



Black Friday and Shop Small Business
Saturday
Friday November 25 and Saturday
November 26

SALE!!! 50% off Christmas and Halloween

I am making room for new stock, so some things need to go to make room for the new. I just ordered new Christmas and Halloween for next year, and we're going to need the space. We haven't had a lot of new Christmas or Halloween fabrics in the past couple of years because of covid. So I am ready for new fun prints.

This is the perfect way to pick up backings and borders, even if the top is not completed or even contemplated. In addition, we are planning a special series of classes using fat quarters (and yardage for background), and the first quilt to be offered in January will be a Christmas quilt. It takes 20 fat quarters of Christmas fabrics. Might as well stock up now.



November 18, 2022

We're now going to talk about something I know nothing about. I'm in good company, though. I don't think anyone really knows anything about this, including members of congress. For example, our own Senator Lummis described the collapse of FTX as "awful and simultaneously not all that surprising." Illuminating. To be fair, she has made money in the bitcoin realm and she is sponsoring legislation to regulate this newish world of nonmoney. But let's hope everyone in D.C. is a lot smarter (aside: I doubt it) than the guy who just lost his shirt, who has a degree in physics (probably not helpful here) and a minor in mathematics (probably should have been the other way around).

So obviously, I'm talking about the fall of the cryptocurrency exchange company FTX, headed by a no longer billionaire Sam Bankman-Fried. I'm not going to try to explain how the collapse happened or what an exchange company is. I'll just quote from

Investopedia, an internet site. Probably reliable.

“FTX Exchange was a leading centralized cryptocurrency exchange specializing in derivatives and leveraged products. Founded in 2018 by MIT graduate and former Jane Street Capital international exchange-traded funds trader Sam Bankman-Fried, FTX offered a range of trading products, including derivatives, options, volatility products, and leveraged tokens.

“It also provided spot markets in more than 300 cryptocurrency trading pairs such as BTC/USDT, ETH/USDT, XRP/USDT, and its native token FTT/USDT.¹² In early November 2022, the exchange and the companies in its orbit began a steep fall from grace. It filed for bankruptcy after facing a severe liquidity crisis.”

Okay, so now that you understand what this is all about, we’re going to play a little game. I didn’t think this up. Most of my good ideas come from other people.

Anyway, the founder of FTX Sam Bankman-Fried, known to his friends and others as SBF (I can think of at least one other person commonly referred to by his initials, and it’s not a good look), gave an interview in September (BF – before crash) to Jonny Diamond, a writer for The Literary Hub, a daily literary website. And he said, to this prestigious literary website, “I would never read a book. I’m very skeptical of books. I don’t want to say no book is ever worth reading, but I actually do believe something pretty close to that. I think, if you wrote a book, you f....d up, and it should have been a six-paragraph blog post.”

You should also know that at one point this fall, he was considering committing up to \$5 billion to Elon Musk’s purchase of Twitter, the epitome of the 6 word posts. I’d say that SBF probably knows the meaning of “epitome,” but then he probably can’t use it in a sentence because he doesn’t read books.

So the game, if you choose to play, is to compile a list of books that SBF should read, given that FTX is bankrupt, SBF is bankrupt, and he’s lost his \$40 million 5-bedroom penthouse in the Bahamas, that he shares with 10 roommates (apparently, allegedly?), where he used to spend most of his time (I’m making part of this up, I have no idea what he does there, I just know he doesn’t read) playing the video game League of Legends, where his “win ratio” is “average-to-bad,” according to an article in Financial Times. There is probably something to be learned here. I won’t speculate.

So some of the reading suggestions that have already posted include The Myth of Icarus, which is the story of the hubris of a young man who flew too close to the sun in a contraption made of feathers and wax; Frankenstein, about the folly of cobbling together a bunch of discarded parts to make a breakable whole; Crime and Punishment, about what SBF might face; The Great Gatsby, about a millionaire and what led to his collapse; and “literally anything about Enron,” because if we don’t learn from the past we are doomed to repeat it, although that lesson might be a little too late for SBF.

My contributions include Moby Dick, ‘cause who doesn’t love a story where both you and the beast you’re futilely chasing dies, as does all but one of the crew; ReamDe by

Neil Stephenson, which would have taught him all about the vagaries of cryptocurrency; Pride and Prejudice, although he probably only needs to read the title of that one; "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury about a world without books; and Great Expectations about how the wealthy can fall and you're only left with a moldy bridal cake.

