



November 12, 2021

Finish Your Quilt Sale is Back!

First Saturday of the Month Backing, Binding and Batting is on sale at 20%. The catch? You have to have a finished quilt top **AND** you have to bring that top in for show & tell. It must be completely ready for the next step: Quilting!

We have wool batting, 80/20 from Winline and Quilter's Dream, 100% cotton white from Quilter's Dream batting in the select flavor, Dream Orient (silk, bamboo & cotton) and 100% cotton natural from Quilter's Dream in the request flavor. So lots to choose from.

It's time to start thinking about cooking the Thanksgiving turkey. Cooking a bird is really quite easy, but incredibly scary the first time.

My first bird I never even ate because it came out with all brown meat. I thought I had done everything correctly, from the thawing to the cooking. But where there was supposed to be white meat, it was brown. I was tempted to try it, but sense came over me and I threw it away. It's possible I left it out to thaw for too long. Or I over cooked it. Or I bought something that wasn't a turkey.

But since then I have had great success with the birds. I use the oven bags, stuff the bird inside, wait for the thermometer to pop out, and voila! Enough turkey to feed an army, because there really is no such thing as a small bird. I don't baste, I don't do special herbs and spices, I don't do stuffing. I let the oven bag do all the work.

But I always remember that first bird and often stay away from frozen turkeys, favoring a fresh turkey breast instead. No bones, no extra parts, no thawing. Again, simple.

But not everyone is so lucky.

I found one story about a mom who decided to play a trick on her daughter. On a pretext, mom sent the daughter on an errand after the bird was in the oven. While the daughter was away, mom took the turkey out of the oven unstuffed it, took a Cornish hen and stuffed it, then stuffed the stuffed Cornish hen inside the turkey and then put all the original stuffing back in the turkey and placed the whole thing back in the oven. When the daughter removed the turkey from the oven and began taking the stuffing out, she discovered the other bird. Mom then said something like, “OMG, you cooked a pregnant bird!” Apparently, it took several hours to calm down the daughter and convince her that turkeys don’t get pregnant.

Another story about a first Thanksgiving meal involves a young woman who knew that the final thawing of the turkey was to be done in the sink over night (don’t send letters, as that is not really a recommended way to deal with turkeys—see my story above). But as she put the turkey in the sink she carefully put a dishrack over the top of the turkey. When her husband asked what purpose the dishrack served, she said her mom told her that it helps to thaw the turkey. The next day, daughter reports to mom that the turkey was great and she’d followed her mom’s instructions to the letter, telling her she even remembered to put the dishrack on top of the turkey while it was thawing in the sink. Mom paused before replying, “But honey, we had cats!”

There are also several stories involving fresh turkeys, meaning live, brought into the house with wings still flapping, turkeys. These stories all have a similar, perhaps apocryphal base (meaning, it’s a great tale but probably not true), involving live turkeys that are chloroformed, presumably to death, only to wake up when the plucking begins or when the refrigerator door is opened. Imagine a flapping bird flying out of the fridge, having woken up after not being chloroformed to death. But the real question in these stories is: Who but a serial killer keeps a supply of chloroform on hand? I’m not sure it is a product you can just pick up at the grocery store. Although, to be honest, I’ve never tried.

There are also tales of mashed potatoes, and cats finding the pot to be a nice fluffy, warm pillow, or an uncle draining the boiled potatoes over the toilet (because there wasn’t a free sink available) and...the potatoes falling into the toilet. To be clear, these are potatoes that were eventually served at the dinner, with no one the wiser except for the person who shooed the cat off or picked the potatoes out of the toilet.

The moral to those stories? You’ve really gotta trust the friends who have invited you over for dinner.

So good luck this year with your turkeys. I wish you success with thawing, brining, smoking, roasting, basting. Keep the cat off the spuds and the potatoes out of the toiler. And I only have one unusual tip:

Becca came bounding into the kitchen right then. “Keep the cats outside?” she asked.

