

Black Friday Sale & Shop Small Saturday Sale



**Friday-
Saturday
Nov. 29-30**

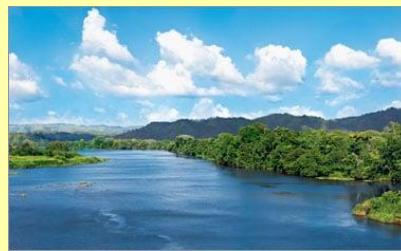
Pull an "ornament" off the tree to discover your prize! Either a percentage off prize (10%-40% off entire purchase) or a free fat quarter.

Plus 20% off all Christmas fabric



Travel, Explore, Cruise, Quilt!

We are set with a potential date for cruising to Panama! We had to choose one place to go to first and this seemed the best based upon your interest. We also had to choose a date-but if this date is not agreeable, we will look at an alternate date. The ships tend to sail to Panama between December and March.



We will be on a Princess Ship and the dates are December 29, 2020 - January 8, 2021. Traveling on a ship during the holidays is one of the most fun things to do. The ship will be beautifully decorated, New Year's will be celebrated at sea and there is bound to be free champagne everywhere you look.

Cost is approximately \$1769 per person for an interior cabin, which includes a class fee for the projects we'll be doing. We will also be given approximately \$135 on board credit from the Travel Company and Princess. We board in Ft. Lauderdale with port stops in Falmouth, Jamaica; Cartagena, Columbia; Cristobal, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; Grand Cayman Islands. Plus, of course, cruising in and out of the Panama Canal.

Airfare is separate and we may want to leave a day early, Dec. 28, to fly to Ft. Lauderdale. I will work with the travel agency on getting packages for air and hotel. However, you do not need to opt into those packages and can make travel arrangements yourself. I plan to go a day early and will stay overnight at a hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. I will tell you whether I will go with the package provided or will do my own thing. This cost does not include travel insurance, which I encourage you to get. The travel agency works with a great company, so we can work through it if you want insurance.

If we get more passengers, it is possible the price may go down a bit.

If the dates are satisfactory, please let me know. There are other dates we can choose, but this was the first package I was satisfied with and wanted to pass it along to you. Those of you who have already expressed an interest, I will send you separate emails to confirm that these dates work.

Once the dates are locked in, I will ask for a nonrefundable \$100 deposit to be paid to Around the Block. Then we will set up a payment schedule and you will be paying the balance directly to travel agency.

I'm excited!

November 22, 2019

"What are you doing?" I asked Becca, who had just come in from outside with a piece of paper in her mouth. Becca is my opinionated mini Australian

Shepherd and she has her own way of doing things.

"I'm writing my Christmas list," she said. "I need you to mail it for me."

"That's so cute Becca, writing to Santa Claus. But aren't you jumping the gun a bit? Thanksgiving isn't even here yet."

"I'm not writing to Santa Claus. He's not a real thing," she informed me.

"Becca! I'm surprised at you. This is a family newsletter. You don't want to go around telling people that Santa isn't real."

"I said Santa Claus isn't a real thing. Santa Paws, on the other hand, brings treats and toys to all good little dogs. Maybe cats. I haven't figured that out yet. Cats are never on the nice list."

"And you are?" I asked her. She just growled at me.

"And when you say "little" does that exclude Cassidy? Because she's a big dog."

"Cassidy doesn't know how to write, so Santa Paws doesn't even know about her."

"If Santa Paws is anything like Santa Claus, he, or she, knows everything about all dogs, big or small, literate or not." She cocked her at that last bit. Clearly she doesn't know what "literate" means. I took the piece of paper from her mouth.

"Becca, this doesn't mean anything. You've put teeth holes in the paper, it's got mud on it and paw prints. Santa Claus, I mean Paws, won't be able to read this."

"Of course she will," Becca said. "See the teeth marks are for treats-big ones. Like bones. Big bones. And the paw prints show how many I want."

"And the mud?" "Just mud."

"So where do I mail this?"

"You don't know what a mail box looks like? Seriously?" She turned to go back outside. "Just make sure it's mailed before Thanksgiving. Dog sled mail

takes several weeks to get to the North Pole."

Sigh. But Becca's Christmas list is not what I wanted to talk about. It's Thanksgiving time, and we all know what that means: Age old, generations old, family recipes for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Don't get me wrong. I love the traditional foods. I've been on cruise ships at Thanksgiving, and the chefs, typically European types, don't get it. They serve up fussy turkey meals with fancy trimmings, delicate sauces, weird veggies, and flan for dessert. I hate flan. Thanksgiving without corn from a can, mashed potatoes with lumps, gravy with lumps, biscuits from a tube, cranberry gelatin with the indentations of the can on the edges, green bean casserole, and jello mold salad isn't Thanksgiving.

