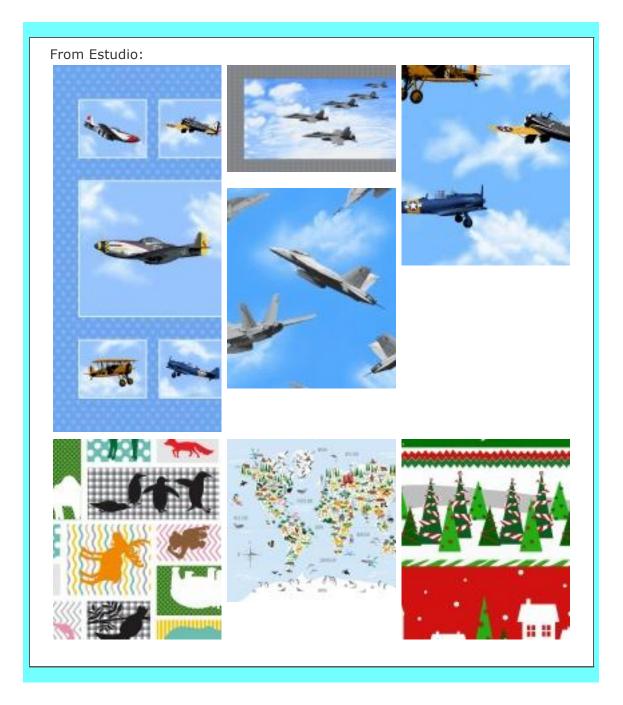
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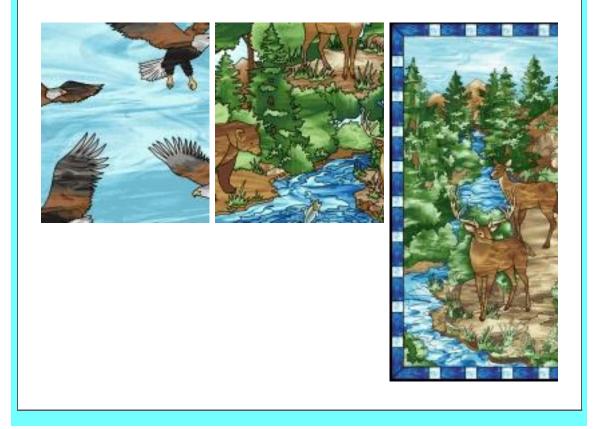