I am in the process of deciding what books to put into the 2023 reading list. Maybe my inspiration will be "What books should SBF read?" But I think that list would get way too long. Have fun compiling your own selections for SBF.

Prism Collection from In the Beginning Fabrics

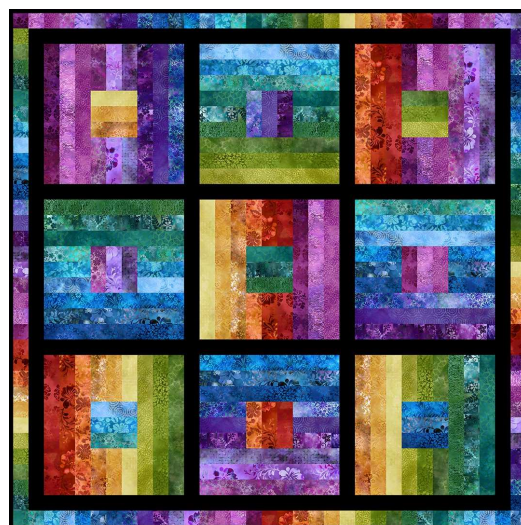
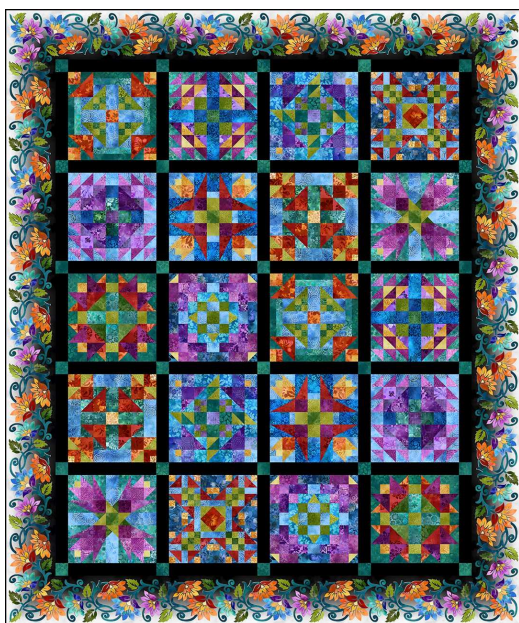
Coming in late February!

We are bringing in the entire collection and kitting for two different quilts. One is a Sampler Block, styled as a block of the month. The other is a strip quilt made with 2 ½" strips.

The Sampler quilt has 10 different blocks and you make 2 blocks from the same pattern. We may put this quilt on the schedule as a block of the month (not the free block of the month, which will continue to be on the first Saturday of the month). The strip pieced quilt we will put on the schedule, sometime in late March or April.

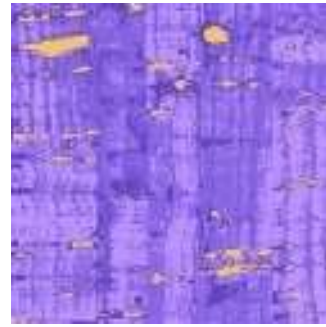
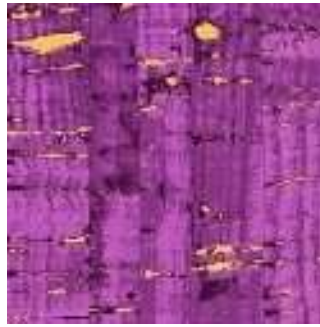
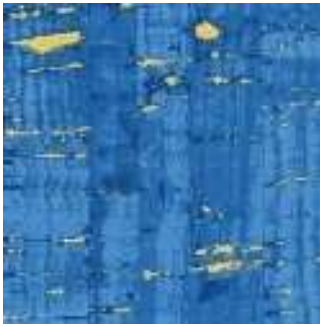
Kits for both quilts will be limited. Cost for the strip quilt (top only) will be approximately \$100. Cost of the sampler quilt (top only) will be approximately \$275. At this time I am taking preorders for both quilts. If you are interested, a down payment of \$100 for the sampler quilt and \$50 for the strip quilt will guarantee you a kit.

I am taking these preorders now, because if I have more interest than I have kits (like I said, right now kits are limited based on how much fabric I ordered), I can reorder more bolts. But I need to know quickly.