Although, I suspect most of us avoid the jello mold salads these days. Something about lime jello with cottage cheese mixed in is not something we indulge in any more. Or the Pineapple-Cheese Mold with jello, pineapple, cheddar cheese and whipping cream. Ummm. Tasty. Or how about Beet and Horseradish Mold with lemon jello, celery, green onion, beets and horseradish. I can't even imagine why anyone would put those flavors together. Same with Celery-Cabbage Mold, with, you guessed it, cabbage, celery, lemon jello, pimiento and sweet pickles. And don't forget the lime jello with shred carrots. Crunchy.

But not all jello salads are weird. I've got two great ones, one courtesy of Jean's mom and one from Cooking Light, with a few changes, from me.

Strawberry Supreme calls for 2 packs of strawberry jello, frozen strawberries, and vanilla ice cream. Dissolve one pack of jello in boiling water and add the frozen strawberries. Stir till the berries dissolve a bit and the jello is thickened. Pour into mold. Chill until set but not firm. Dissolve other pack of jello in boiling water and add the ice cream. Stir till the ice cream melts. Pour on top of mold and chill till firm. I think I could live forever on this recipe.

My favorite jello recipe calls for alcohol-champagne or Riesling, but you can use any sparkling drink. You need 2 packs of jello (raspberry is my choice), 1½ cups of sparkling whatever (Riesling or champagne), & 1½ cups of sparkling whatever (white grape juice), ¼ cup sugar, mandarin oranges, grapes, raspberries & other fruits. I stuff as much as I can into the mold. Sprinkle the jello over ½ cup of wine & let stand for 5 minutes. Heat the rest of the sparkling liquids & sugar to boiling then add jello mix. Chill till thick

then whisk to add bubbles. That's the fun part. Add fruit, pour into mold & chill till firm. Important: spray the mold with cooking spray. You don't want to be serving the jello straight out of the mold.

Becca came back in the house.

"So are you going to give out the green bean casserole recipe, now?" she smirked.

"Naw. I don't do green bean casserole any more. I make caramelized pearl onions and greens beans these days. And corn from a can. And turkey breast in a Reynolds Oven bag, gravy from a pack, potatoes from a tub and pie from the freezer. One fussy thing is plenty."

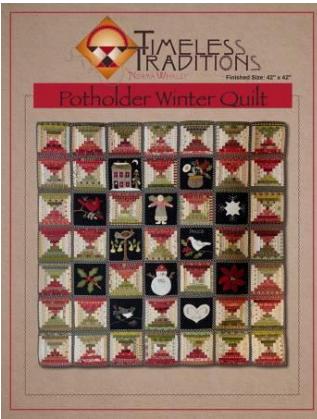
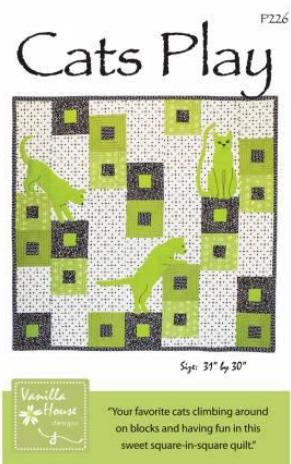
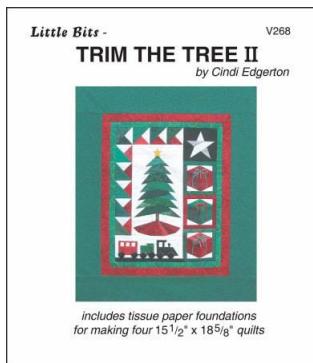
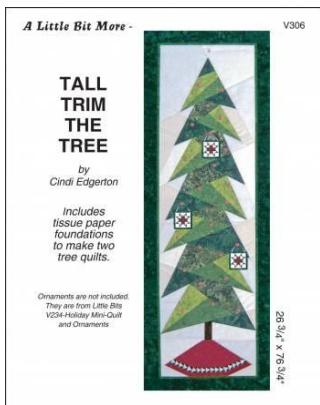
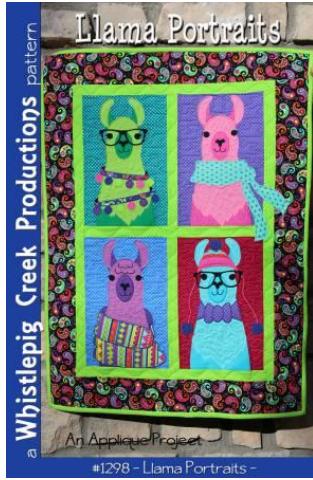
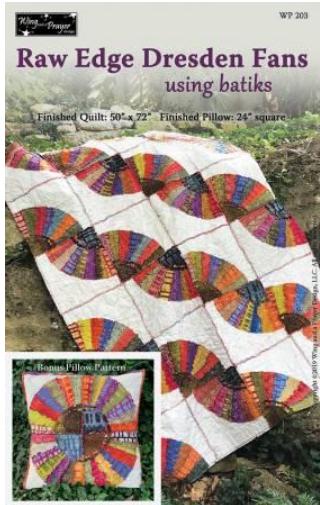
"And we get the drippings over our chow?" she asked eagerly.