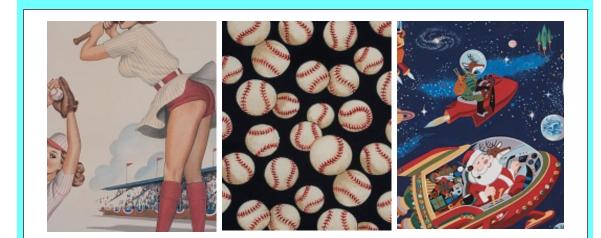


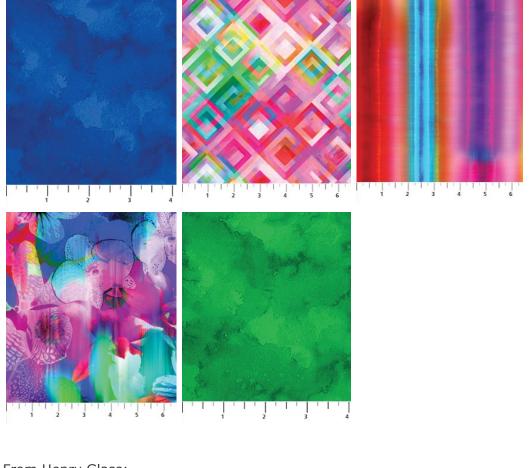












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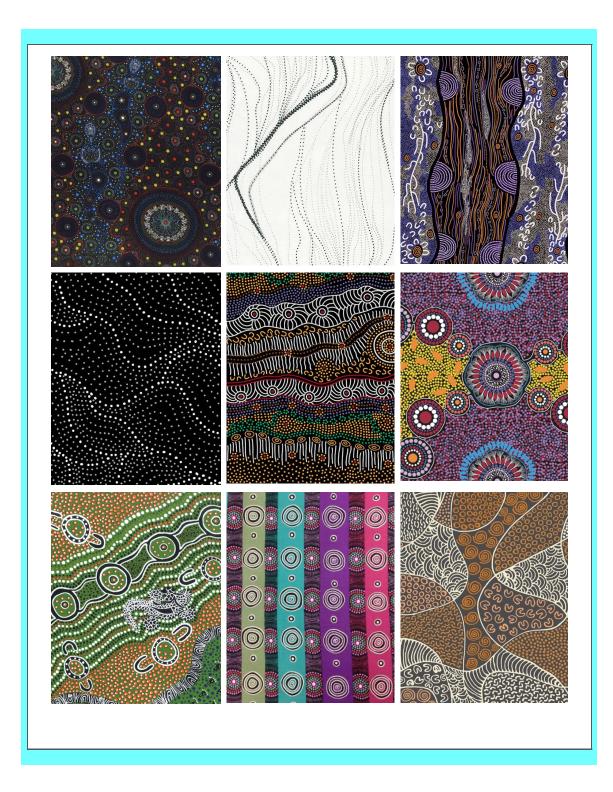


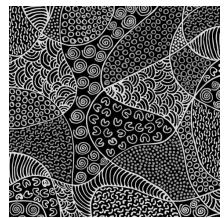


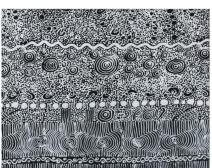
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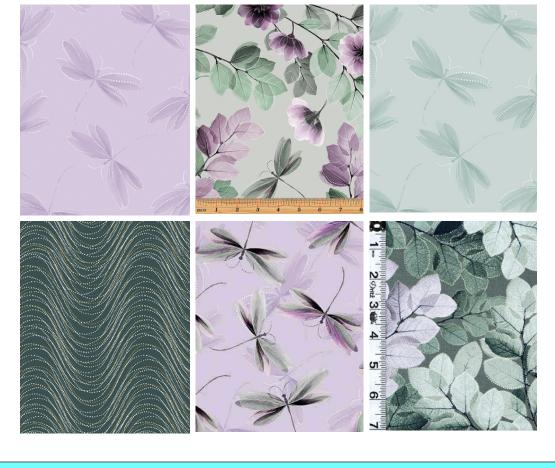


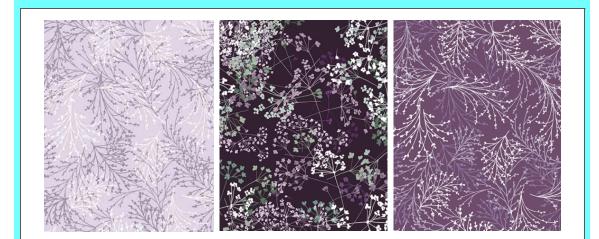


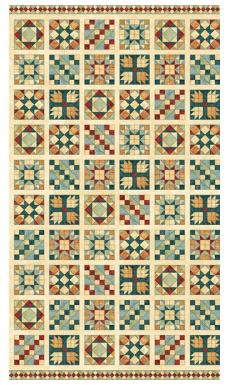


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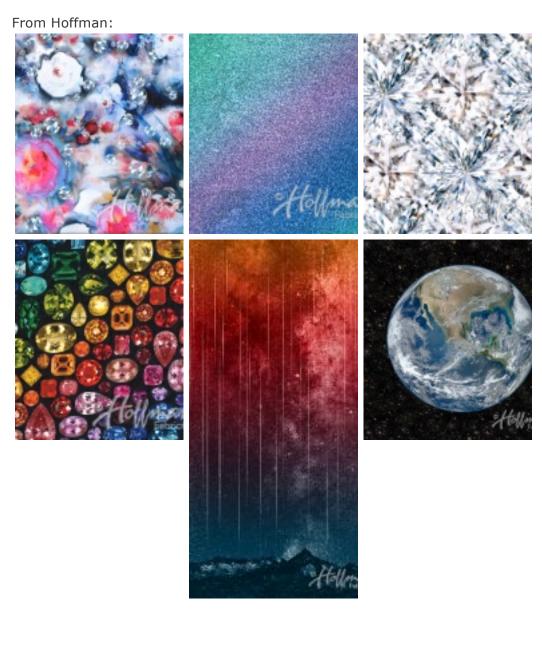




