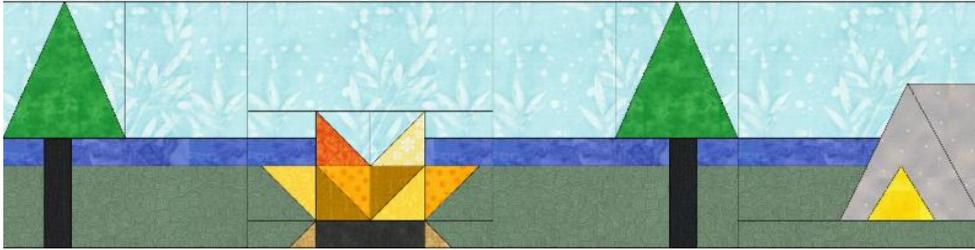


Sneak Peek of our Row By Row

digital & fabric versions



The theme is Taste the Experience. Our row is called S'More Camping! If you look closely, the tent fabric has sticks with marshmallows on it. When we run out of that fabric, we will have to substitute for something else. So if you're interested, don't wait too long. I can sell kits starting June 17. They are \$15.



June 14, 2019

"So when do I get my flagpole?" asked Becca. "I ordered my flag more than a year ago. It's blue with this nice gold crown on it. I am a queen, after all."

"You mean that blue & gold banner with a crown on it that you've got stuffed into your doghouse? You got that off a baby's first shower site. It's intended as a reveal whether you're having a baby girl or boy. And don't tell me you're pregnant. I know better."

"It can be anything I want it to be," she said stubbornly. "But I can't fly it without a flag pole. You promised me one."

"No I didn't." "Yes you did." "No I didn't." "Yes you did." "No....never mind." You can't win an argument with a mini Australian Shepherd. At least

not very often.

"Why are you so anxious to fly your flag today, anyway. It's probably going to rain, it will get wet & then you'll have a mess."

"It's Flag Day," she said proudly.

"Wait a minute. Just because it's Flag Day doesn't mean that you fly any flag you want. Flag Day celebrates the Stars & Stripes."

"I don't want stars on my flag and stripes will just make me look fat."

"No, no no. The Stars & Stripes is our national flag. It's red, white & blue."

"I don't want red on my flag. The red will just clash with my coat."

"Becca...." But she had trotted away with her nose in the air.

But, I gotta admit, she is right that today is Flag Day. Our national flag was designated by Congress on June 14, 1777. The journal entry for that day in the Second Continental Congress reads, "Resolved that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." It was the fifth item on the agenda that day. Kinda nice to know we had a Congress that got things passed. But that was a long time ago and I digress.

Now the American Revolution had been declared the previous year but fighting had started as early as 1775. Colonists didn't have a flag to fight under at the time and, instead, fought under a variety of different flags that identified their regiments-bands of independent fighters, not really a unified army. So, when Congress met in Philadelphia the next year on June 14, 1775, it created the Continental Army. (So the U.S. Army also celebrates its birthday today.) A flag was created to represent this army, but it looked a lot like the British flag-red & white alternating stripes, with the Union Jack (part of the British Flag) in the corner.

George Washington thought that flying a flag that looked a lot like the British flag was not really a good way to inspire all of the budding revolutionaries. So he and others came up with a new idea that traded the Union Jack for a circle of stars. Betsy Ross may have helped in the design, but a lot of this history is lost to myth & legend.

But Flag Day didn't get started until Bernard John Cigrand, a 19-year-old grade school teacher in Wisconsin, had his students write essays on what the flag meant to them.

"Wait a minute," said Becca, who had decided to come back in and join the conversation. "This guy didn't create Flag Day. Just because a teacher has 10 year olds writing essays doesn't mean a national day gets started. A ten-year-

old can't write anything other than, 'I think the red and white stripes are cool.' That's not how a tradition gets started."

"Well, he did more than that," I told her. "He gave speeches and wrote his own articles promoting respect for the flag. The Chicago Tribune credited him with almost single handedly establishing the holiday. He's often called the 'Father of Flag Day.'"