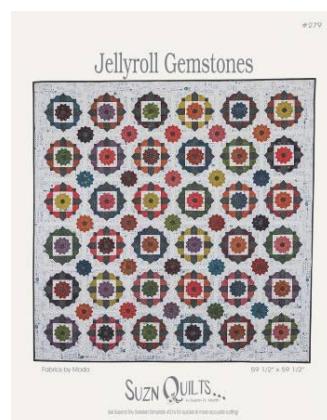
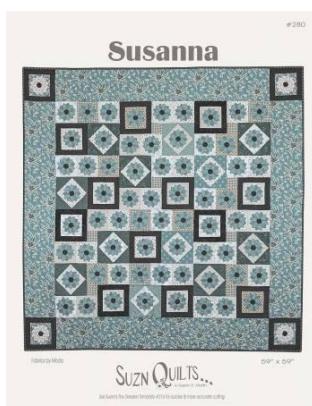
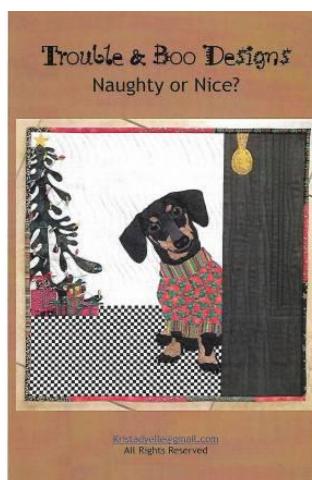
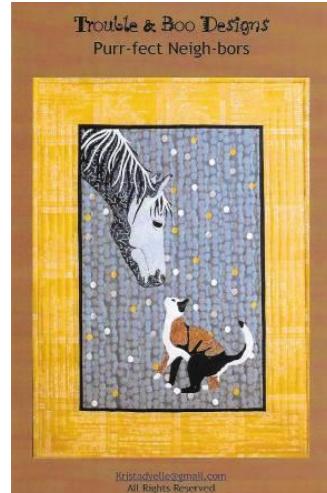
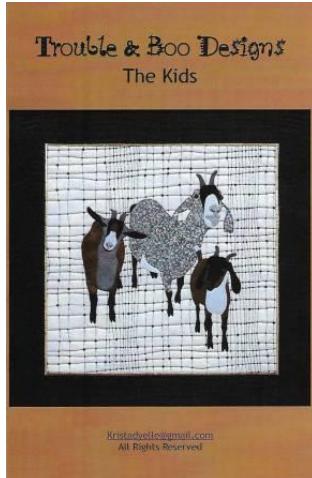
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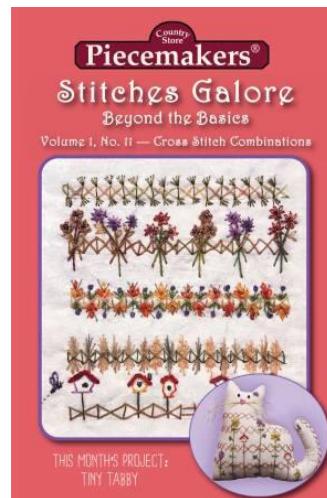
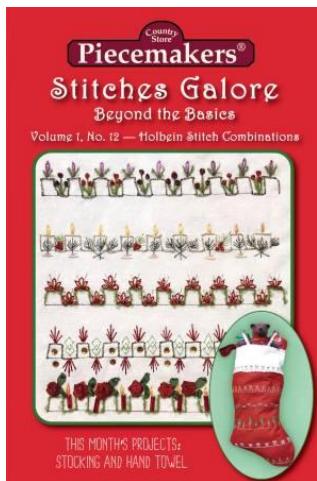
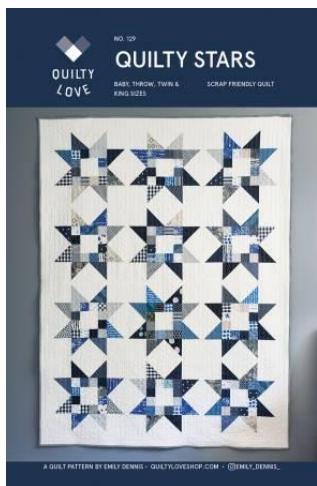
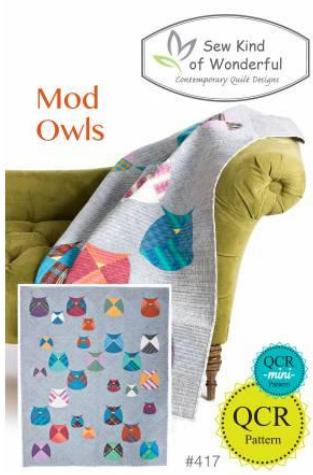
Happy Thanksgiving and may most of your dishes be traditional.