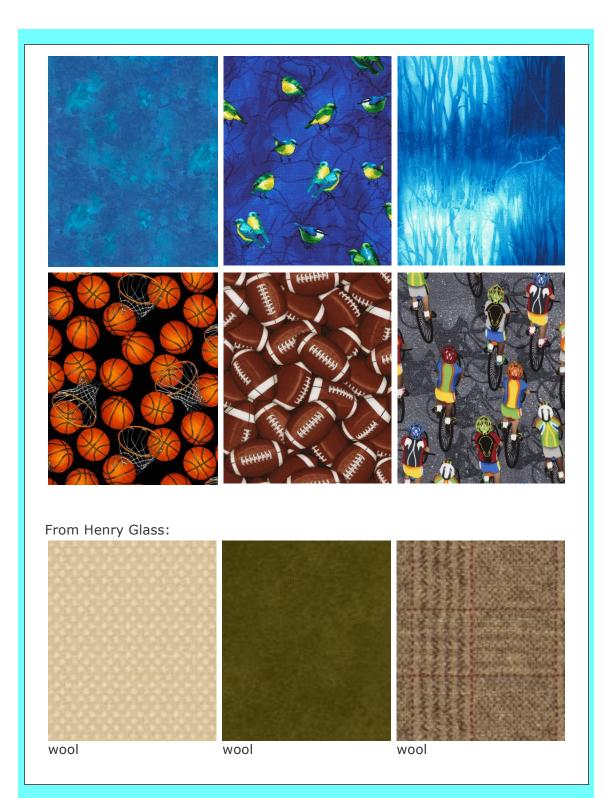


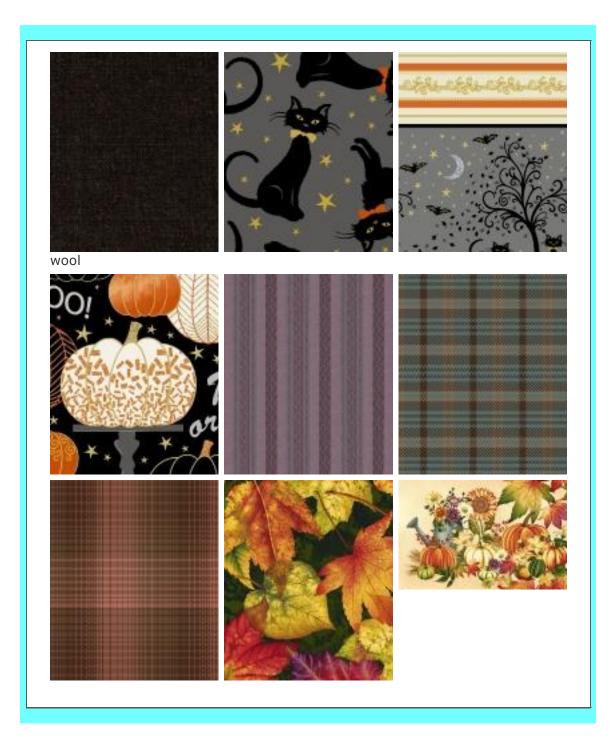
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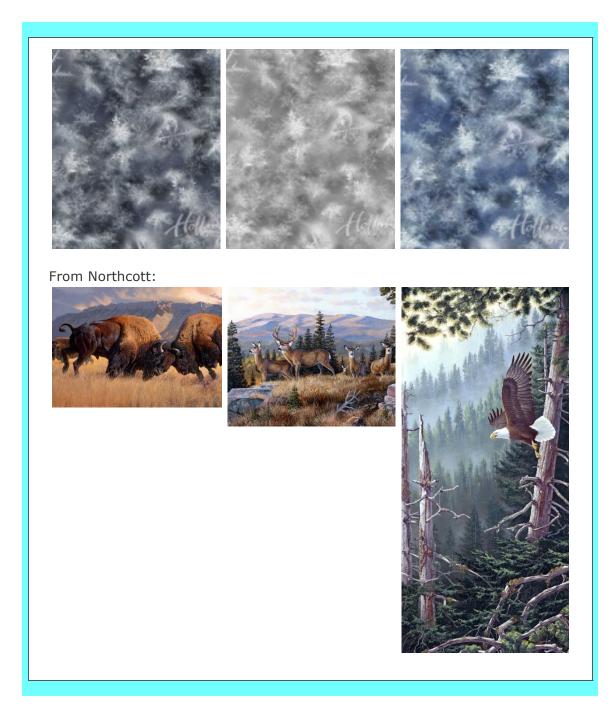