"Well, Woodrow Wilson should get that honor. Wilson established by proclamation Flag Day in 1912. And then in 1949 Congress established Nation Flag Day," she said.

"You've been out in your dog house surfing the internet again," I said.

"Well, someone's got to move this little excursion into history along. If I didn't interrupt you'd still be talking about who had the first parade, or the biggest parade, or the longest running parade, or how to display the flag, or who first suggested Flag Day..."

"That was George Morris in 1861."

"See, that's what I'm talking about," said Becca. "Nobody wants to know the minutia."

"You don't even know what that word means," I said. "Yes I do." "No you don't." "Yes I do." "No you don't."

Happy Flag Day.

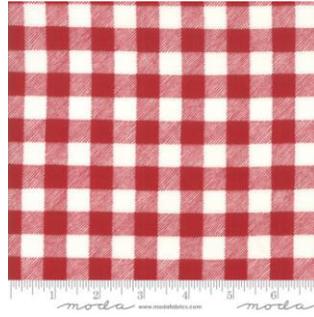
STONEHENGE CONTEST!

Northcott fabrics is holding a quilt challenge to celebrate 10 years of their fabric line, Stonehenge. This challenge runs from March 15-Sept 30.

The block is 12" finished and the kit is \$5. We are currently out of kits and fabric. I'll let you know when more comes in.



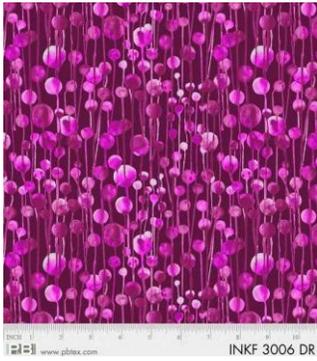
WHAT'S NEW!!



NOTE: The red & black check probably 't be won't be around long, so plan your Christmas projects soon.

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From Hoffman:



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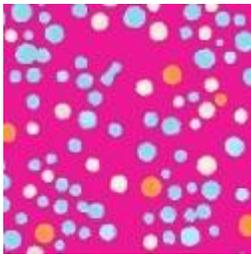




The whole collection is not here yet, but should show up next week. Half of the colors are here--the half for the Teapot Sampler Quilt.

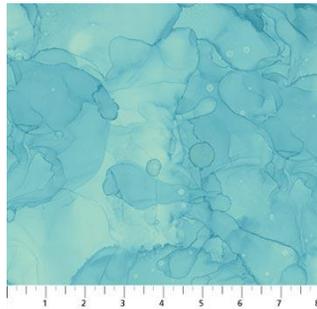
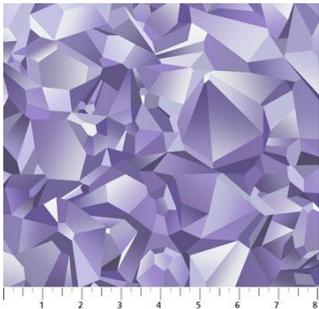
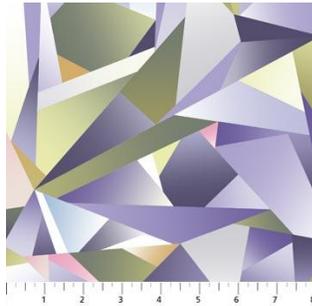


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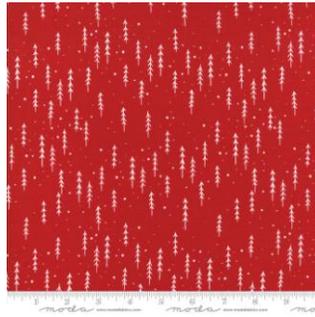
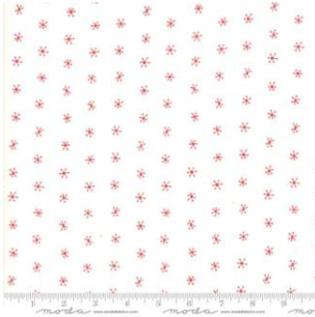




