

# Around the Block

## QUILT SHOP

July 23, 2021

How to survive Frontier Days.

1. Know where you're going.



In other news:

South Korea is rewarding people who poop. Okay, everyone poops, but the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology wants to turn your poop into energy. To do that, professors at the Institute have designed a special toilet that converts methane (from your poop) into energy.

But it takes a lot of poop: One person's output for a day can only power a car for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. In Wyoming it would take you forever to get from rest stop to rest stop.

So....students who use this special toilet get rewarded. They are paid in digital currency which can be exchanged for books, fruit, stationery, instant cup noodles and freshly brewed coffee. A postgraduate student purchasing items using his digital currency told Reuters that he now sees poop as a "treasure" because of the new toilet. "I even talk about feces during mealtimes to think about buying any book I want," he said.

Okay, everyone all together: Shudder.

And another reason to shudder:

Tesla, as you probably know, makes a self driving car. The current problem with the self driving car is apparently the moon. Now, the press release explains that the car has been on the market long enough that it can now, I emphasize the word NOW, identify most, and I emphasize MOST, impending obstacles. Translation: Not all impending obstacles.

This is the quote from the press release: "After several years on the market, most of the items that tend to confuse Autopilot on a regular basis have been fairly well studied, if not completely eliminated from the roster of things that tend to produce unexpected reactions from the system." Translation: If you drive a Tesla using Autopilot expect to run headfirst into something or brake unexpectedly for no apparent reason. Because the Autopilot doesn't always get it right, from road lane markers to fire trucks parked in the emergency lane. Comforting, isn't it. And this is after it's been on the road for more than 2 years.

The latest thing Tesla doesn't recognize is the moon. Actually Tesla doesn't really recognize traffic signals, like red light, green light, yellow light, very well either. And it has recently mistaken the moon for a yellow light. So you're driving down the road at a pleasant 70 mph and your car spots the moon coming out from behind a cloud and suddenly you're doing 5 mph. Makes you want to run right out and buy a Tesla, doesn't it.

And finally, in case you haven't been paying attention, the Olympics started this morning. Don't worry if you missed it. NBC has 7,000 hours of coverage and the opening ceremony will be repeated during primetime tonight. The only way to figure out what to watch and when is to go to [nbcolympics.com/schedule](http://nbcolympics.com/schedule). There are at least 7 if not 8 channels of

Olympics. And gymnastics is up first, as is tennis, swimming and some of the equestrian events. I have my favorites.

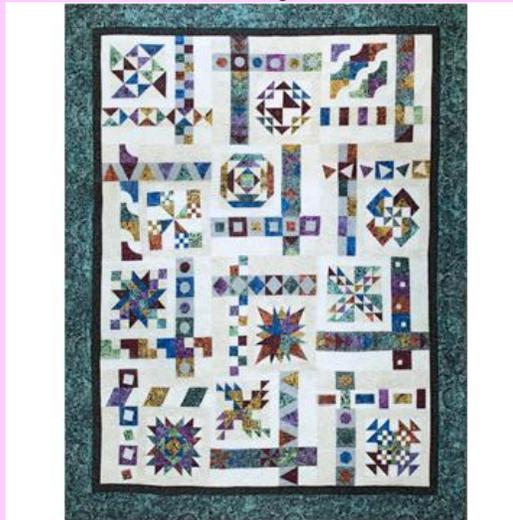
And that's how I'll survive Frontier Days. On my couch. Watching tv.

## 2022 Block of the Month from Banyon Batiks

Now taking orders from the Illusions Sampler BOM from Banyon Batiks/Northcott. We still have a few kits available.

We are now taking orders!  
Cost for the top only, without borders, binding and backing:  
\$300/\$25 mth

With binding, borders and **exclusive backing--only available through the BOM:**  
\$480/\$40 mth.



In January, the fabric will arrive and we will start cutting the kits. We will provide some support for the blocks, but we won't be actively teaching each block. Stay tuned for more info about that.