“Keep all you guys outside,” I said. Becca, for those of you who don’t know, is my nosy mini

Australian Shepherd. She eats dog food, not turkey. “No, the tip is, put the completely thawed turkey in sink. Heat a whole bunch of water...”

“Water doesn’t come in bunches,” Becca opined. She’s also opinionated.

“...to boiling and then pour over the turkey, inside and out. It helps to shrink the skin, making your turkey more moist.”

“That’s it?” asked Becca. “That’s your only tip? What about your granulated garlic powder, or cornbread and wild rice stuffing with creole seasoning, or mayonnaise, cayenne pepper, or an onion powder, paprika, oregano, and thyme rub, or basil/lemon with Romano cheese, or cranberry glazed turkey. What about...”

“Hungry Becca? Time to eat?” She immediately sat and looked expectantly at me.

Ah...so easy to distract.

Sew Steady Products

I am a dealer in the Sew Steady Products. The Sew Steady tables offer an expanded work area around your machine, flush to the machine arm. Advantages of this table include a large surface that is flush to your machine, giving you plenty of space to lay your blocks flat before stitching.

If your only “prep” surface is the tiny arm that only gives you about 1-2 inches before your fabric hits the needle, the Sew Steady Table is for you! Do I sound like an advertisement? What I can tell you is that when I teach classes and students are sewing long strips together, it is often hard for them to manage those strips when the only flat surface is the 1-2” surface right in front of the needle. The Sew Steady table (and it’s portable!) offers up to 8 inches of a flat surface.

Also, the Sew Steady products can include a “grid glider” which is a slick (it’s both slick and slick, if you get my meaning) surface that you adhere to the table and it helps your fabrics glide smoothly toward the needle. It also provides a “grid” with ¼” lines and a center line (for flying geese constructions) and other measuring lines. So helpful.

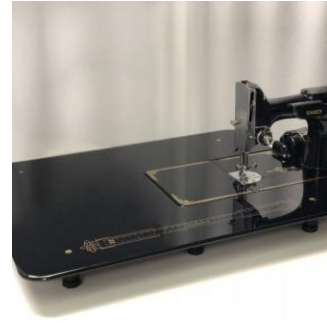
In addition, the Sew Steady Products include quilting rulers that can be used for machine quilting. With the large flat table, ruler use becomes easy (with a little practice).

I will eventually put some pictures of the products in the newsletter, but for now take a look at the sewsteady.com for the wide variety of products. And the pics below.

Each table is built according to the specs of your machine, which means the tables are custom ordered. You decide which table (size, extras) you want, you let me know your specs (I will work with you to get the right measurements), I’ll place your order and in app. 3 weeks (it’s custom made remember) you will have your

table!

If you've never seen a Sew Steady table, come to the shop and see the table I have attached to my Bernina. It's wonderful!



New Hours for winter. During Standard Time (Nov. 7 thru March 13), I will have new closing hours. M-S 10-5. Sundays will be closed unless I have a class scheduled. Hours for those Sundays are 1-5. Check the schedule to see if a class is being held.

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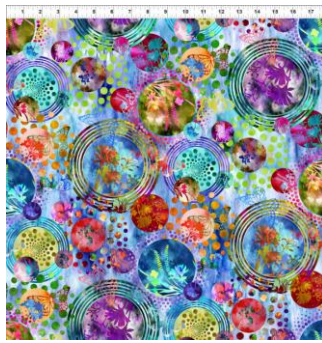
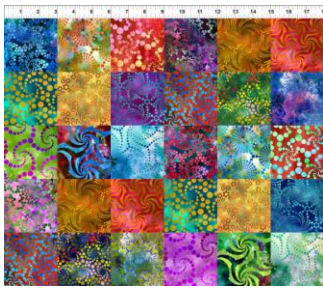
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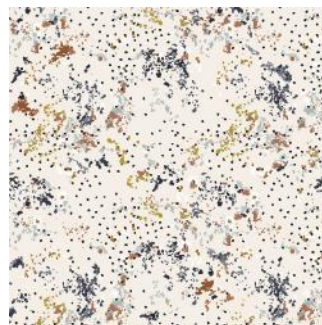
There is more Hoffman fabrics, but the website wouldn't let me download the images for some reason. The fabrics are used in this quilt, and we have kits!

