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Sale**



**Friday, Dec 27 3-7 for
Toad Toters only
Saturday Dec 28 10-5
for everyone**

**40% off everything on the sales floor,
including books, patterns, notions, and,
of course, fabric. Only exception:
\$5/yard fabric stays at \$5.**



December 24, 2019

Becca came in the house with a smirk on her face.

"What do you call an elf who sings? A Wrapper! How do sheep say "Merry Christmas?" Fleece Navidad! What do angry..."

"Becca, whoa, wait a minute." She cocked her head at me, opened her mouth and said,

"...mice send each other in December? Cross mouse cards!" She started laughing until she reversed sneezed. And then started laughing all over again.

"Becca, you're supposed to let me try to guess the answer before you deliver the punch line. And where did you find these really bad jokes...Ah...never mind. The internet. You must have gotten service back in your dog house.

How did you do that? I still don't have wifi in the house...." But Becca wasn't listening to me, fortunately. I really didn't want to know the answer to that.

"What comes at the end of Christmas Day? The letter Y!" She started snorting again.

"Wait a minute," I said. "You've been talking to Dale...but how did you get his phone...I don't want to know. I just don't want to know."

Becca and Cassidy got their Christmas present early this morning, and she has been feasting on soup bones all day. It's not exactly cat nip for dogs, but I think she sucks in so much air that it forms bubbles and goes straight to her head.

"The Brits are really weird," she said coming off the floor after her latest giggling burst. "They don't say Merry Christmas, they say Happy Christmas. And they have these toys called Christmas Crackers which you're supposed to pull at both ends and it makes a loud pop, like a firecracker, only it's not the 4th of July it's Christmas. Do the Brits celebrate the 4th of July? They could save some of these for pulling. And there is a prize in the middle and jokes and..."

"Becca," I interrupted. "You've been watching Harry Potter movies, haven't you." She looked a little sheepish. "And, no the Brits don't celebrate the 4th of July."

"Why not? It's warmer in July than at Christmas." She's got a point, but I didn't want to get into the whole revolutionary war thing with her. She really likes the Harry Potter movies, the Queen of course, and A Christmas Carol. Better to distract her then disillusion her.

"Did you know that at Christmas time, the British like to go to Pantomimes or Pantos, which are slap stick comedies for the whole family. They take a fairy tale, like Cinderella, but add other characters, like villains or bears."

"Or cats? Cats make great villains," she said.

I cautiously agreed and told her about the Panto I saw in London. It was Cinderella and had a bear in it. The mean stepfather and the two stepsisters were going to the ball and their car broke down. As dad was trying to fix the tire, a bear came out of the woods. The audience, mainly the kids, screamed, "There's a bear behind you!" And of course, when dad looked around, the bear just followed around behind him, so dad never saw anything. He'd look at the audience and ask them what was wrong, and they'd start screaming "Look behind you." Finally dad & bear would find each other, scare each other and one of the two would run off.

"What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?," Becca said, clearly not distracted. Claustrophobic! What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!" A joke that clearly depends upon comma

placement.

"Becca!" I said. "Enough with the bad jokes. Did you know that the British say Father Christmas and not Santa Claus or that they hang their stockings on the bedposts and not the fireplace?"

"Who cares," she said, "and what's a bedpost?" But she didn't give me time to answer because she said, "Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho, ho, ho!"

"Okay, that's enough. I think you've been lapping into the rum punch. It's time to watch White Christmas with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Allen. You like that movie. Go get Cassidy and you two can curl up on the dog bed."

Becca ran off to find Cassidy and I got the movie ready.

I hope your Christmas Eve and Christmas day are happy and merry. That your stockings are filled wherever you hang them, and St. Nick comes down your chimney.

"Wait wait," said Becca, running back in with Cassidy in tow. "How did Mrs. Claus tell Santa the weather? It looks like rain, dear!"

"Becca!"

"What happened to the thief who stole an advent calendar? He got 25 days!"

Merry Christmas!

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

December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2	3 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	4 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	5 Dragon Quilt 10:30-4	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7 BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Long Arm Rental Day 3-6

8	9 Intro to Wool Applique: Ornaments 1-4	10 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	11 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	12 Christmas Stockings 10:30-4 Full Moon	13 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy 1-6
15 Traditional Binding 1-4	16	17 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	18 Credit Card Holders 1-4	19	20 Long Arm Rental Day	21
22 AccuCut 1-4	23	24 Closed at 3	25 Closed Christmas	26	27 SALE	28 SALE
29 CLOSED	30	31 Closed at 3	Color of the month: Christmas			

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Closed	2	3 Long Arm Rental Day	4 BOM 10:30
5 Closed	6	7 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	8 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	9	10 Long Arm Rental Day Full Moon	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Embroidery Club 10-noon How to Use Strips: Zig Zag noon-6
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

		Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	Hand Quilting 10-noon	Beginning Quilt 6-9	Long Arm Rental Day	BJ Designs 10:30-5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Beginning Quilt 1-4	How to Use Strips: Jelly Roll Race 10:30-4 M L King Day	Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	Beginning Quilt 6-9	Long Arm Rental Day	Working with Rulers: No Math Flying Geese 10:30-4
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Beginning Quilt 1-4	English English Paper Piecing: Dresden Plate 2-4	Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day		Beginning Quilt 6-9	Long Arm Rental Day	Color of the month: Purple

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. Not all quilts have pictures, but most will have samples hanging in the shop.