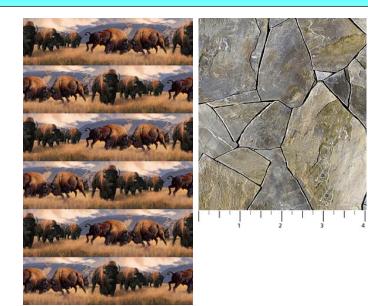




From Hoffman:







SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING CLASSES TODAY!

Classes are on Wednesdays and some Saturdays: 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30, or 6-8:30. Check the calendar for dates. Only 4 to a class.

Rentals have started for those who have taken the class. Tuesdays and Fridays, and a couple of Saturday and Sunday rentals. Check the calendar for rentals. Generally, there are 2 rentals times per day: 10:30-2 and 2:30-6. \$25/hr or \$85 for 3 1/2 hours. \$50 minimum. Plus \$5/bobbin for thread. Most quilts (double and smaller), even for beginners, will take about 2 1/2-3 hours. We will discuss what you plan to do on your quilt and will help you estimate how long it will take.

Class descriptions follow the calendar, so keep scrolling. Classes are listed alphabetically.

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17 Beginning Quilt 1-4	18	19 Long arm rental day	20 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; OR 2:30-5:30 Market Party 6- 8:30	21 Beginning Quilt 1-4	22 Long arm renta I day	23 Window Squares 10:30-5

24 Beginning Quilt 1-4	25	26 Long arm rental day	27 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	28 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Full Moon	29 Long arm renta I day	30 Zig Zag 10:30-5
Color of the month: blue						

July 2018

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Beginning Quilting Thurs. starting Thus June 7 1-4 OR Sun June 10 1-4

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 "modern" quilt. Something new, something different. I will provide some other options as we explore the modern quilt world.



Disappearing 9-Patch Wed July 18 Barb Boyer 10:30-5 \$20

Take 48 5" squares, plus some extra fabric, make 9-patches, cut apart & sew back together again and voila! you have a fun, quick quilt. You don't have to worry about biased edges with this one. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Techniques to learn: What happens when you chop up a perfectly good 9-patch!

English Paper Piecing Club 4th (or last) Mondays 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20

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 STILL doing this year. Several patterns will be available, including traditional Flower Garden and the Downton Abbey free pattern.

Hand Applique/Back Basting Wed As scheduled 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 Kathy Sconce

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. You can work on your own projects or you can join the project we are doing. This year we are following a purchased pattern called My Crazy Life. It is wool appliques on flannel backgrounds. Then we will explore a variety of embroidery stitches to embellish each block-4 six inch blocks per month (or whatever you choose to do), for a total of 48 blocks. 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. We will also discuss wool, felted wool, wool felt, various threads for embroidery, various techniques for the wool applique and setting options for the guilt.