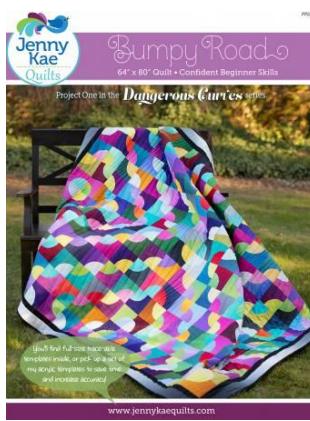
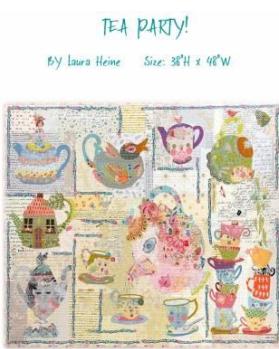
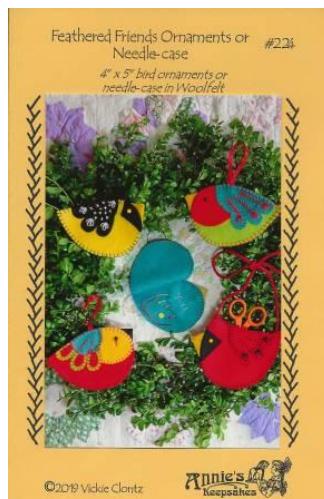
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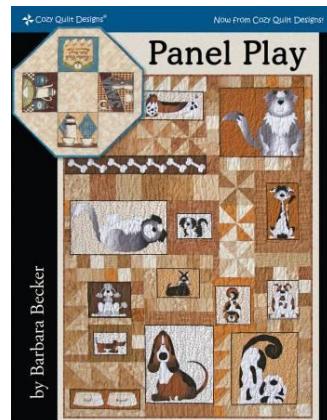
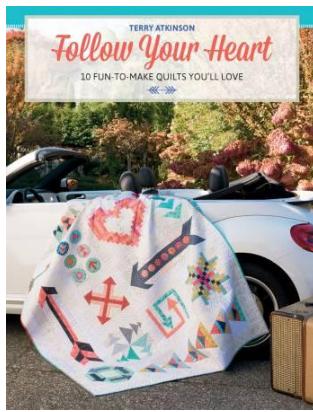
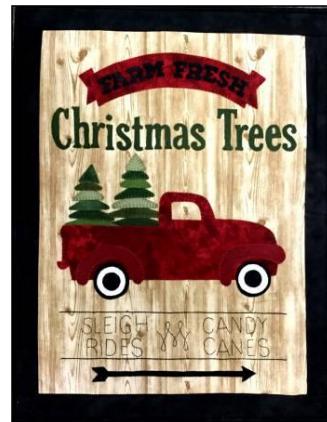
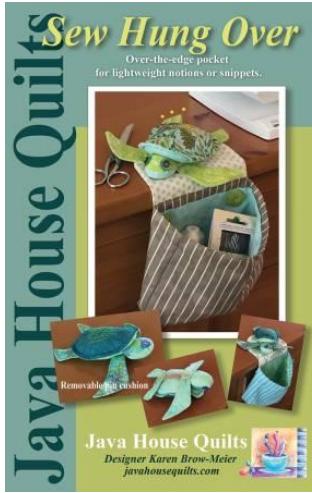
Notions are in, including new patterns, books, thread, rulers, blades, pins, seam rippers, -- all sorts of stuff! There's a lot here--patterns & books. But don't forget to scroll down to see all the new fabric!