From Hoffman

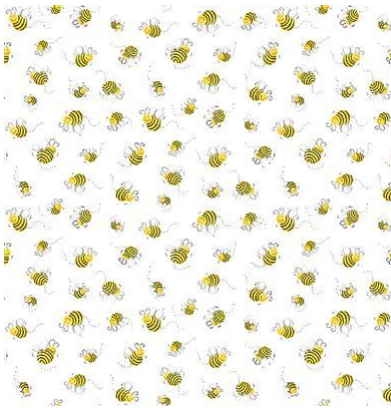
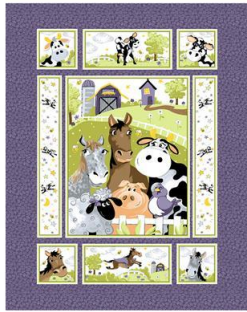
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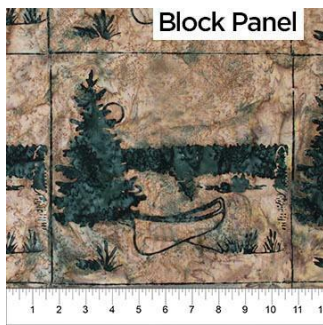
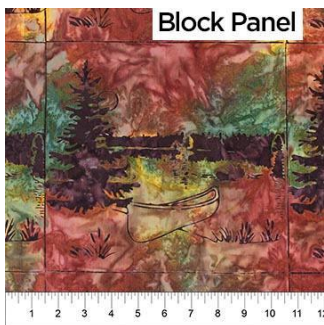
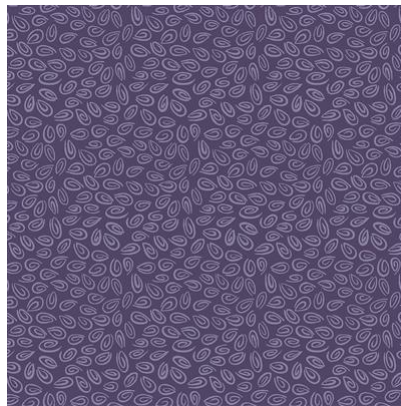
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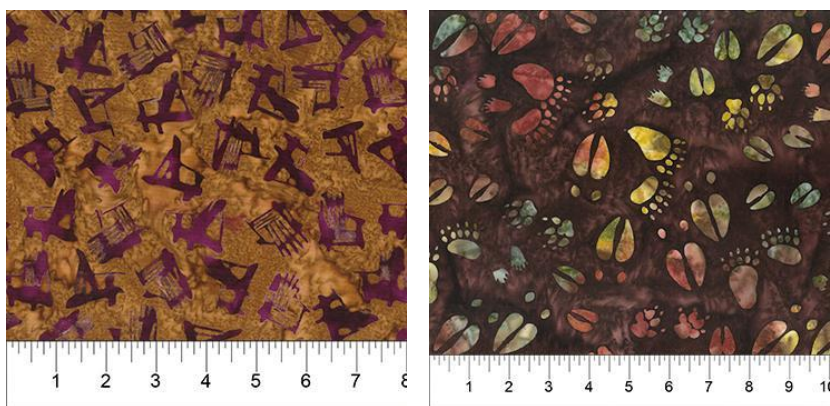
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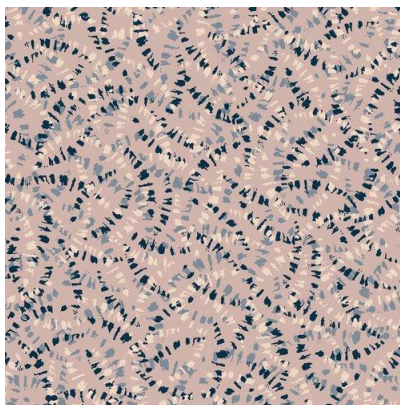
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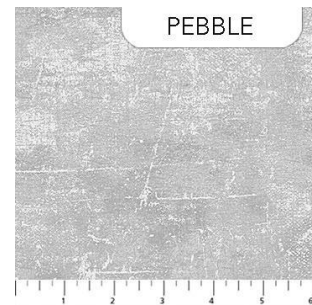
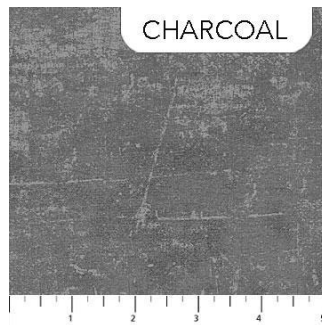
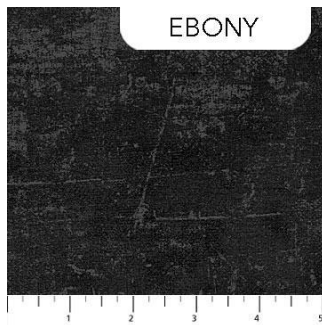
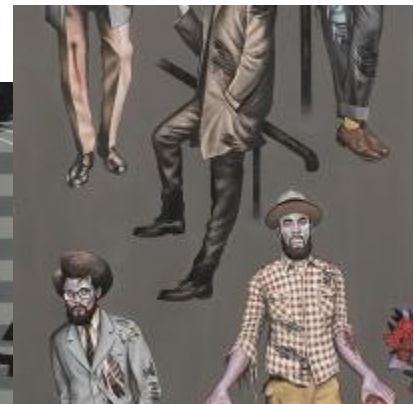