Ongoing Classes & Clubs

AccuCut Rental Feb 1-4, April 1-4, most Thursdays 1-4 check calendar to be sure
\$10/30 minutes

We have an industrial size AccuCut cutter with several dies: strips, squares, triangles, rectangles. Sign up for time of the AccuCutter to change your stash into usable strips, squares, rectangles and triangles. We will rent to machine in ½ hour intervals (you can get a lot cut in ½ hour). Be sure to check which dies we have before you come in.

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 the challenge is to use polka dot fabric in each block. The quilt will be whimsical, and will lend itself to bright colors, stripes, stars, and dots. To start you off we will give you a fat quarter that you must use in your blocks (at least in some of them). But...if you don't like the fat quarter or dots, you can choose any color scheme you like.

Dresden Plate, English Paper Piecing last Monday of each month, 2-4 Barb Boyer \$20 (one time fee)

We will teach the basics of English Paper Piecing, the simple & easy way to hand piece. 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 **Dresden Plate** **This is the pattern we're doing this year.**

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. We are still doing the Gardner's Alphabet Quilt Block of the Month by Crabapple Hill. We will explore a variety of embroidery stitches for each block each block (2 letters per month), plus we will learn how to color with regular crayons to enhance the 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 are also looking at new patterns, for those you do not want to do the Alphabet quilt or who have finished those blocks.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 3-7 Carol Moler

We are changing up the Knit Pickers' Club. We're going to knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, and we'll start earlier in the day at 3. For those you who work, we'll still be knitting >till 7. 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 work on some felting projects, fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. And we're experimenting with group projects meaning we will demonstrate a particular project (fingerless mitts, cables, stranded work, charts) and then everyone does the same pattern. Each month (or so) we will switch to a new project.

Long Arm Quilting Classes **Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30** 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.

January classes

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Jan 19 or Thur Jan 16.

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.

BJ Designs Quilt \$25 Jan 18, 10:30-5 Barb Boyer

You can do any of the designs from BJ: Randolph Reindeer, Morley Moose, Dakota (horse), Sarge (German Shepard) and many others. These are wall hangings made in a collage style. Lessons learned include machine applique, working with fusible webbing, and color color color!

Hand Quilting Wed Jan 15, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$30

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 Quilt Mon Jan 20, 10:30-4 \$25 (The second of our precut quilt series)

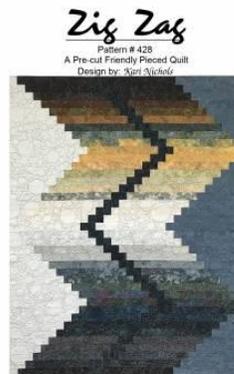
On your mark, get set, SEW! Okay, you don't have to race, but this is another class where you can get the inside of the quilt finished in a day. (Some people can do it in an hour. I looked it up.) All you need is 42 2½" strips. We have Jelly Rolls, Tonga Treats and Bali Pops if you don't want to cut your own strips. If you do want to cut your own strips, you can use the AccuCutter and your scraps. Skills learned include how to sew straight (again, I'm not joking), piecing on the diagonal (without drawing your lines) and being brave to let the colors fall where they may. This is another quilt that is perfect for that project that needs to be done yesterday.

No Math Flying Geese Quilt \$25 Barb Boyer Jan 25, 10:30-4 (The first of our "working with rulers" class)

Master the No Math Flying Goose ruler! There are many rulers to help make accurate flying geese, but this is my favorite. It has 12 different sizes of geese to choose from. You can make any size you want. The sample shown uses the largest flying geese, which makes a bed size quilt sew up very quickly.



Zig Zag Quilt Sat Jan 11, 1-6 \$25 Sue Frerich (The first of our precut quilt series)



February Classes

Bermuda Sunset Sat Feb 15, 10:30-5 10:30-5 \$25 Sue Frerich

Mountain Peak
Creations
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It may look like it's just squares and half square triangles -- and it is. But the true joy of this quilt is in its colors. Learn color placement from Sue to achieve a beautiful cascading sunset colored quilt! You can use subtle morning colors to turn your quilt into a Bermuda Sunrise, or working with deep yellows, oranges & reds for a sunset version.



