

**Black Friday Sale &
Shop Small
Saturday Sale
Friday-Sunday,
Nov. 23-25**



**Draw your percentage off prize:
10%-40% off entire purchase
(only exclusion: Diaphanous fabric, sorry, too
new)**

**Plus we'll start out Christmas
fabric sale early: 20% all
Christmas**



November 23 2018

The news is brief this week.

Becca is busy guarding her Thanksgiving bones, so she doesn't have anything to say. If she opens her mouth, she'll lose her bone. And that's because, Cassidy, my other Australian Shepherd, believes that all bones belong to her.

Becca, on the other hand, believes all treats belong to her, even the crumbs. She's like a vacuum cleaner when it comes to treat crumbs. She cleans up after Cassidy all the time. And Cassidy doesn't care.

But bones are another story and Cassidy gets very proprietary about bones. So Wednesday night, Cassidy had her bone on one side of the living room, and Becca had hers between her paws while she hunkered down right next to me for protection by the couch. She didn't even chew loudly on her bone, lest Cassidy discover she was enjoying her bone too much and, therefore, would have to be relieved of it.

As for me, I guarded my turkey like Cassidy guarded her bone. Our Thanksgiving traditions of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberries out of a can, corn from a can, jello mold and pie have no real origin in the history of our country. These dishes, including turkey, don't really date back to the first Thanksgiving in 1621 with the Plymouth settlers and the Wampanoag. Turkey was probably served, but so was venison. Potatoes didn't exist and jello hadn't been invented yet. So that meal didn't really set any precedents. Suffice it to say, I think it just happened some time in this century and we may be the only country in the world that celebrates a day of rest and thanksgiving with, what usually is, a fairly cheap meat and casserole sides. If you prettify the Thanksgiving meal, it just isn't Thanksgiving.

So I hope yours was wonderful, that you had plenty of good things to eat, that your relatives didn't get into too many arguments, and that you took a walk after your meal -- because if you waited until today to take that walk, you'd have been blown away.

Happy post Thanksgiving.

Christmas Mystery Quilt 2018!

Here's how it will work: First piece of the pattern, pick up starting Monday, Nov. 26.
Second part: Monday Dec. 3
Third part: Monday Dec. 10
Last part: Monday Dec. 17

Quilt is designed in two different color ways: Blue & silver; and red & green.

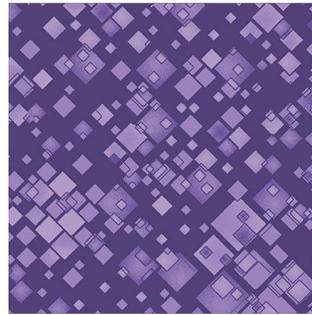
Quilt size is 64" X 76". Cost of the kit is \$80. Right now, the pattern will only be available if you buy a kit. However, if you want to try different colors from what I have kitted, I can help you choose the correct colors for the pattern. Just let me know.

WHAT'S NEW!!

From Benartex:



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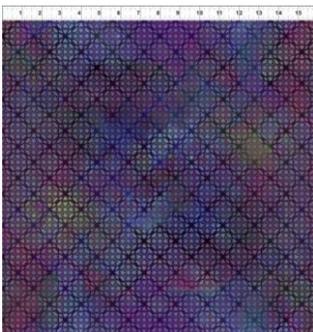
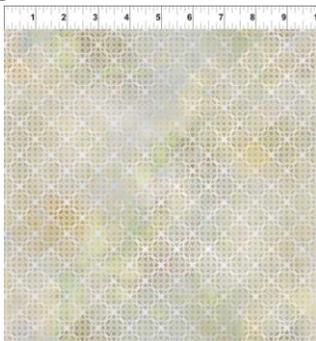