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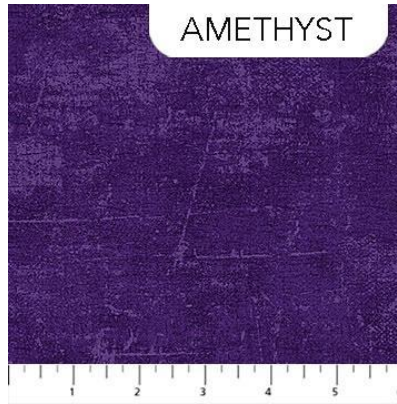
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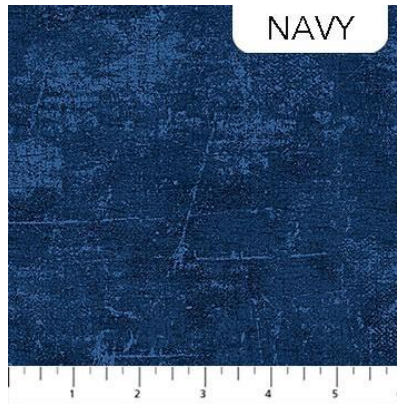
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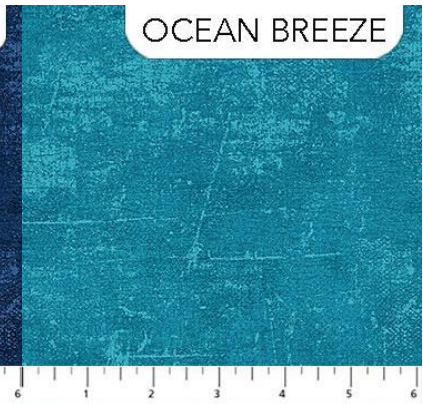
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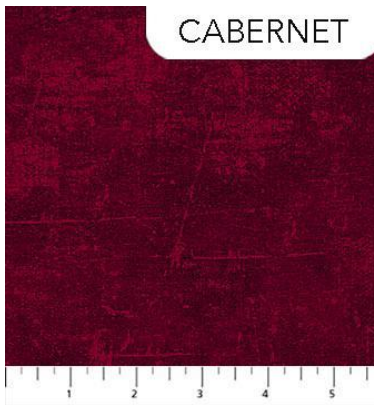
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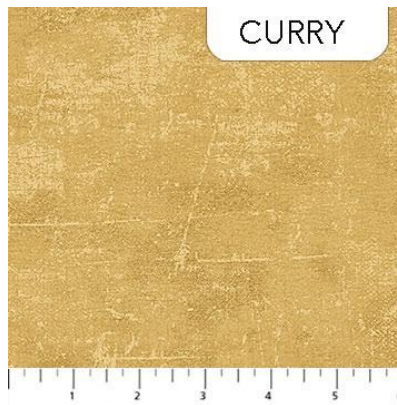
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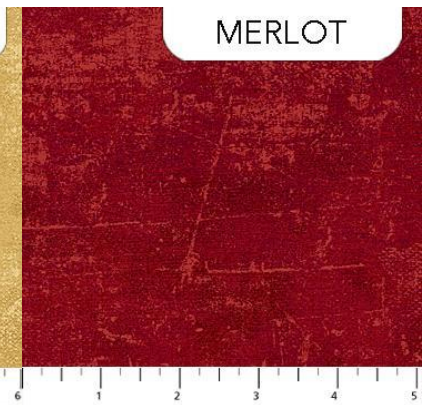
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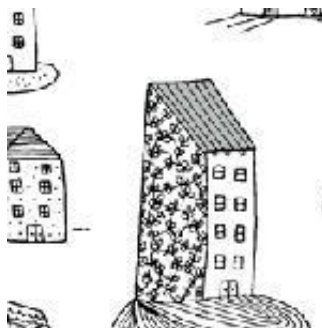