Hand Quilting Wed As scheduled Sandra Freeburg \$25

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.

Jelly Roll Race Barb Boyer Sat July 21, 10:30-5 \$20

Using 1 2 1/2" strip set (you need 40-48 strips) plus fabrics for borders, you can stitch this colorful quilt in less than an hour. I'm kidding. You can't get the borders on. Okay, I'm kidding. But most can get the inside sewn in about 4 hours. But it is a race and I throw some extra fun into the class. This is a great quilt to use to practice your long arm machine quilting! And it is easy. You can add borders or leave as easy. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: sewing strips together on diagonal without drawing your lines.

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. This year we are doing a knit along project involving 6" squares. Each month we will learn a different pattern (or 2), make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one projectafghan, scarf, bag, etc. Join us & learn some new stitches!

Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays in April & May from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 or 6-9 and Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for times & dates)

In this class you will learn all about the Nolting long arm quilting machines: loading, threading, quilting. I'll demonstrate how to load and thread, set stitch length, change tension, wind and load bobbins. Then I will load a practice quilt onto the machine and show how to do hand guided quilting. Each student will be given at least 15-20 minutes of practice time. (Each class is limited to 4 students). You will be able to do free hand quilting plus you can practice following a pantograph. Any quilter who wants to rent to machines must take this class first, regardless of whether you have experience on a long arm machine. This class is not designed to teach you everything there is to know about long arm quilting-it's just a start.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, Feb-Dec. 4-6 FREE

This year we are going to do the Great Pumpkin Quilt, a purchased pattern. It will start in February because we are still finishing last year's Holiday Houses in Janu ary. Starting in February we will work on the Great Pumpkin quilt. We will plan to do 2 blocks a month, and do the top banner section over two months. In class we will discuss use of color in the backgrounds and pumpkins. We will also discuss and learn various machine applique techniques to use on the blocks.



Nine patch Snowball Quilt Sue Frerich Sat July 28, 10:30-5 \$20 Learn how to the 9-patch block + snowball block turns squares into circles. We will teach the block in one size, but offer other sizes of blocks that are also suitable for 2 1/2" pre cut strips. If you need a quick western quilt, baby quilt, 30s reproduction quilt--this one makes up quickly. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: How to make the corners of snowballs to the 9-patch seams.

Spoon Quilting As scheduled Sandra Freeburg \$25

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).

Summer School Sessions Barb Boyer \$5 June 9 (Sat), 11 (Mon), July 9 (Mon), 14 (Sat), classes at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

We are holding refreshed classes, called Summer School, that last 1 hour each. At 1 p.m., we will teach how to put on borders; at 2 the class will be on half square triangles, including how to measure, how to cut, the math involved and how to square up; at 3 the class will be on quarter square triangles; and at 4 the class will be on flying geese, how to cut, sew and square. So if you need a refreshed on one or more of these techniques, each class is only \$5 and lasts 1 hour. The classes are scheduled on Mondays and Saturdays (generally the second Monday and Saturday from June through August). Class is demo only; you don't need to bring anything but yourself.

Window Squares Sat June 23, 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$20

Frame your square with a rainbow of colors, and a stripe border and you have a cute sunshiny quilt! You can add novelties in your squares, keep them low volume or make the polka dots. It's a quick & eacy quilt. We call it Window Squares, because the quilt is hanging in our front window! This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: piano key border.

Zig Zag Barb Boyer Sat June 30, 10:30-5 \$20

Using 1 2 1/2" strip set (you need 38 strips) plus fabrics for the sides, you can stitch this colorful quilt in an afternoon (especially if you have all your strips cut & ready to go). You can add borders or leave as is. This is another one of our summer fun quilts. Technique to learn: How to keep track of all the colors.

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 progra



mmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needleup/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.

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: Jan 1, Jan 31, March 1, March 31, April 29, May 29, June 28, July 27

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: whites & beiges; June brown; July Blue Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer Around the Block 307-433-9555 www.aroundtheblockquilts.com

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