



September 7, 2018

Becca asked me the other day if I was getting a security system installed at the house.

"I already have one," I told her. "You."

"That's not funny," she growled.

"Of course it is. Why else do you bark all day long. That's why I got you. You're a first alert system."

"No, you got me because you fell in love with me the first time you laid eyes on me."

Actually, Becca was not the mini Australian Shepherd I had in mind. I wanted a friendly, independent, confident, quiet Aussie. Becca is the exact opposite. But I got her because I didn't want her to go to a family that didn't understand her temperament. But I didn't tell her that.

"Okay, we'll go with that," I said. She looked at me curiously, but before she could think up a smart reply, I said, "Actually my first choice for a security system was a peacock."

"We're not getting a bird," Becca growled. She's been a bit irritated lately. I think it's the smoke.

"Why not? As a security system, they're great. They have a horribly terrific loud call. They'd scare anything away."

"Yeah, but the first time the bird wanders off and starts screeching in a

neighbor's window, they won't post friendly notices like 'if you lost a turkey, he is walking around 3984 Everest Lane.' Smiley face smiley face. Instead, they'll post, 'If you don't come get your....'" "Becca...!!" I said warningly.

".....screaming peacock off my lawn, I'll sue your ..." "Becca!" ".....ass."

Sometimes, she just doesn't take my warnings. I apologize.

"Well, just think if the bird decides to multiply and divide. Pretty soon you'll have a pack of them wandering around."

"Becca, birds just don't magically reproduce on their own. I'd have to get a peacock and a peafowl for that to happen."

"Yeah, and if you do that, I understand that the mating call of the peacocks is tremendously loud and obnoxious. They even pretend to be mating even when they're not, just to attract the females. The neighbors are going to love that." She's right about that. These birds don't have the most alluring mating sounds and they fake it more often than not.

"Besides," she went on, "if they do multiply to the point of being a herd..."

"It's called a muster, by the way," I said. "...they could go feral and start attacking cars." I don't know how she knows this stuff. I unplugged her tv weeks ago.

But actually, she's right about this, too. In Surrey, British Columbia, a guy started raising peacocks and then he moved out of the neighborhood, without taking his peacocks with him. The muster of peacocks now numbers about 150. The noise was one thing, the disruption to daily life was something else. One family lost the use of their front door when some of the peacocks started nesting there. More recently, the birds have started attacking cars. Apparently, the newer cars are shinier and the peacocks can see their reflection and they start attacking. I can just see the next Farmer's Insurance commercial about a peacock pecked car.

"And do you have any idea what a mess the birds will make? They're not little, you know. And what will you do with them in the winter? I'm not sharing my dog house with a bird."

"You don't even use your dog house." "Yes I do," "No you don't," "Yes I do"

"No...." I gave up.

"What you need," she continued, "is one of those door bell ringing alert systems so if someone tries to steal a package off the front stoop, you'll be alerted and can tell them you'll sic me on them if they don't leave."

"Becca, I don't have anything sent to my house anymore because UPS, Fed Ex and the postal service all leave the packages in weird places. No one can steal them because no one can find them."

Which is true. I've had Christmas packages that I didn't find for 3 weeks - after Christmas. One package, a white mailer envelope, was delivered in a

snow storm and left under a cement block. You know what it's like in December - dark after 4:30. Put about 6 inches of snow on top of the white cement block and even two months later you'd be lucky to find the package. And I know the mail deliverer was just thinking he was doing me a favor by putting it under the cement block so it wouldn't blow away - in the snow storm, after dark. There's thinking and then there's thinking.

"What I could do, though," I told her, "is set up a camera to keep an eye on you all day long," I told her.

"And if you see I'm being good, I get treats? Just like in China?"

Stay tuned for part 2, next week.

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## WHAT'S NEW!!