**Circular Motion Sat Feb 22, 10:30-4 Sue Frerich \$25
(The third of our "working with rulers" class)**

This quilt uses a 2 Peaks in 1 Triangle ruler, and it creates a triangle in a square block, which when placed with other blocks form a circular pattern. The ruler is very versatile, allowing you to create a number of different triangle blocks in a variety of sizes.

**Drunkard's Path Quilt Sat Feb 1, 1-6 \$25 Barb Boyer
(The second of our "working with rulers" class)**

Drunkard's Path is a classic pattern, offering many design/setting choices. Back Porch Designs makes great, easy to use plastic templates that create easy to sew by machine curves. You can choose between the traditional set or a "rainbow" set that employs an additional curved piece.



**Hand Applique/Back Basting Wed Feb 19, 10-noon Sandra
Freeburg \$30**

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!

Strip Stacks Sat. Feb 8, noon-6 \$25 Sue Frerich (The third of our precut quilt series)

Use 2 1/2" precut strips (or cut your own using our AccuCutter-must be done prior to class) and yardage for background to create a quilt, colorful quilt. This is an easy beginner quilt, but you do need to know how to use a rotary cutter and it will give you a lot of practice with your quarter inch seam. But it's not just for beginners-if you need to make a graduation quilt and want a day to get away and just sew, this is the perfect class for you.



Summer Swag Quilt Sat. Feb 29 10:30-5 \$25 Jean Korber (Another of our "working with

rulers" series + 2 ½" pre cut strips)

This quilt is another Krista Moser quilt, no template piecing. If you did FanFaire, you can use the same ruler. And it uses precut 2 ½" strips! The pattern shows you how to combine strip piecing with diamond star cuts to create a magical three dimensional effect. The pieces are large and uncomplicated, which means in no time you will have a wonderful "summertime" quilt.



T-Shirt Quilt Mon Feb 17 10:30-4 \$25 Barb Boyer

T-shirt quilts are popular and easy to make - but with a little coaching from Barb it will make that graduation gift a snap to make. She will also help you design the quilt (especially helpful when you have different sized t-shirts), choose sashing colors if needed, and pick borders to make your quilt unique.

Wool Ornaments Wed Feb 12 10-1 \$25 Barb Boyer

Each month we will make a different wool ornament. Not all ornaments will be displayed prior to class. Some will be kitted, others you will need to buy supplies. Lessons learned will include how to use fusible web with wool, whip or tack stitches, blanket stitch, and various other embroidery stitches.



March Classes

Beginning Machine Applique Thurs March 26 1-4 \$30 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 March 19, 1-4 \$30 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!

Design Challenge: Using 2 ½" Strips Sat March 21, 10:30-4 \$25 Sue Frerich (Another of our precut quilt series)

Sue will teach you the basic block. The challenge is how to set your blocks together. For those of you who have the EQ program on a laptop computer, you can bring your computer to class and Barb will help you design the block in the program and show you how rearrange blocks in the quilt. For those of you who do not have the program, there will be some limited time for students to work on Barb's computer to design your quilt.

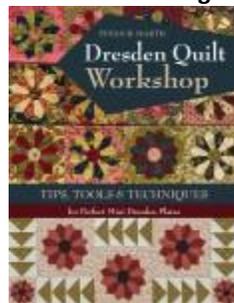
Hand Piecing Dresden Plates Wed March 18 10-noon \$30 Sandra Freeburg

Everyone who quilts needs to learn to hand piece. Sometimes we need to have small portable projects to take with us in the car, to doctor appointments, and sometimes, just for relaxing stress free quilting. Learn to hand piece with traditional methods. There are many patterns that are so difficult to piece by machine, but are beautiful when done by hand. This spring, in keeping with our "Dresden Plate" theme, Sandra will teach hand piecing using the Dresden Plate pattern.



Mini Dresden Plates Sat March 28, 10:30-41 \$25 Barb Boyer (Another of our "working with rulers" class)

This class will teach you how to use a small and a mini Dresden Plate template to make little Dresden Plate blocks. You can choose how you want to use your little Dresden Plates: Big quilt, wall hanging, tea towel, tote bag. We will have suggestions to help you decide, or you can simply chose a project from the book. Book and templates are required.



Wool Ornaments Wed Mar 25 10-1 \$25 Barb Boyer

Each month we will make a different wool ornament. Not all ornaments will be displayed prior to class. Some will be kitted, others you will need to buy supplies. Lessons learned will include how to use fusible web with wool, whip or tack stitches, blanket stitch, and various other embroidery stitches.



Wyoming Bear's Paw Sat March 7 & 14 1-6 \$25 Barb Boyer

This iconic block is an over sized regular Bear's Paw block, with miniature bear's paw blocks in the "paws" of the big block. Lessons learned in class will include working in miniature and making half square triangles using the bias strip piecing method. You can make your blocks two toned or scrappy.