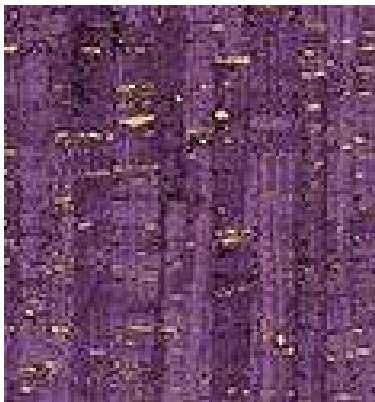
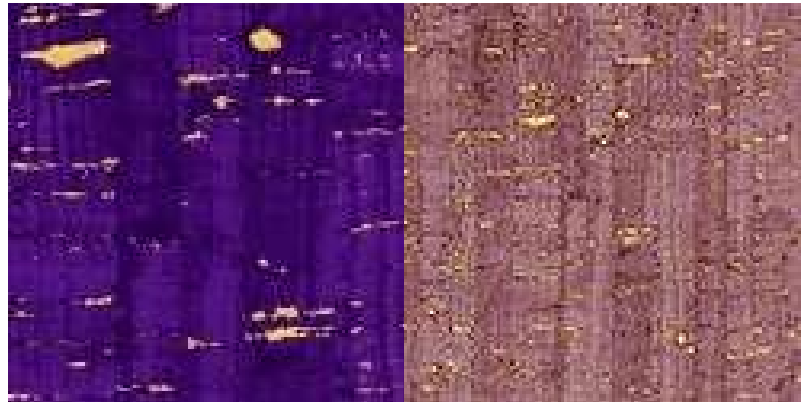
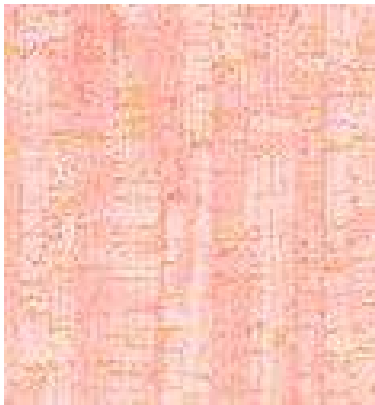


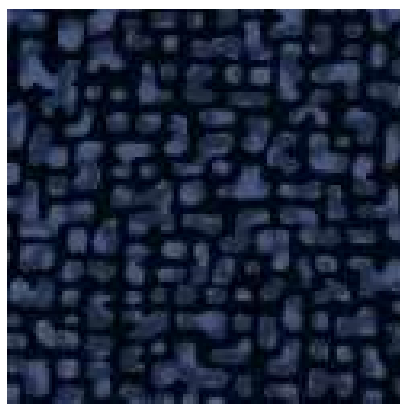
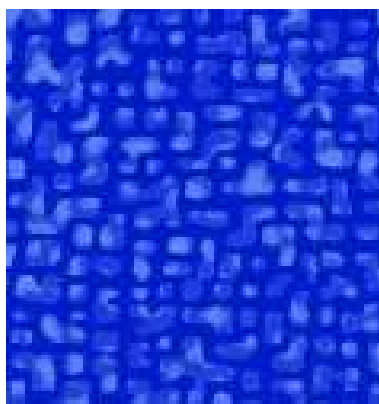
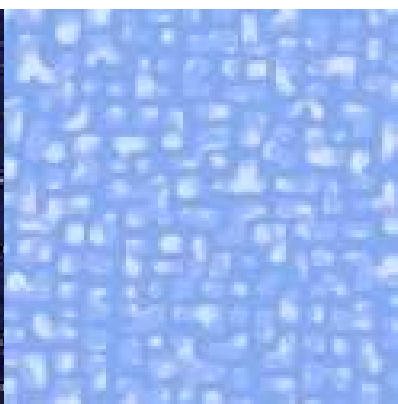
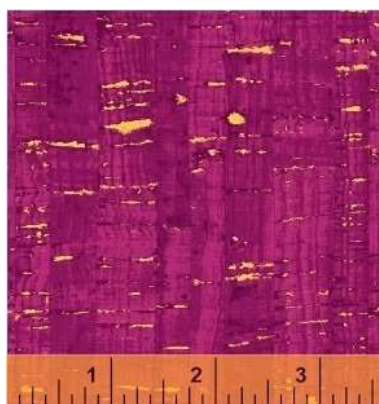
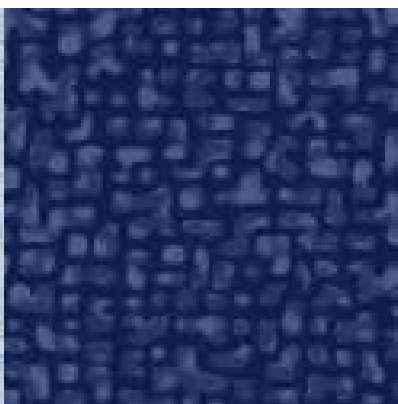
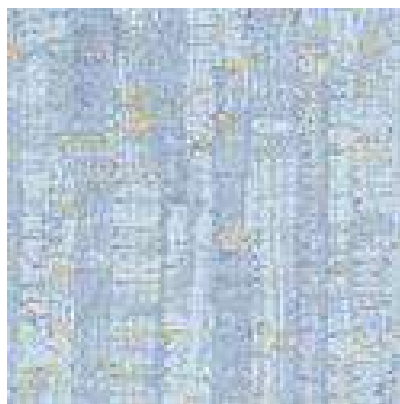
These are the two quilts.