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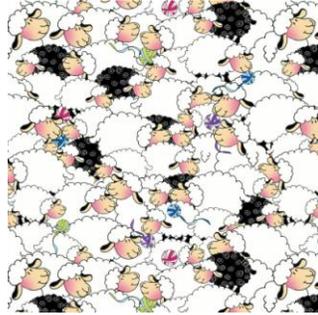
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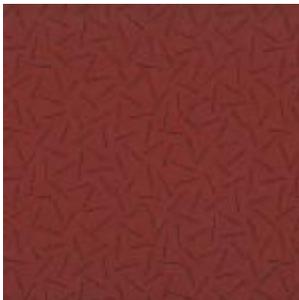
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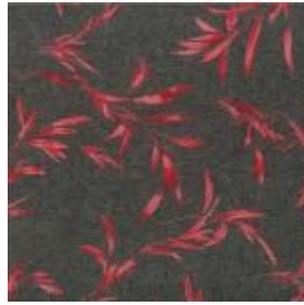
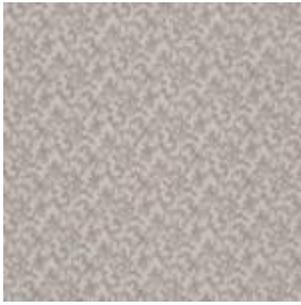


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SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING CLASSES TODAY!

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, by month.**

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
2 Closed	3	4 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	5 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	6 Live Each Season Wool Applique Wall hanging Summer 1-4	7 Long Arm Rental Day	8 Embroidery Club 10-noon
9 Beginning Quilt 1-4	10 Paper Bag Log Cabin 10:30-5	11 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	12 Knit Pickers' Club 3- 7	13 Beginning Quilt 1-4	14 Open sew 3- 7 Long Arm Rental Day	15 Fan Faire 10:30- 5
16 Beginning Quilt 1-4 Father's Day	17 Froggy Quilt 10:30-4 Full Moon	18 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	19	20 Beginning Quilt 1-4	21 Long Arm Rental Day	22 Turning 20 10:30-4

23 Beginning Quilt 1-4	24 English Paper Piecing & Hand Piecing 1-4	25 Hand work Club 2- 4 Long Arm Rental Day	26 Knit Pickers' Club 3- 7	27 Beginning Quilt 1-4	28 Open sew 3- 7 Long Arm Rental Day	29 Bear-y Quilt 10:30- 4
30 Beginning Quilt 1-4						Color of the month: blue

July 2019						
Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid	Sat
	1	2 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	3 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30	4 Closed Independence Day	5 Long Arm Rental Day	6 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
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28 Beginning Quilt 1-4	29 English Paper Piecing & Hand Piecing 1- 4	30 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	31			Color of the month: Christmas

August 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid	Sat
				1 Beginning Quilt 1-4	2 Long Arm Rental Day	3 BOM 10:30 Teapot Sampler 1-4 Monthly Mini 4-6
4 Closed	5	6 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	7 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30	8 Beginning Quilt 1-4	9 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	10 Embroidery Club 10- noon
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Color of the month: blacks						

Summer Classes

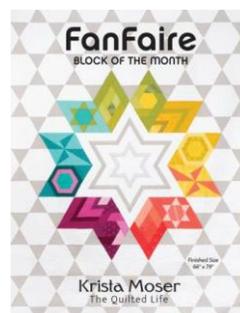
Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. We will add a couple more classes, time & energy permitted, so keep an eye on the calendar.

Ongoing Classes & Clubs

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 black & white + one color quilt. The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is work within the black & white palette (plus one color placed where ever you like). For the color choice, we are drawing paint chip cards, covered in newspaper so you can't see what color you're getting. But...if you don't like the color you've drawn you can 1) swap with a neighbor, or 2) draw a new color. And if you just can't bring yourself to work in neon green and no one will swap with you, you can just choose your own color.

FanFaire Sat May 18, June 15, July 13 11:30-6 Jean Korber \$25

This quilt is a Krista Moser quilt, no template piecing. FanFaire, is a 4-month block of the month. Each block is made twice totaling twelve blocks. Every block teaches you a new way to use the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Ruler, designed by Krista Moser. Cut a combination of diamonds, triangles, hexagons, parallelograms and trapezoids to create this fun quilt, and all with one ruler! This quilt goes together fast and is oh so striking!