From 3 wishes:

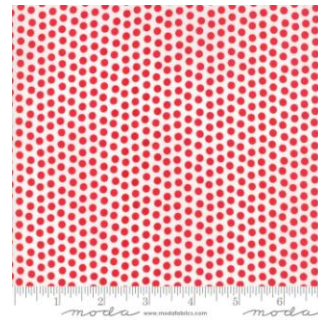
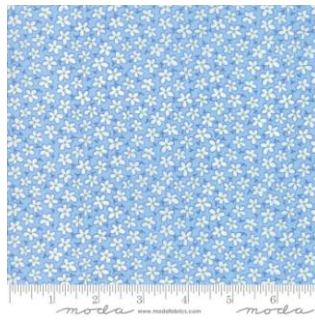
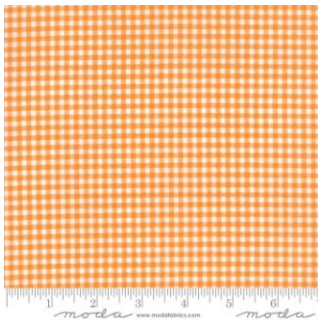


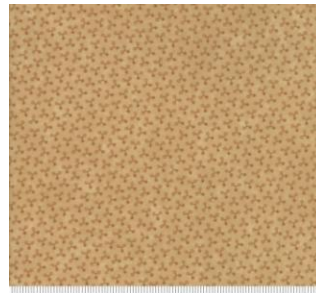
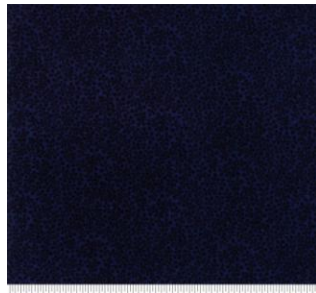


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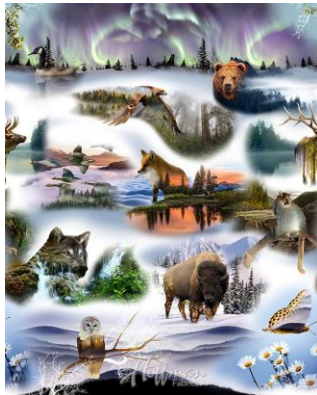


From Moda:





From Hoffman:



From Northcott:

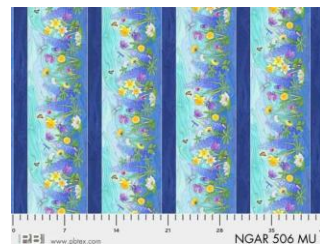
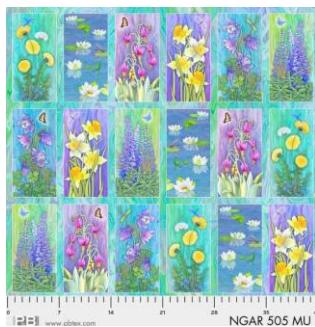


From Henry Glass:





From P&B (digital)





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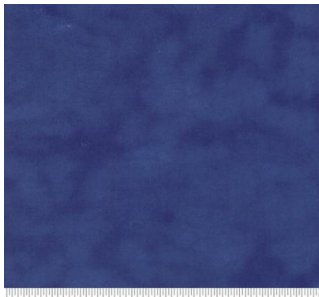


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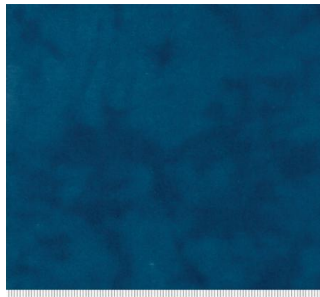
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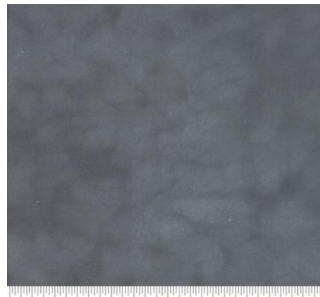