April Classes

Beginning Machine Applique Sun April 26, 1-4 \$30 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 Sun April 19, 1-4 \$30 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!

Binding Thur April 9 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25

You'll learn how to accurately cut your bindings, whether bias, cross or

straightBand when to use which one. You'll learn how to cut, then sew, join (so easy) and hand stitch it down. Bindings so easy peasy you=ll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

It's Not too Early for Halloween Quilt Sat April 25 10-2 \$25 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt is an embroidered Halloween Quilt from Buttermilk Basin. The first class will get you started on your embroidery. I'll show you the basic stitch (outline or stem stitch), satin stitch, chain stitch and French knot. We'll discuss tracing options, floss colors and background colors. Then, this summer when your embroidery work is finished, we will get together for the final part: setting the quilt. I will have an alternate way to set your blocks, so you will a different option from the pattern.



Let There Be Dragons Quilt Sat April 11 1-6 \$25 Barb Boyer

In the Beginning has created this marvelous dragon fabric: in orange & flame colors, or cool blues & purples. The dragons are in a panel and there is a coordinating border stripe. The blocks are easy and the panel makes this quilt go together quickly. You will also learn how to miter the borders-a new skill to add to your toolbox!

Running Wild Sat April 4, 1-6 \$25 Barb Boyer (Another of our "working with rulers" class)

This quilt is a combination kaleidoscope and panel, using Northcott's Wild Horses fabrics. This cascading colored quilt can be made just with the kaleidoscope blocks, or, just like the sampler, you can insert parts of the Running Horses panel in random places. This block uses a Creative Grid specialty ruler to cut the wedges for the kaleidoscope blocks.

Wool Ornaments Wed April 22 10-1 \$25 Barb Boyer

Each month we will make a different wool ornament. Not all ornaments will be displayed prior to class. Some will be kitted, others you will need to buy supplies. Lessons learned will include how to use fusible web with wool, whip or tack stitches, blanket stitch, and various other embroidery stitches.



May Classes

A Study in Subtle Sat May 16, 10:30-5 \$30 Sue Frerich

This sample quilt uses taupes and other subtle colorations to create light and medium/dark blocks. The block is simple, but small, and there are tricks to getting everything to line up. You can also make this quilt in any combination of fabrics, so it is perfect for scraps.

Binding Sun May 31 1-4 Barb Boyer \$25

You'll learn how to accurately cut you bindings, whether bias, cross or straightBand when to use which one. You'll learn how to cut, the sew, then join (so easy) and hand stitch it down. Bindings so easy peasy you=ll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

Credit Card Holders Sat May 9 3-6 \$25 Barb Boyer

Make a fast,easy credit card holder that is lined with that special stuff that prevents hackers from stealing your info. Two fat quarters will make several card holders, or you could use a fat quarter and our cork fabric, to make an extra special card holder.

Heart's Desire Sat May 2 1-6 Barb Boyer \$25 (Another of our precut quilt series)

This quilt uses 2 ½" strips plus yardage to make the oversized hearts. Our choice for fabrics is the new line from Alexander Henry: Ghastlies Fall In Love-as only the Ghastly characters can. This is a quick quilt to sew and if you still need a graduation present, you should be able to get the top done in no time.

Intro to Sashiko Sat May 9, 1-3 \$25 Kathy Sconce

Sashiko is a form of decorative reinforcement stitching from Japan. Traditional Sashiko embroidery used white thread on a blue background, but today's sashiko uses many colors of thread, including variegated, and a variety of different colored backgrounds. The main stitch is a type of running stitch and the patterns are often geometric. Learn the basic stitch in the intro class and make a small wall hanging, tea towel, or quilt.

Machine Applied Binding Thur May TBA \$30

Jean will show you several ways to cut and apply binding, completely by machine. Then if you bring a small project, that is already quilted and ready for binding, you can use Jean's techniques and tricks to apply the binding to your project. You probably won't finish your binding, but you will get hands on experience so you can take what you've learned & finish at home.

Pillow Case Party Sun. May 17 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!

Wool Ornaments Wed May 13 10-1 \$25 Barb Boyer

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CLUBS

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB-FREE!

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.

Hand Work Club-FREE!

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4, join us to just sit & hand stitch, crochet, bind, or knit group. Bring what you're working on, sit up at the table in front of the window and work on your projects for awhile. You

can get advice & suggestions from your fellow quilters and share your experiences about your projects.

Knit Pickers' Club FREE!

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). 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. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3-7.

Block of the Month Club FREE!

First Saturday of the Month, 10:30-11:15. Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block.

Toad Toters Club

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: December 12, January 10, February 9, March 9, April 8, May 7

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

December Christmas, January purple, February red, March green, April yellow, May white

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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