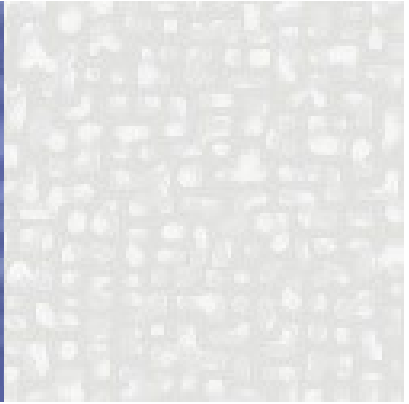
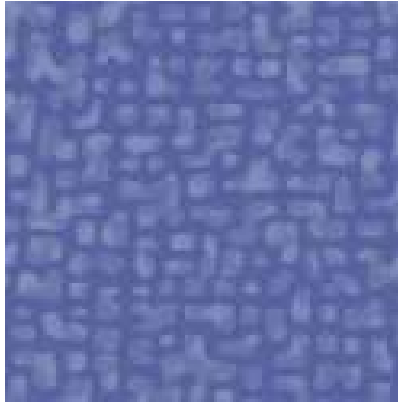
What's New



From Windham: For the Waterfall class in December. We are not kitting these, so you can choose your own colors. Don't wait too long to choose.







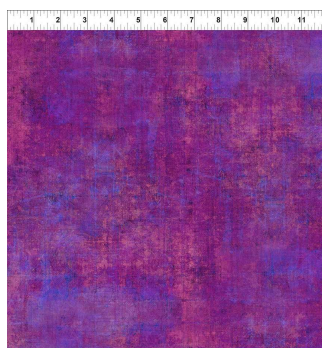
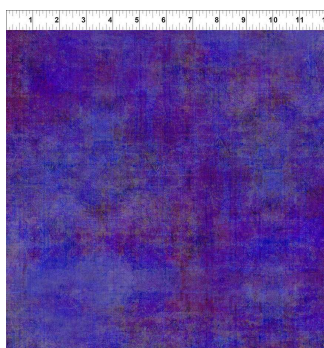
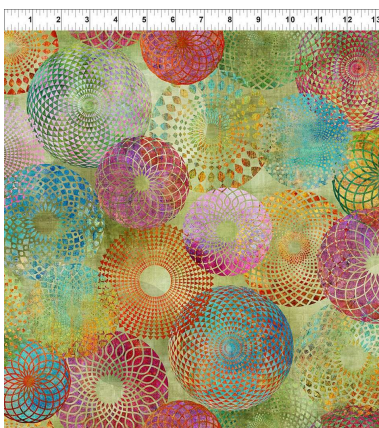