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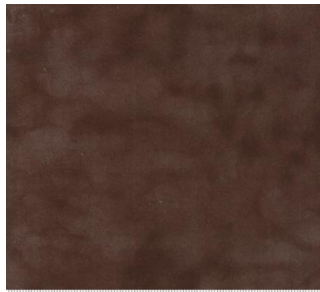
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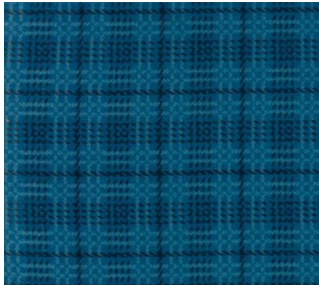
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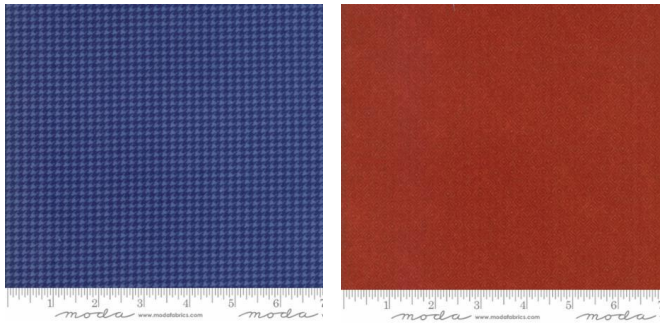
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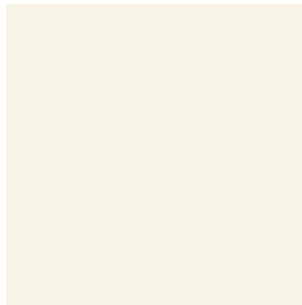
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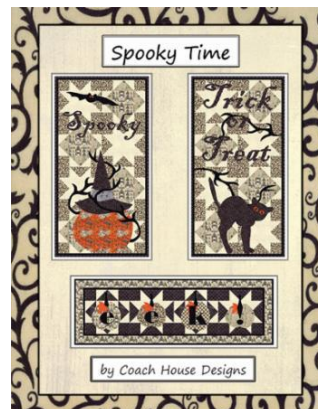
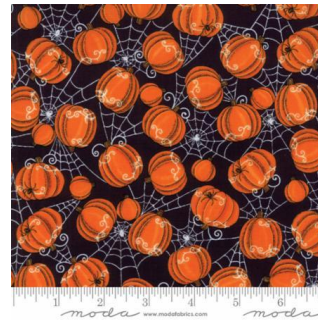
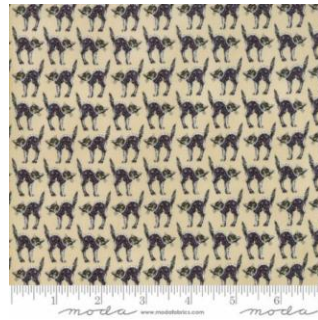
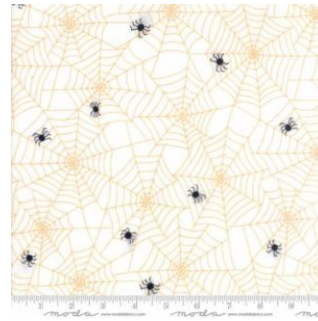


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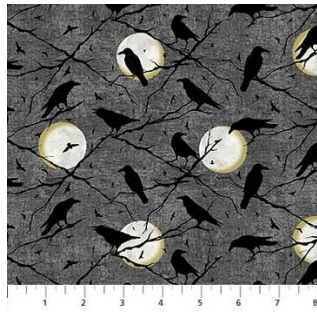
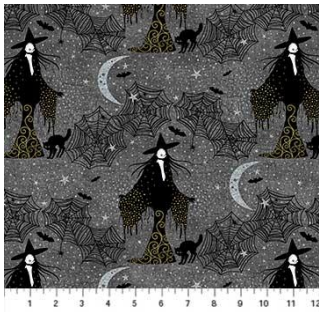