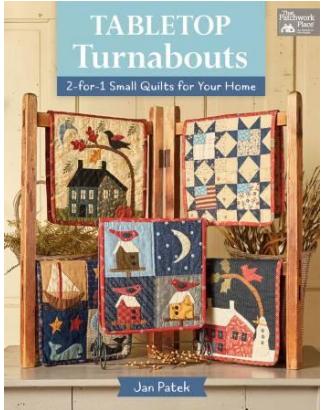
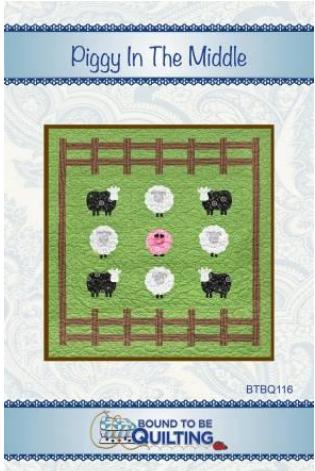
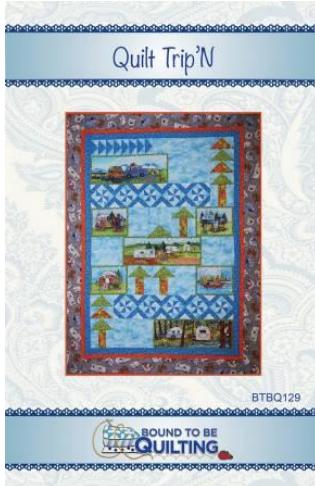
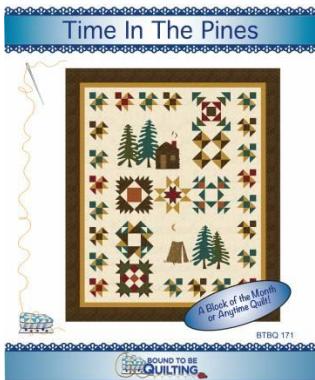
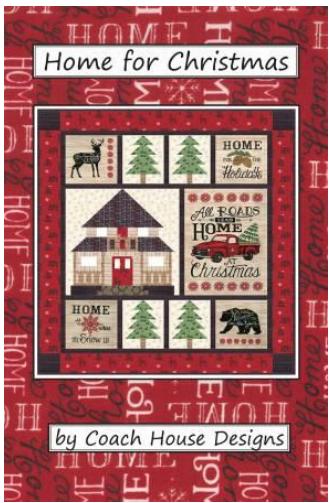


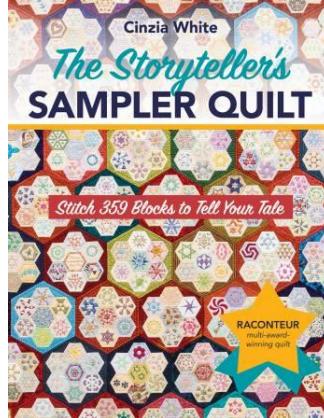
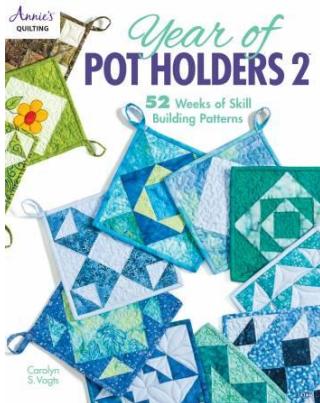
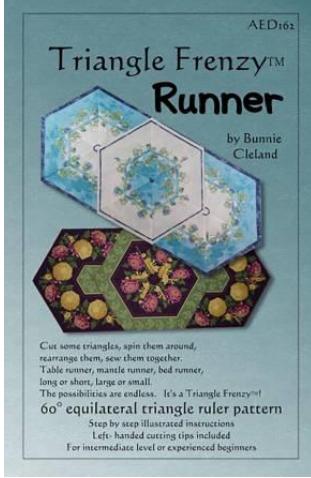
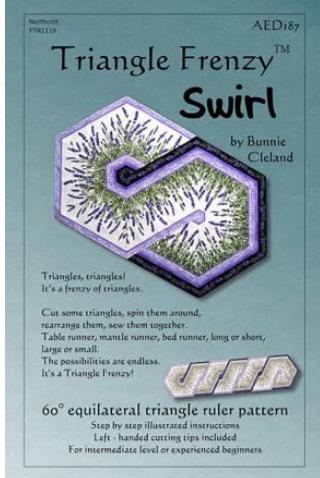
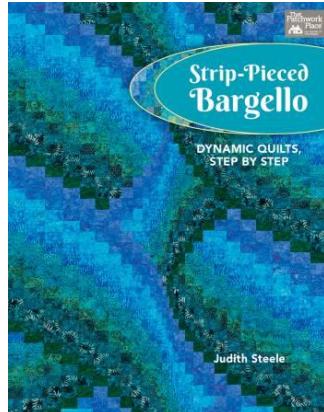
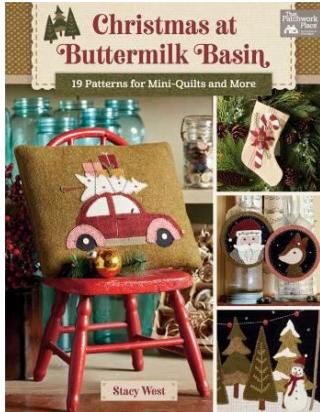