## Long Arm Classes

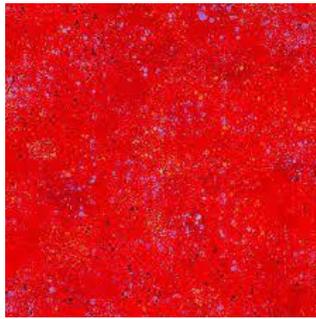
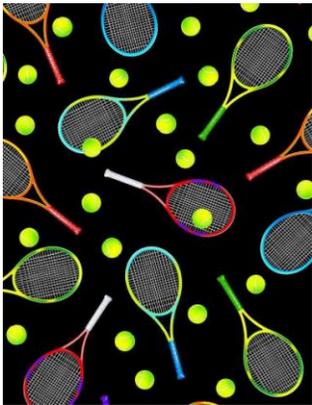
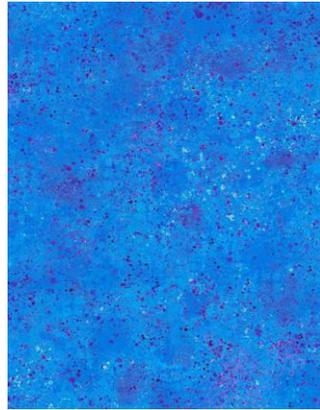
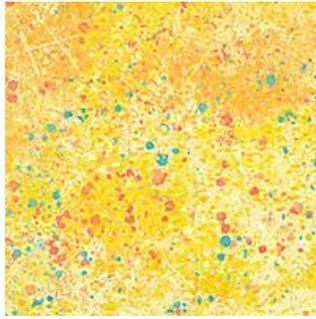
Classes on the long arm will start up in August. I will teach on Wednesdays in the afternoon. Class size will be limited to four and you must be vaccinated and we will still be wearing masks for this class. We just have to get too close to each other for too long of a time period, so out of an abundance of caution, masks will continue to be required. Class fee is \$35.

## WHAT'S NEW!!

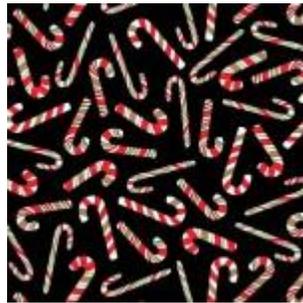
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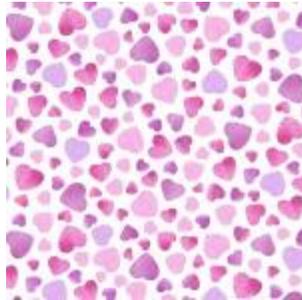
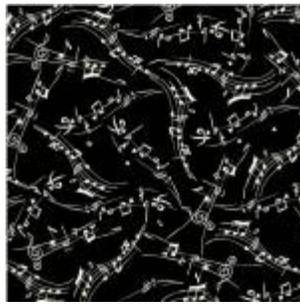


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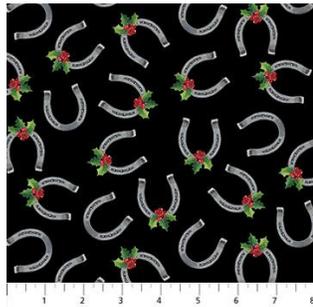
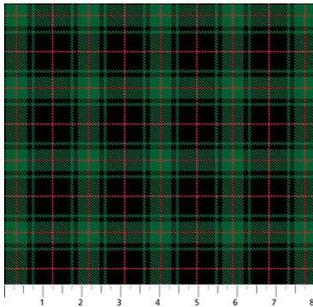


From Michael Miller:





From Northcott:

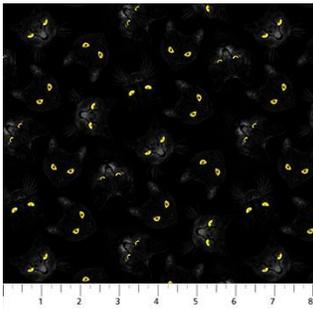




PANEL SIZE  
43" X 24"



LENGTHWISE STRIPE



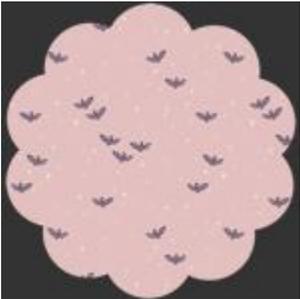
cat's eyes

From Anthology:





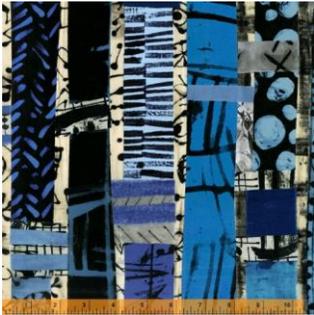
From AGF:



From Timeless and Windham:



glow in the dark



From Wilmington:



in strips, 5" & 10" squares

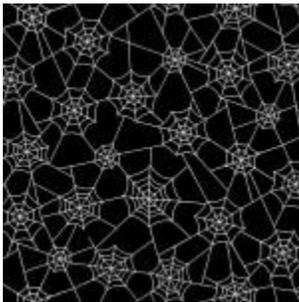
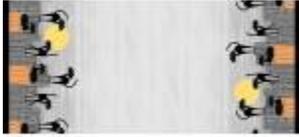