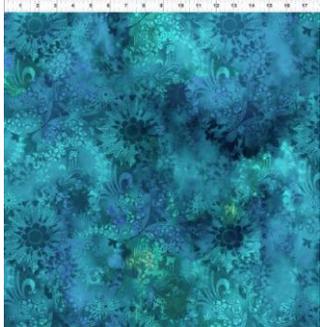
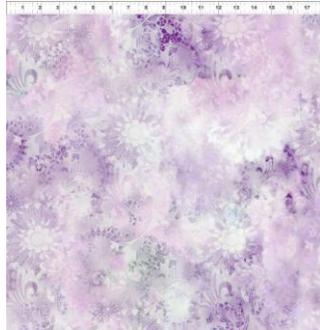
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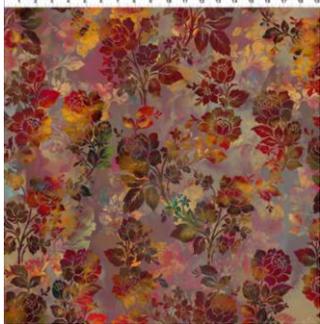
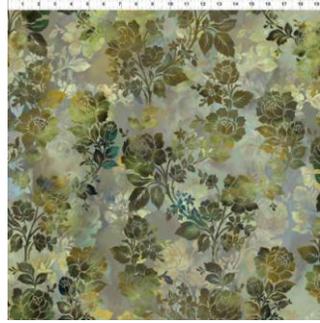
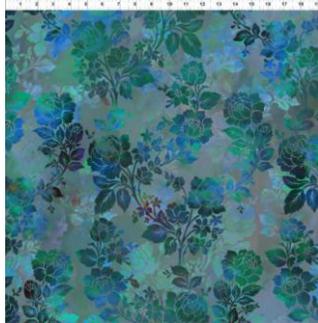


PANEL MEASURES APPROX 24" X 43"

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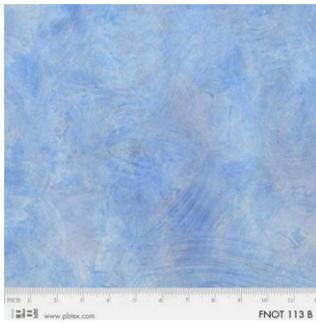




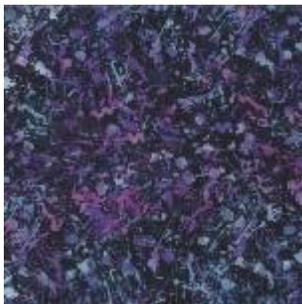


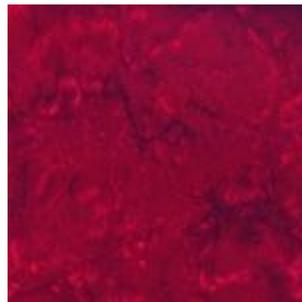
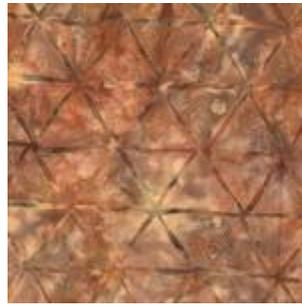
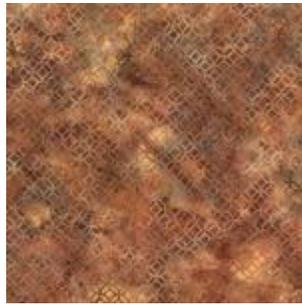
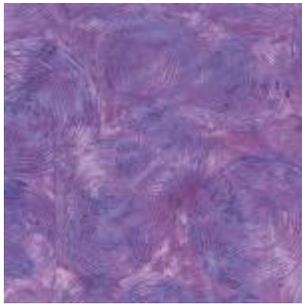


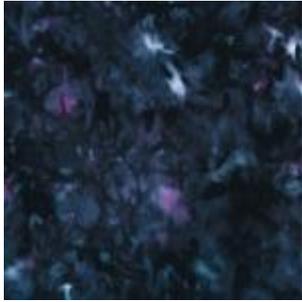
From P & B:



From Hoffman:







And 2 more, one light
& one dark

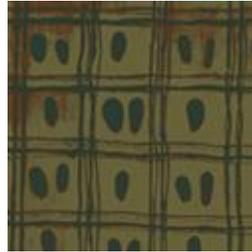
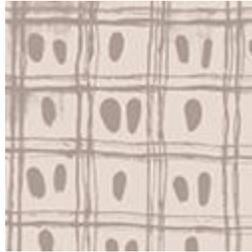
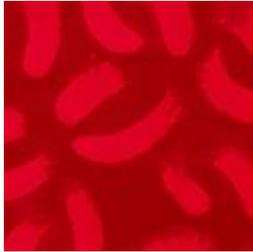
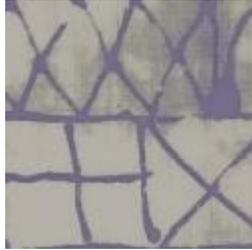
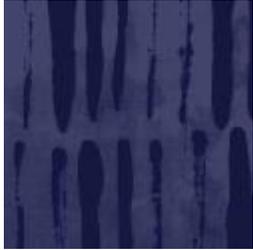
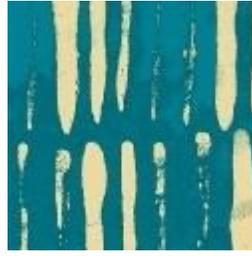
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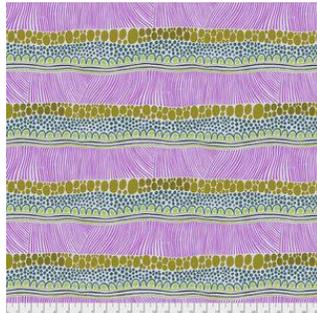
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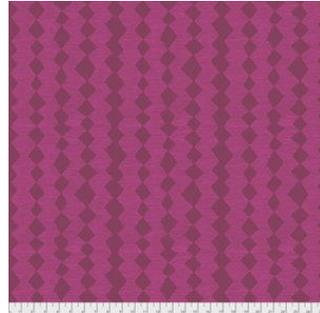
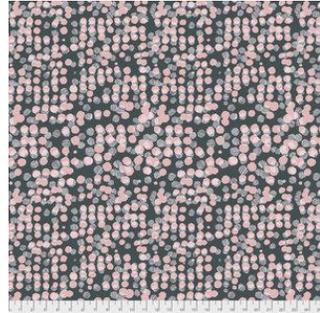


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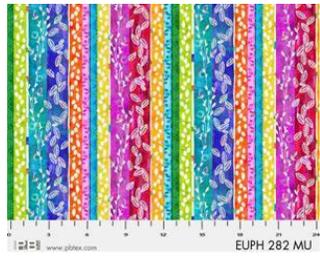


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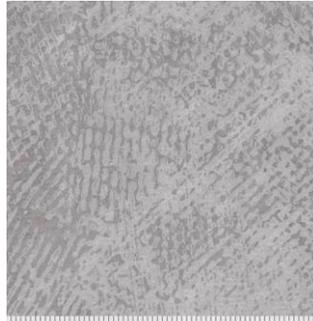


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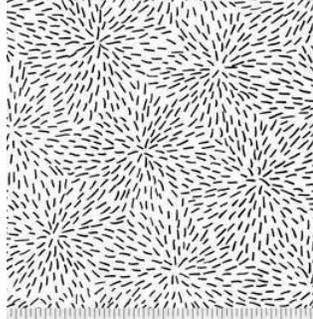
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From Benartex & RJR:



SECTION SHOWN MEASURES APPROX. 15" X 30"





From Hoffman:



From Northcott:



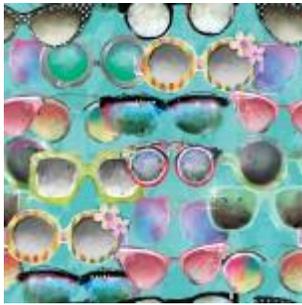
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From Henry Glass:

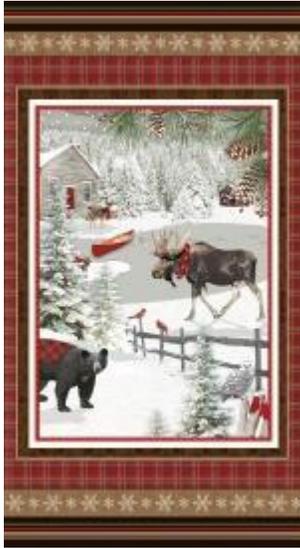


From 3 wishes:



yes we do have this one. It was misshelved and I thought we had sold it out.

From Henry Glass:



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.