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Art Gallery





From Riley Blake:



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Continued Store Policies

Masks will be required for entering and shopping in the store, even if you are vaccinated. This policy is subject to change, depending on whether the pandemic gets under control. We have been allowing vaccinated persons to come into the store without masks this summer, but because of break through covid cases, it is becoming clear that the recent variants are getting stronger than our vaccines. If you do not have a mask with you, and wish to shop I will sell you a mask that you can then just keep in the car. Or if you know what you want you can tell/call me and we can do a "curbside" business like we did last year.

Class policies for the Fall Semester

I welcome anyone who has been vaccinated to attend classes. If you have not been fully vaccinated, for any reason, I ask that you choose not to attend classes this fall. Perhaps by spring, if the pandemic comes under control, I will change this policy. Classes that are small in number, you will be able to choose whether you wear a mask or not. Larger classes, like block of the month, masks will be required. I will be masked regardless of class size.

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thur	Fri	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 BOM 10:30 Pumpkin Wall Hanging by One Sister <u>1-4</u> Wool Club 4:30-6
7 CLOSED	8	9 Hand work Club 2-4	10 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	11 Trip Around the World 10:30-6	12	13 Embroidery Club 10- noon Pumpkin Wall Hanging 1-5
14 Beginning Quilting 1- 4	15	16 Hand work Club 2-4	17	18 Machine Quilting on Domestic Machine 1-4	19 Full moon	20 Krista Moser's Bespoke Stars 10:30-4
21 Pillow case party 1-4	22	23 Hand work Club 2-4	24 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	25 Thanksgiving CLOSED	26 Black Friday Sale	27 Shop Small Business Sale
28 CLOSED	29	30 Hand work Club 2-4	Color of the month: flannels			

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			1	2	3	4 BOM 10:30 Embroidered Treasures/English paper piecing 2-4 Wool Club 4:30-6
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CLOSED		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 2- 4	Technique class: Squaring Up: Triangles, flying geese, blocks 2- 3		Embroidery Club 10-noon Paper Pieced Penguin gift bag 1-5
12 Closed	13	14 Hand work Club 2-4	15	16	17	18 Full moon Machine Applied Binding 1-4
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Closed		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 2-		CLOSED	Christmas CLOSED
26 CLOSED	27	28 Hand work Club 2-4	29	30 Toad Toter Sale	31 SALE	CLOSED Color of the month: red

Ongoing 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 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 doing 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 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 2-5 Carol Moler (**NOTE: time is 2-5, not 4 as calendar shows**)

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.