Grandmother's Flower Garden, 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 Grandmother's Flower Garden-this is the pattern we're doing this year. We will also show how to hand piece the traditional way, also, if you are interested.

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 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.



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 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 are working on 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.

Live Each Season Wool
Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, April 11, May year) 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20 hanging has 4 rows: Spring, Winter. We will start with the January. We will take 2 months per row, and we'll take July & August off. You will learn wool applique, various embroider stitches, and how to add fun embellishments to your wall hanging.



Applique Thurs:
9 (& rest of This wool wall Summer, Fall & Winter Row in

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.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, 4-6
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Mystic Garden

For those of you who missed the retreat, we will schedule a couple of extra classes to help get you going on your quilt. And for those that did attend the retreat, we will work on the blocks that we didn't have time for. Watch the newsletter for dates & times.

June classes

Bear-y Quilt \$25 Sue Frerich

Southwind Designs makes curved patchwork a breeze. This cut cuddly quilt is perfect for that new member of your family - or for anyone who loves the outdoors. Skills learned include basic patchwork plus dimensional straight line curved piecing. How's that for an interesting explanation to pique your interest!

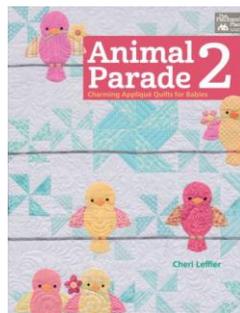


Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer

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.

Froggy Quilt \$20 Sue Frerich

This adorable quilt is from the Animal Parade 2 book (we also have Animal Parade 1). The piecing is easy and the quilt is perfect for that new member of your family. Skills learned include 9-patch construction, machine applique using special applique fiber and turned under edges, and a little embroidery.



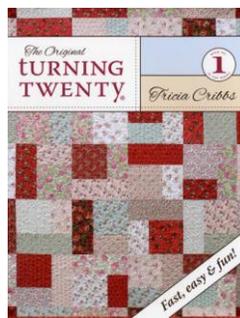
Teapot Sampler (class is free with purchase of kit -- \$175) 3-4 months Barb Boyer

Jason Yenter & In The Beginning Fabrics have done it again! This beautiful quilt combines fusible applique with easy to do piece blocks. We will do the quilt as a block of the month, doing 2 blocks a month (there are 9). Skills learned include fusible applique, machine applique with mono filament thread, mitered borders and basic pieced blocks. We have kits!



Turning 20 \$20 Barb Boyer

How simple can a quilt get? Take 20 fat quarters, use all of them (no waste), and you have a big quilt to show for it. Skills learn include how to choose your fabric, basic cutting and basic sewing. Perfect for a beginner, but even if you are a more advanced sewer you can count on being able to get the who quilt (minus borders) done in one day. So if you need to get a quilt ready quickly, Turning 20 is a perfect choice.



July Classes

Jelly Roll Race \$20 Sue Frerich

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,

Mexican Star \$25 Sue Frerich

Eleanor Burns has done it again with this striking criss crossing quilt. The sample quilt shown has a black background, but the pattern shows a white background, so you definitely have options. This quilt uses a special wedge ruler to help you get the perfect angle on your strips. This is another quilt where you can use precut 2 ½" strips. Skills learned include handling angles, using a new ruler, and color placement for your stars.



August Classes

Jelly Roll Race \$20 Barb Boyer

See explanation in July. Same quilt, different day.

Fab Forties Quilt \$25 Sue Frerich

Our final Log Cabin quilt of the year involves both log cabin blocks and 12-14 other pieced blocks. Eleanor has been taking her old quilts, with classic blocks, and turning them into fabulous! patterns. This quilt will be taught as a (several) block of the month-it will continue into the fall schedule. Skills learned include how to use lots of new rulers (Eleanor has a ruler for many of her blocks which make the cutting and piecing easy peasy); how to make lots of new blocks; and how to choose the right color palate.



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Discount Policy

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Color of the Month

June blue; July Christmas; August blacks.

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 needleup/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



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January red; February purple; 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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