Wooly Gift Card Holder





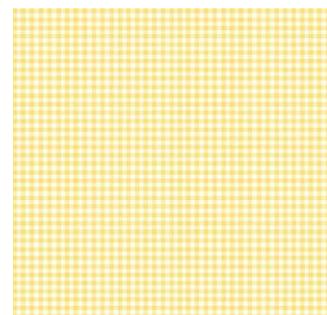
From AGF:



From Riley Blake:



From Andover:

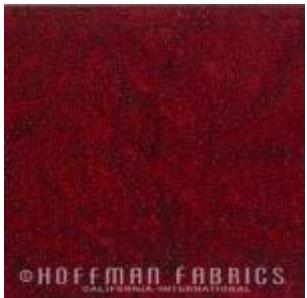
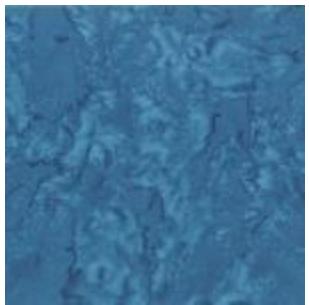
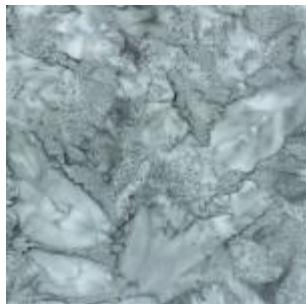
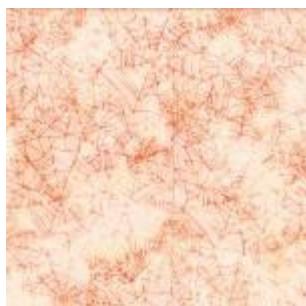


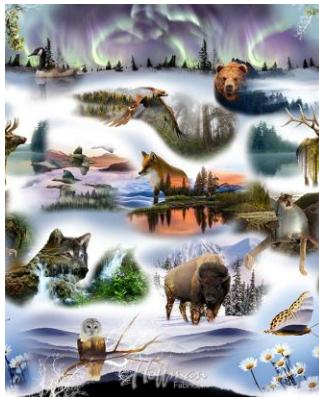
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I also have a bolt of black wool.

From Hoffman:

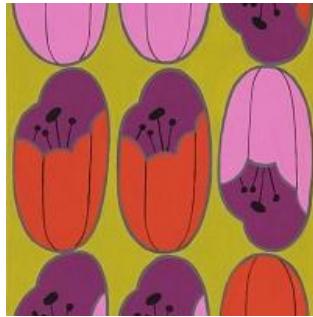


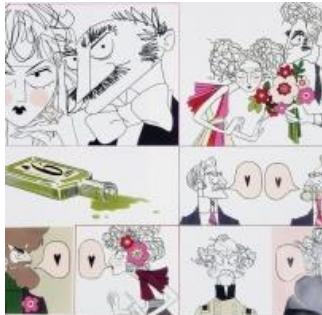




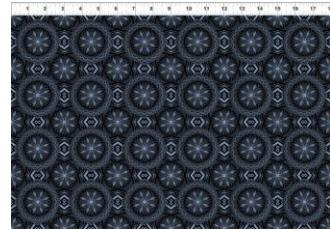
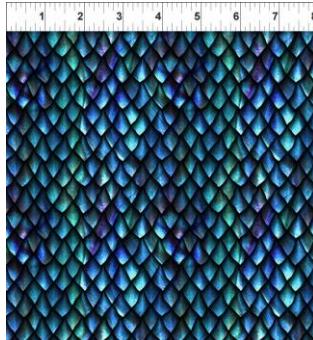
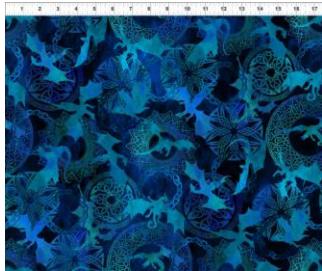
And more. I couldn't grab all the pics. We have about 30 new Hoffman batiks.