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.

ONGOING CLASSES

Techniques Thursdays Sept 9, Oct 14, Dec 9, 2-3 \$10 Barb Boyer

Dec 9: Tips on how to square up any block, including flying geese, by just using basic Creative Grid Rulers. You don't need specialty rulers to square up your blocks! Learn to use what you already own.

Wool Club Sat Oct 2 4:30-6 \$35 Barb Boyer Ongoing, each 1st Sat of the month

Each month we will do a small seasonal, associated to the month, mini wool hanging. We have a collection of 12 different patterns, and if you buy the entire collection you will get a wooden plaque for displaying each mini every month. We will start on November's mini to make sure you get it done before November gets here. So we will stay only one month ahead, giving you incentive to get each mini done. The patterns are not kitted, but we have plenty of wool for sale and we also have some extra bits & pieces for some of the small parts that the shop will contribute to the cause.

NOTE: Pictures of the quilts are in the Fall Newsletter Class description newsletter. I will begin to incorporate them into this newsletter, but I will wait until next week.

November Classes

Pumpkin Patch wall hanging/throw Sat Nov 6 (1-4) & 13 (1-5) \$35 Barb Boyer

This cute quilt is made using the "Buggy Barn" technique, now called the One Sister technique. Fabrics are stacked, slashed, & resewn, mixing the fabric so that each block uses the same fabric but in different positions: Pumpkin, star, background, stem. The challenge in this particular quilt is to group your colors into big and little pumpkins. Which is why we are allowing two sessions for this quilt, just in case.

Trip Around the World Thursday (Veterans' Day) Nov 11 10:30-6 \$35 Barb Boyer

This stripped quilt is made with In The Beginning precut strips. We have 4 kits only. But You can make this quilt with your own fabrics, cut into 2 ½" strips. The class is one day only, but that's all you'll need to understand how to sew the panels and put the quilt together. Finish it up quickly and you'll have a beautiful quilt for a Christmas gift.

Krista Moser's Bespoke Stars Sat Nov 20 \$35 Jean Korber

Krista has done it again, designing a compelling new quilt using the Creative Grids 60 degree triangle ruler. If you have not done one of her quilts, sign up early, because she has quite a following who love the quilts and love the class. This quilt is colorful, with white stars centered in the middle of colorful spokes. It's a wonderful first quilt if you have never used the 60 degree triangle ruler.

Pillow Case Party Sun Nov 21 1-4 FREE

Learn a special way to make a "hot dog" or "burrito" pillowcase. I have some quick cutting techniques that will make the pillowcase easy to stitch. All you need for class is fabric for your pillowcase and your machine.

December Classes

Paper Pieced Penguin gift bag Sat Dec 11 1-5 \$35 Barb Boyer

This is a basic paper pieced penguin that goes on the front of a basic bag pattern. But if you've never done paper piecing this is a perfect way to get started. The book has other patterns that you can choose, so if you don't like penguins, you could substitute Santa. This is the cutest gift bag for the holidays and the greatest part! It's reusable!

Ongoing Classes & Clubs

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Note: January class will be held on the third Saturday

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HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB FREE!

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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.

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 projectBmeaning 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 projectBafghan, scarf, bag, etc.

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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:

November -- flannels; December -- red

Nolting Quilting Machines



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.

**Normal Shop Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10-6
Sunday 1-5**

**Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)
New Hours for Standard Time (starting Nov 7-March 13)**

**Monday-Saturday 10-5, closed Sundays unless a class is scheduled. Then we're open 1-5.
Check the schedule.**

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer
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