November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Color of the month Red | | | | 1 Beginning Quilt 6-9 | 2 | 3 BOM 10:30 Baltimore Woods 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4-6 Binding 4-6 Finish Your Quilt Sale |
| 4 CLOSED | 5 Boston Commons 10:30-5 | 6 Long arm rental day | 7 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30 | 8 Origami Bags 1-4 Beginning Quilt 6-9 | 9 Machine applied binding 2-4 Long arm rental day | 10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Story Quilt 1-6 |
| 11 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 12 Hollow Cube 10:30-5 | 13 Long arm rental day | 14 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 15 Panels Are Fun! 1-6 | 16 Long arm rental day | 17 Diamonds in the Sky 10:30-5 |
| 18 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 19 | 20 Long arm rental day | 21 | 22 CLOSED | 23 Black Friday Sale Full | 24 Camden Bag 12-5 Shop Small |

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| | | | | | Moon | Business Sale |
| 25 Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 26 Boston Commons 10:30-5 | 27 Long arm rental day | 28 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30 | 29 Machine quilting 1-4 OR 6-9 | 30 Long arm rental day | |

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Color of the month Christmas | | | | | | 1 BOM 10:30 Baltimore Woods 1-4 Toy Bags 4-6 Finish Your Quilt Sale |
| 2 CLOSED | 3 Market Tote Bag 1-4 | 4 Christmas as Triangle Frenzy 1-4 Long arm rental day | 5 Machine Applique 1-4 OR 6-9 | 6 Origami Bags 10:30-1:30 Toy Bags 2-5 | 7 Long arm rental day | 8 Embroidery Club 10-noon Story Quilt 1-6 |
| 9 Panels Are Fun! 1-5 | 10 Hello Pouches 10:30-3 | 11 Long arm rental day | 12 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 13 Origami Bags 10:30-1:30 Toy Bags 2-5 | 14 Long arm rental day | 15 Hello Pouches Bags 1-5 |
| 16 Pillow Case Party 1-4 | 17 | 18 Long arm rental day | 19 Take 5 for Christmas 10:30-5 | 20 | 21 Long arm rental day | 22 Full Moon |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

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Baltimore Woods Block of the Month

1st Saturday of the month through Dec 1-4 \$25 Sue Frerich.

This Baltimore album inspired quilt features adorable woodland creatures including an owl, fox, deer, skunk and bear along with a modern take on some traditional Baltimore blocks. These blocks are fused and machine applique in place. We have the background fabric in stock-don't wait too long if you want it.



**Beginning Machine Applique Thurs Dec 5,
1-4 OR 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer**

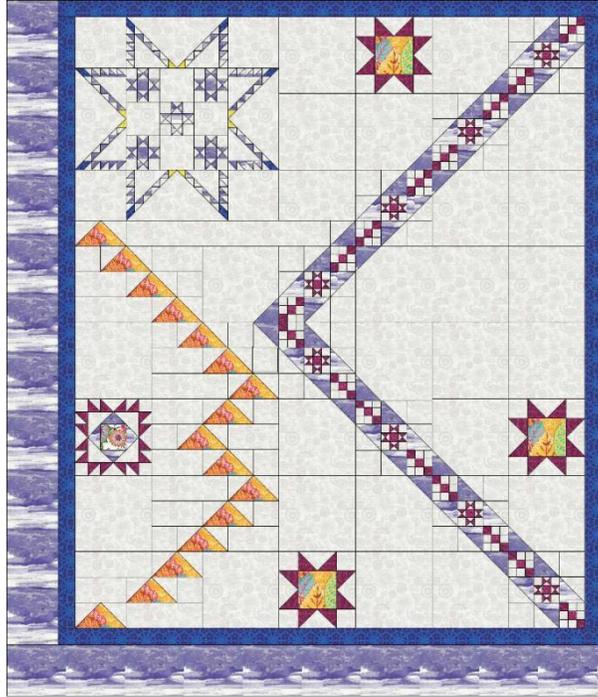
So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Beginning Machine Quilting Thurs Nov 29, 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!

**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.



Camden Bag Oct. 20 1-6 and Nov 24 12-5 Sue Frerich \$25 (two-session)

Bags and bags covered fusible-charming oval-pattern has two wide x 16" tall x x 9" deep. Sue to make this



and bags. Zigzag together fabric-batting strips for the sides of this bottom handmade bag. The sizes to choose from: Large 18" 12" deep Small 13" wide x 9" tall will walk you through the steps great bag!

**Christmas
runner Thur Dec 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

Make a Christmas table runner using the 60 degree triangle and a yard of fabric (border stripe). Or get a jump on the next holiday and make an Easter/spring table runner. Or make both!. These table runners are easy to cut & sew, and if you haven't made one yet it's time to add triangle sewing to you skill set.