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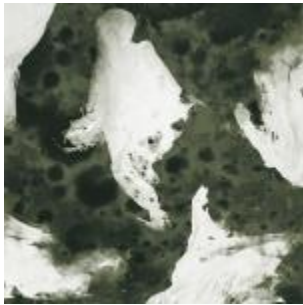
From Northcott:



From Hoffman:



From Blank:



These 3 (ghosts,  
spiders & long panel)  
are glow in the dark



## 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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**September**

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| 2<br><b>CLOSED</b>        | 3<br><b>T-Shirt 10:30-5</b>            | Long arm rental day 4     | 5<br><b>Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30</b>              | 6                         | 7<br>Long arm rental day  | 8<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br><b>Victoria 1-6</b>   |
| 9                         | 10                                     | 11<br>Long arm rental day | 12   | 13                        | 14<br>Long arm rental day | 15<br><b>Daydreams 1-6</b>  |
| 16                        | 17                                     | 18<br>Long arm rental day | 19<br>Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30 | 20<br>Beginning Quilt 6-9 | 21<br>Long arm rental day | 22<br><b>Frankie quilt 10:30-5</b>  |
| 23<br>Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 24<br><b>T-Shirt 10:30-5 Full Moon</b> | 25<br>Long arm rental day | 26<br>Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 OR 6-9     | 27<br>Beginning Quilt 6-9 | 28<br>Long arm rental day | 29<br><b>Hummingbird quilt 10:30-5</b>  |
| 30                        |  |                           |  |                           |                           | Color of the month<br>Orange  |

October

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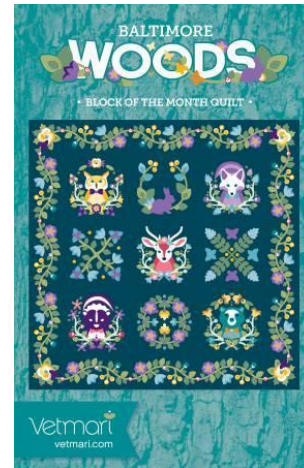
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| 7<br><b>CLOSED</b>        | 8<br><b>T-Shirt 10:30-5</b>          | 9<br>Long arm rental day  | 10<br>Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30<br><br>Back Basting 10-noon<br><br>Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30 | 11<br><b>Zippered Pouches 10-1</b> Beginning Quilt 6-9 | 12<br>Long arm rental day | 13<br>Embroidery Club 10-noon<br><b>Story Quilt 1-6</b>                |
| 14<br>Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 15<br><b>Halloween Candy Bag 1-5</b> | 16<br>Long arm rental day | 17<br>Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30<br><br>Hand Quilting 10-noon                                 | 18<br>Beginning Quilt 6-9                              | 19<br>Long arm rental day | 20<br><b>Zippered Pouches 10-1 Camden Bag 1-6</b>                      |
| 21<br>Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 22                                   | 23<br>Long arm rental day | 24<br>Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9 Full moon  | 25<br>Beginning Quilt 6-9                              | 26<br>Long arm rental day | 27<br><b>Nutcracker 10:30-5</b>  |
| 28<br>Beginning Quilt 1-4 | 29<br><b>T-Shirt 10:30-5</b>         | 30<br>Long arm rental day | 31  |  |                           | Color of the month Halloween   |

**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 appliqued 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!

**Beginning Quilting Thurs. starting Sept 20 6-9 OR Sun Sept 23 1-4 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer**