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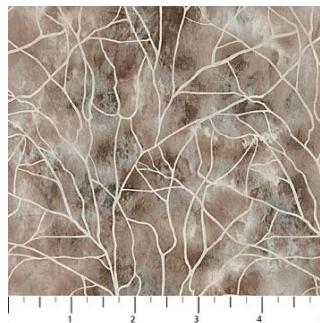
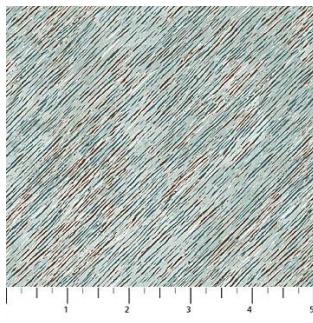
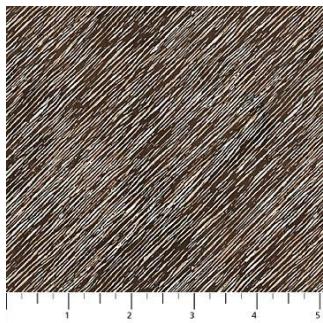
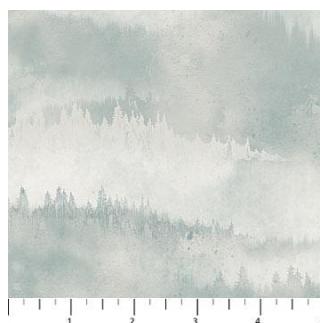
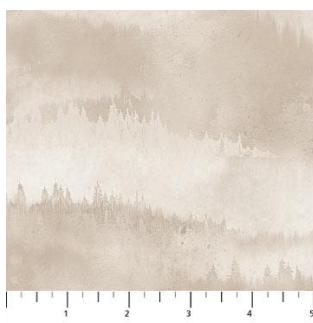


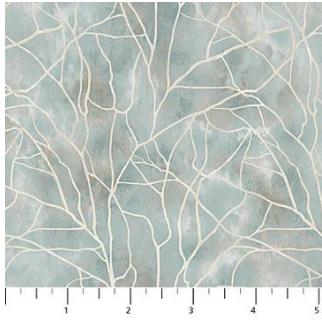


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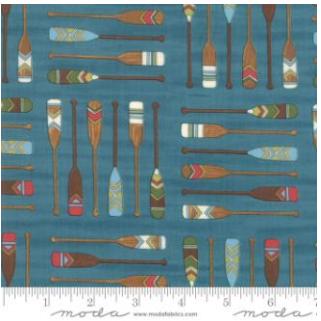


From Northcott:





From Moda:

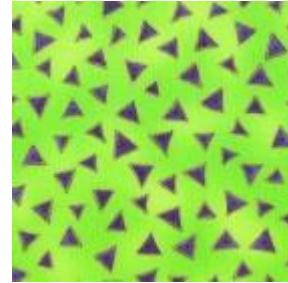
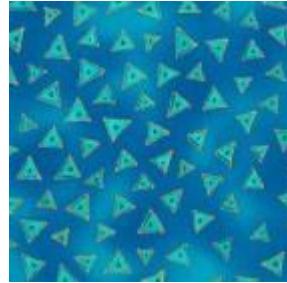
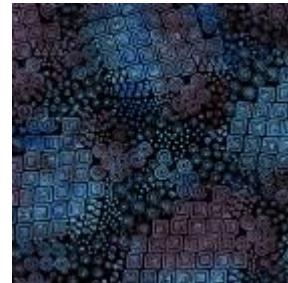


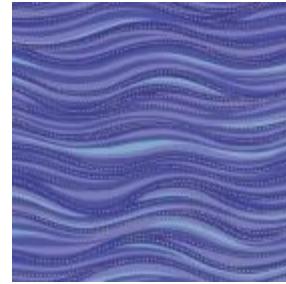
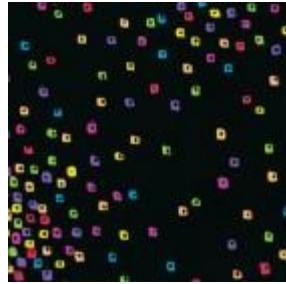
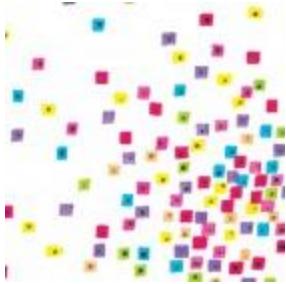
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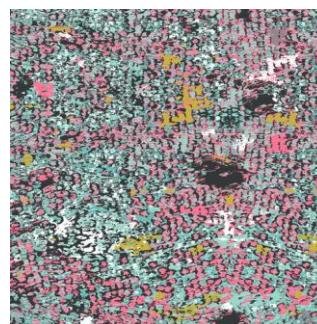
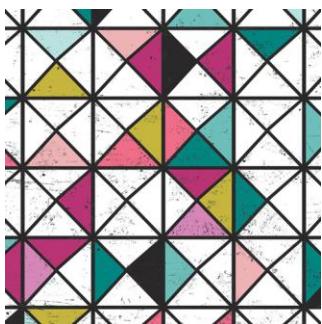
Note: some of these are flat, some brushed, and a couple of them I have in both flat and brushed.

From Clothworks:





From AGF:



From Robert Kaufman:



we got fat quarter bundles of the woven linens and Elizabeth Hartman's new collection called Adventure. And we got 3 of these kits of her newest pattern.