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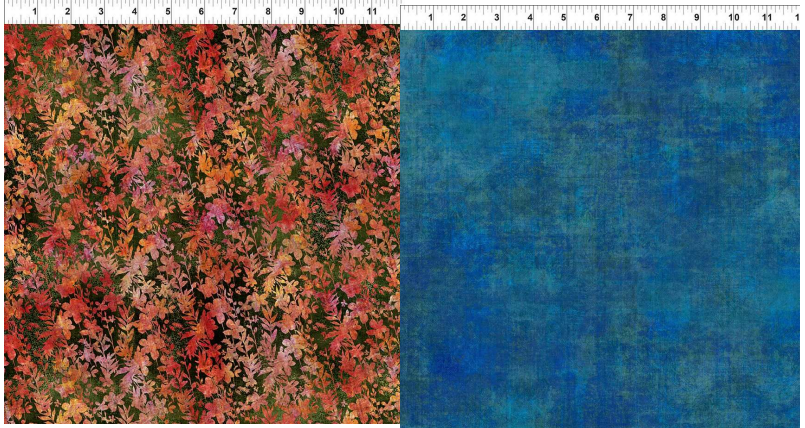
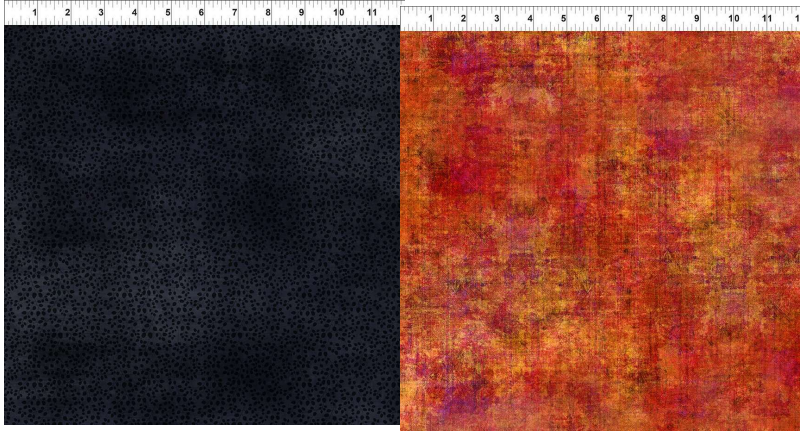
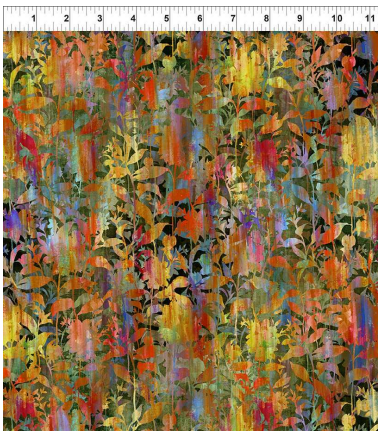
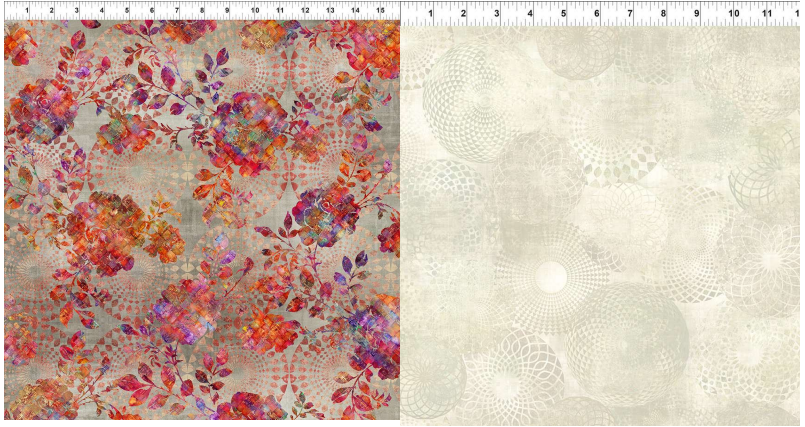


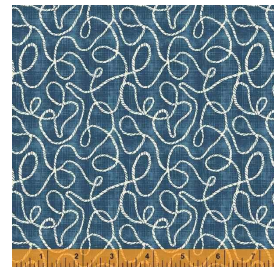
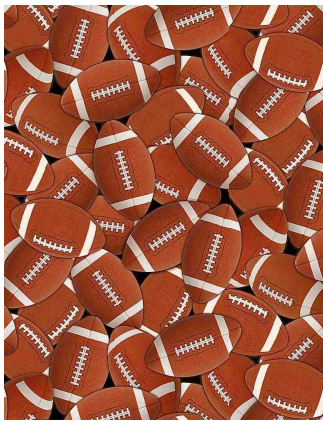
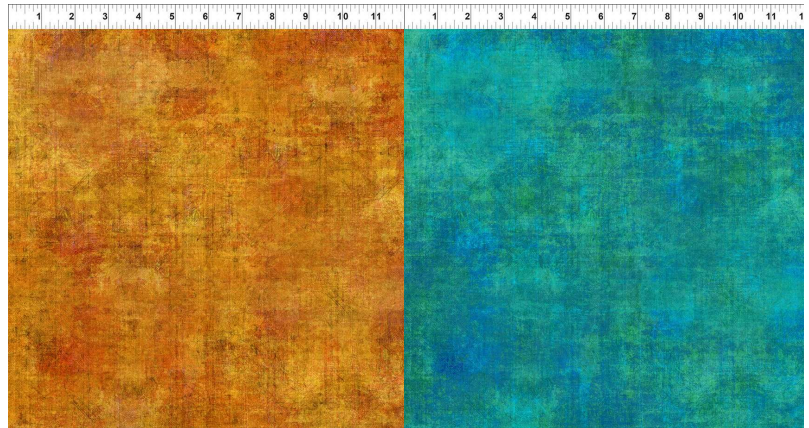