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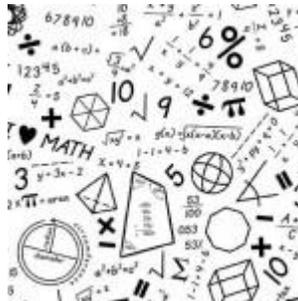
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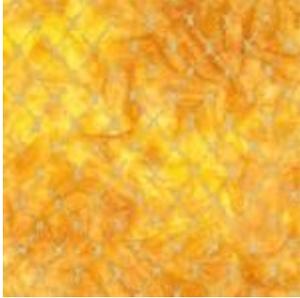
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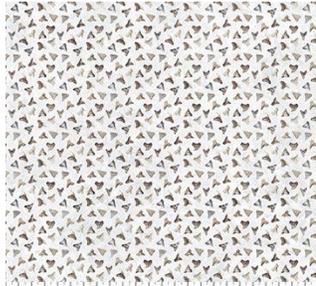
From Northcott:



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shark teeth



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METALLIC

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From Northcott:  
Elk Panel is back in.  
We made 3 kits. When  
we sell out, we will  
start substituting other  
fabrics.



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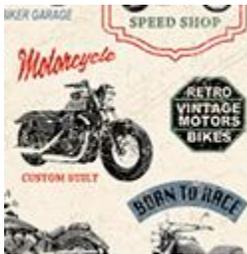
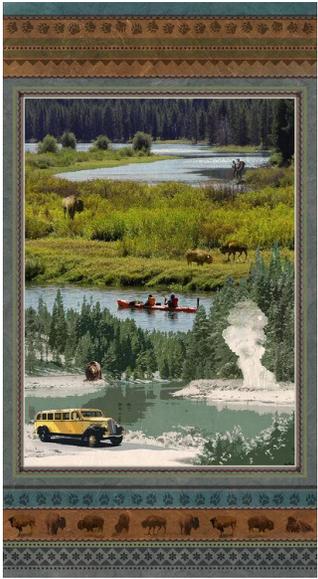


RUNNING YARDAGE

and in overwide--3  
bolts. Great for backs.



From Henry Glass:



overwide



From Windham

# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the Month: Christmas				1	2	3 <b>BOM 10:30</b> <b>CLOSE AT 3</b>
4 CLOSED Independence Day	5	6 <b>Hand work Club 2-4</b>	7 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-4</b>	8	9	10 <b>Embroidery Club 10-noon</b> <b>Take 5 1-5</b>
11 <b>Beginning Quilting</b>	12	13 <b>Hand work Club 2-4</b>	14	15	16	17 Disappearing Triangles 11-5
18 <b>Beginning Quilting</b>	19	20 <b>Hand work Club 2-4</b>	21 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-4</b>	22	23 <b>Full moon</b>	24 Disappearing 9-patch, <a href="#">varieties 11-5</a>
25 <b>Beginning Quilting</b>	26	27 <b>Hand work Club 2-4</b>	28	29	30	31

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Closed</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>BOM 10:30 Hunters Star 1-5</b>
8 <b>Beginning Quilting</b>	9	10 <b>Hand work Club 2- 4</b>	11 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-4</b>	12 Quilt show	13 Quilt show	14 <b>Embroidery Club 10- noon Quilt Show</b>
15 <b>Beginning Quilting</b>	16	17 <b>Hand work Club 2- 4</b>	18	19	20	21 <b>Hunters Star 11-5</b>
22 <b>Full moon Machine Applied Binding 1-4</b>	23	24 <b>Hand work Club 2- 4</b>	25 <b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-4</b>	26	27	28 BQ Quilt 11-5
29	30	31  <b>Hand work Club 2- 4</b>	<b>Color of the month: blacks</b>			

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. Explanations of classes will be out soon--most are self explanatory. NOTE: One Block Wonder Panel class only has 2 more openings.

## 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 the challenge will be houses and seasons. Each row will have houses, trees and other "neighborhood" objects. Each house will have a place for a pieced block. Each "row" will be a season: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. We'll also have a quilt store, school, "village" shops, church, outhouse, dog house, barn - as many as I can squeeze in!

**Hand Embroidery Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 will be starting Crabapple Hill's Snow Days. This is an embroidered and pieced block. So we will help you through the piecing, tracing and embroidery.

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of each month, 2-5 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 2 and go to 5. 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 may work on some felting projects, fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. By summer, we may extend the knitting time into the evening.

**Hand Sewing Club** every Tuesday afternoon 2-4  
This club is open to everyone. Bring your hand sewing (embroidery, binding, knitting, crochet, etc) and sit & stitch. During covid, we sit 6 feet apart and wear our masks, but at least we can share our projects, get a little stitching done and just enjoy the companionship.

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### CLUBS

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#### **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 by the window and work on your projects for a while. You can get advice & suggestions from your fellow quilters and share your experiences about your projects.

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**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.

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**Block of the Month Club FREE!**

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**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: June 24, July 23, August 27

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**

June, blue; July Christmas; August blacks

**Normal Shop Hours:  
Monday-Saturday 10-6  
Sunday 1-5  
Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)**

## **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.

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer  
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