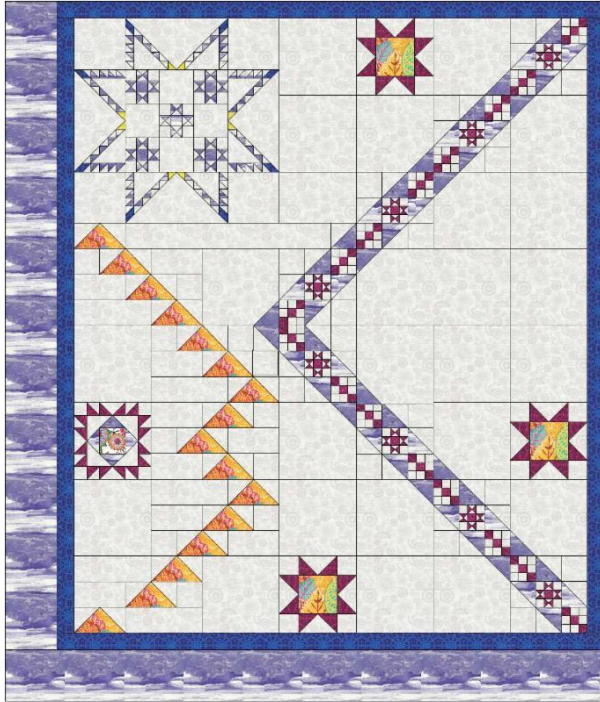
This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

**Binding Nov. 3 4-6 Jo Sunderman \$10**

Jo teaches you how to accurately cut you bindings, whether bias, cross or straight-and she'll explain the difference and when to use which one. She'll demonstrate the cutting, the sewing, the joining (so easy) and the hand stitching part. She makes bindings so easy peasy you'll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

**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.



**Nov.  
\$20**

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world  
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quilt,  
uses  
done  
or  
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if you are interested let me know. The book is hard to get. BTW, Sue's colors are pretty lavenders. Come in to see the quilt.

**Boston Commons Sat  
5, 10:30-5 Sue Frerich**

traditional quilt is a cross between a trip around the and a .... well, trip around world. Instead of a square this quilt is rectangular. It 2 1/2" strips and can be in a limited pallet of colors entirely scrappy. We should getting about 4 books in, so

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

Bags and bags and bags. Zigzag together fabric-covered fusible-batting strips for the sides of this charming oval-bottom handmade bag. The pattern has two sizes to choose from: Large 18" wide x 16" tall x 12" deep Small 13" wide x 9" tall x 9" deep. Sue will walk you through the steps to make this great bag!



**Christmas Triangle Frenzy table runner Thur Oct 4  
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 spring and make a bright, flower/bird/camping table runner that you can put out in January to brighten up your room. Or make both!. These table runners are easy to cut & sew, and if you haven't made one yet it's's time to add triangle sewing to you skill set.



**Daydreams  
6 Sue Frerich**

This is a brightly quilt. The fabrics are Moda. We have kits is choose your



**Quilt, Saturday Sept. 15 1-  
\$20**

colored, simple to sew beautiful digitals, called Gradients, from already cut so all you need to do sashing, cut & sew!

**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.



**Frankie Sat Sept 22, 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20**

Actually, the pattern has a different names, but the quilt is all Frankie. We have the applique part (Frankenstein) already enlarged & ready for tracing. We've done things a little differently (simplified the pattern) and added a little purple to our black & white Frankie quilt. Start now & you'll have it done by Halloween. And to help you out, we already have Frankie enlarged for you.



**Halloween Candy Bags Oct. 15, 2-5 Jean Korber  
\$20**

Bags and bags and bags. This bag is double strength to handle all the candy from trick or treating. It has a neat draw string top and can be made with fat quarters (plus 1/4 yard for the top). You can also change the size of the bag and turn it into a gift bag, a bag to hold a quilt, or even a Ho Ho Ho bag (laundry bag that you stuff all your dirty clothes in to take home during Christmas break so your mom can wash everything for you. Okay, that was me, a long time ago).