Triangle Frenzy table

**Diamonds in the Sky Sat Nov 17
10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$25**

Diamonds in the Sky is a brilliant high contrast quilt. The diamonds are created using the Corner Beam™ ruler. You can use bright fat quarters for the stars, or scraps that are 6" wide. Sue will walk you through the cutting, using this amazing tool-which will make for quick & easy piecing.



**Hand Applique/Back Basting TBA Sandra Freeburg, 10-noon \$25
or call for dates**

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 quilt.

**Hand Quilting Oct. 17, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$25 Watch the
calendar or call for other dates**

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.

Hello Pouches Mon Dec 10 10:30-3 OR Sat Dec 15 1-5 Sue Frerich \$20

Bags and bags and bags. This little zippered pouch has clear vinyl on the top for a see-through look and a quilted base for stability. With the see-through vinyl top you can say "hello" to all your treasured trinkets. Pattern includes instructions to make all four sizes.



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. We are discussing trying to do a group project-meaning everyone does the same pattern. Each month we will learn a different pattern, make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one project-afghan, scarf, bag, etc.

Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 or 6-8:30 Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for specific 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.

Market Tote Bag Dec 3 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

Bags and bags and bags. This bag is layered, made from fat quarters. It's simple (if I'm teaching a bag, it's gotta be simple), strong, and you'll want to make several so you can take them the grocery store. I need to be more eco conscious and I plan to make several to keep in my car so that I have no excuses.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, 4-6

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 January. 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.

**One Block Wonder Panel Quilt
Start preparing
now! Sue Frerich**

For all of you who missed the class before, you don't want to miss this class-we will

in for everyone who has taken the class. So, get your quilts done so we can display them at the store, schedule in January for the next class and we will schedule a reunion and start choosing your One Block Wonder Panel Quilt.



panels for your next

Origami Bags Nov. 8 OR Dec. 6 OR Dec 13 Barb Boyer \$20

Bags and bags and bags. The origami bag is a folded bag with a draw string closure. It has pockets on the front and can be embellished with buttons for closures. The bag is the perfect size for carrying your sock knitting, embroidery projects, wallet, book, cosmetics, you name it. It's a perfect little gift bag.

Panels are Fun! Thur Nov.15 OR Dec 9 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

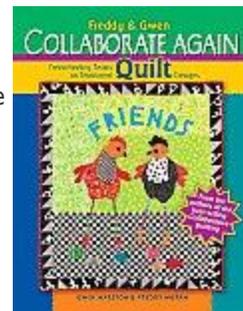
Panels are tricky because they are not always straight. But there are wonderful ways to use panels in very creative ways. In class, we will sew a Christmas panel by putting on simple borders and then I'll show you how to light it up-put twinkly lights in it. We will also explore other ways to use panels, so bring any other panel you have and we'll discuss how you can turn your panels into a quilt or wall hanging.

Pillow Case Party Sun. Dec. 16 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!

**Pot luck 2nd Sat/month 1-6 Ginger Newman \$25
or two for the price of 1(bring a friend)**

Collaborate with a friend and discover true freedom to create your own quilt that is beautifully unique. You and your friend will collaborate on the colors, blocks and settings for your quilts. You will share blocks, share fabric and share ideas. But you will make and design your own quilt. The blocks are taken from Gwen Marston and Freddy Moran's Collaborative Quilting books. Each month we will teach a new block, plan a new row, try a new design.



It's collaborative and you will have a quilt with its own unique voice and story to tell. This is the first in a series of freeform/collaborative quilts we want to pursue this fall and spring. Join the fun and let your imagination run wild.

Spoon Quilting TBA Sandra Freeburg \$25 Watch the calendar or call for dates

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).

Take 5 Quilt, Wed Dec 19 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20

In 5 minutes you can find 5 fabrics and in 5 hours you will have a quilt. You can do it, but most people take a little longer. This is a quick & easy quilt. It's great for a kid's quilt, a dorm quilt, or just a quilt to showcase big and bold prints. Come sew all and see how far you get!



Toy Bags Sat Dec 1, 4-6 OR Thurs. Dec 6, 2-5 OR Thurs Dec 13 2-5 Ginger Newman \$20

Bags and bags and bags. Make these reusable toy/gift bags for quick wrapped presents. You can make them any size, even large enough to fit a quilt! These are fast sewn, quickly done, so you can make bunches for Christmas.

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.

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. 24, Oct. 24, Nov. 23, Dec. 23

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

September orange, October Halloween, November red, December Christmas

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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