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.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Color of the month: flannels					1 Long Arm Rental Day	2 BOM 10:30 Gravity 1-4 Intro to Sashiko 4-6
3 Closed	4 Fall Mystery Part 1	5 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	6 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	7 Churn Dash Flannel 1-4 Beginning Machine Quilting 6-9	8 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Paper piece Christmas Tree 1-6
10 Beginning Quilt 1-4	11 Fall Mystery Part 2 <u>Veterans Day</u>	12 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	13 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	14 Churn Dash Flannel 1-4 Beginning Machine Applique 6-9	15 Long Arm Rental Day	16 Boxy Tote Bag 10:30-4 AccuCut 4-6
17 Pillow Case Party 1-4	18 Fall Mystery Part 3	19 Hand work Club 2-4 Long Arm Rental Day	20 Knit Pickers' Club 3-7	21 Machine Binding 1-4	22 Open sew 3-7 Long Arm Rental Day	23 Triangle Frenzy 10-1 Christmas Paper pieced tree 1-6
24 Beginning Machine Quilting 1-4	25 Fall Mystery Part 4 English Paper Piecing 2-4	26 Hand work Club 2-4	27	28 Closed <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	29 Black Friday Sale	30 Shop Small Business Sale Boxy Tote Bag 1-6

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	25 Closed <u>Christmas</u>	26	27	28
29	30	31	Color of the month: red			

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates.

Ongoing Classes & Clubs

AccuCut Rental Sept 21, 4-6, Oct. 19, 4-6, Nov 16, 4-6, Dec 1-4 \$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 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour intervals (you can get a lot cut in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour).

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 & Y 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.

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** Cthis 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 Applique Thurs: Sept 5, Oct 3, Barb Boyer \$20

This wool wall hanging has 4 rows: Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter. We started the project last year with the Winter row. We've done the Spring and the Summer and now it's onto Fall. You can join us for this last row, and then pick up the other rows if you want to do the entire wall hanging. You will learn wool applique, various embroidery stitches, and how to add fun embellishments to your wall hanging.

**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 but is just a start.

November Classes

Beginning Machine Quilting Thurs Nov 7, 6-9 or Nov 24, 1-4 \$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!

Fall Mystery Quilt Mon Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 \$20 Barb Boyer

We have 6 Mystery kits-Once a week you will pick up instructions: Week 1, cutting, Week 2 piecing, Week 3 piecing, etc. You won't know what it will look like until the very end. Don't worry, the pattern isn't hard, but we will keep you guessing as to what the final quilt will look like. And we've already made it up, so we know what it will look like, and trust us, it's a very cool fall colored quilt. You will only pick up your patterns each week; you will do your sewing at home.

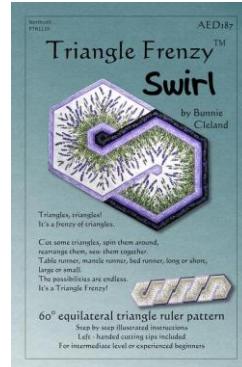
Paper Pieced Christmas Tree Sat Nov 9, 1-6 \$20 Sue Frerich

We have several kits to make this wonderful black & white (plus a hint of red) Christmas tree. If you have not tried paper piecing, this is a perfect class to get you started. We will also have some individual patterns, so if you want to choose your own fabrics, you can do so. This quilt would look great hanging on the back of a door or on the wall for Christmas.



Triangle Frenzy, back again for the holidays Sat Nov 23, 10-1 \$20 Barb Boyer

This table runner uses a 10" border stripe and a 12" 60 degree ruler to cut large triangles then spin them around to arrange them in a swirling pattern. Simple & easy to do. You may even be able to make 2 during class.



December Classes

Binding Sun Dec 15 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

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

Christmas Stocking Thur Dec 12 10:30-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

Learn to make pieced Christmas Stockings just in time to hang for Santa's arrival. These stockings can be as simple or complex as you want to make them. We'll talk about different lining and cuff options.

Credit Card Holders Wed Dec 18, 1-4 \$20 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.

Dragon Quilt Thus Dec 5 10:30-4 \$20 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!

Intro to Wool Applique Mon Dec 9 1-4 \$20 Barb Boyer

We will make some small ornaments, using a kit. You can make either mittens, stocking, or credit card holders. You will learn various methods for wool applique and will learn several embroidery stitches for the embellishing.



Triangle Frenzy, back again for the holidays Sat Dec 14, 10-6 \$20 Barb Boyer

This table runner uses a 10" border stripe and a 12" 60 degree ruler to cut large triangles then spin them around to arrange them in a swirling pattern. Simple & easy to do. You may even be able to make 2 during class.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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