**Halloween Triangle Frenzy table runner Thur Oct 4 1-4 Barb  
Boyer \$20**

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**Hand Applique/Back Basting TBA Sandra Freeburg Oct. 10, 10-  
noon\$25 or call for other 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 applique. 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 1-5 Sue Frerich \$20**

Bags and bags and bags. clear vinyl on the top for a base for stability. With the say "hello" to all your includes instructions to make



**10 10:30-3 OR Sat Dec 15**

This little zippered pouch has see-through look and a quilted see-through vinyl top you can treasured trinkets. Pattern all four sizes.

**Hollow Cube Nov. 12 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$25**

This is a technique quilt with careful color placement to create a 3 dimensional look. If you went to the quilt show, you saw this quilt hanging. The beauty of this technique is there are no inset seams! This quilt is for confident beginners and up. Sue will teach you how to select your fabrics to create a dazzling 3-D design.



**Hummingbird Quilt, Saturday Sept**

**29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20**

You can make this quilt using any size "pillow" panel for the central blocks. You can even use rectangles. In class you will learn how to adapt the quilt block to make it your own. We will also explore luminosity in quilts (essentially creating a 3-d effect through color choice). If you are interested in the hummingbird fabric (and don't already own it) I should be getting another bolt in (keep your fingers crossed).

**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.

**Machine Applied Binding Fri. Nov. 9 2-4 \$20 Jean Korber**

Jean will teach 2 different machine applied bindings. One style uses cording to help keep the binding straight & true. The other uses a flange, for a two-toned binding. Putting binding on by machine cuts your time more than in half-and by using cording, you can have a perfectly applied binding with no messy "oops" where your stitching just didn't quite catch the binding on the back side.

**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 to 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. Start



ing 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.

**Nutcracker paper pieced wall hanging Oct. 27 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$20**

There are 12 different nutcrackers in this series (we only have a few of them in-I keep looking for more). The nutcrackers are paper pieced and then embellished with beads, rickrack, lame, satin-almost anything you want. The pieces are small, so the project is challenging. But you can do it! It may not be a "first" paper piecing project, but if you are familiar with paper piecing, you won't have any trouble. e



**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

run 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 button 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.

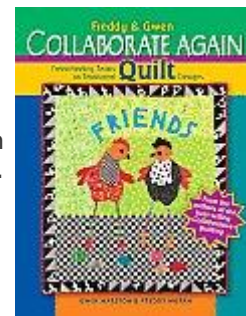
**Pillow Case Party Sun. Dec. 16 1-4 FREE**

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.

**T-Shirt Quilt Sept 3, 24; Oct. 8 & 29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20**



Learn to design your own t-shirt quilt. The class consists of 2 parts: getting the t-shirts ready and designing your quilt top. In the first class we get the shirts ready for stitching. How many shirts? Your choice, but 10-20 will work. The second class is designing and that's where I help. There are 4 session

**Victoria Sept 8, 1-6 Jo Sunderman \$20** s, but you will only need to come to 2. Which 2? Either the Sept classes or the Oct classes.

If you're not familiar with Jo's designs, Victoria is a stunning example showcasing her easy to trace, easy to cut & easy to fuse applique. Jo has many other patterns, so if you want to substitute the Indian Paint Brush (Cody) for the irises (Victoria), you can.

Jo's quilts use a fun background print, so don't be afraid to stretch your color sense. We also have a couple of kits using the same fabric as Victoria, if you're interested.

### **Zippered Pouches**

**Oct. 11 10-1 OR Sat Oct 20 10-1 Sue Frerich \$20**

Bags and bags and bags. This little zippered pouch is useful for all sorts of

things: English paper piecing projects, embroidery, wool applique, and for non quilters, everything you've ever wanted to stuff into a cute bag. And it comes in different sizes! This class will teach how to add zippers, something some of us haven't done since 7th grade.



## **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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**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. 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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