From Michael Miller

In the Beginning

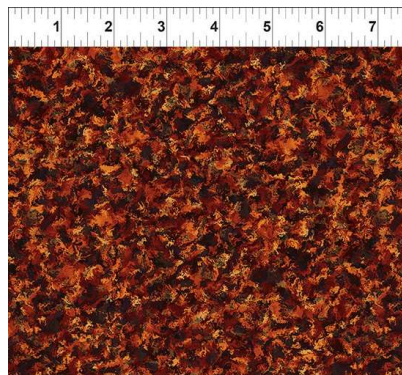






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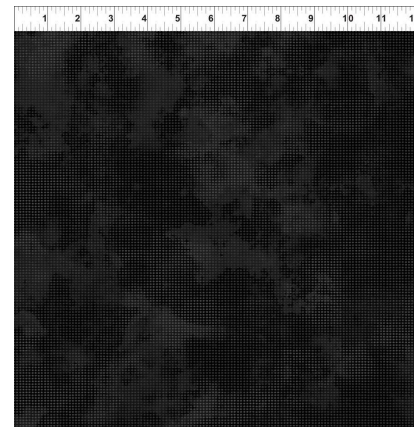
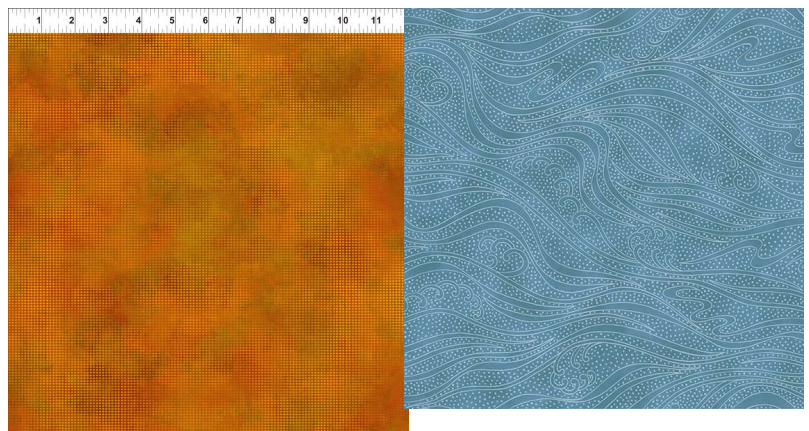
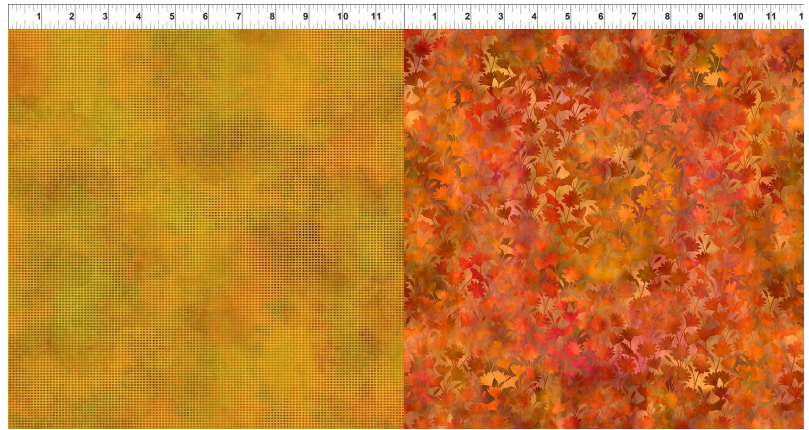
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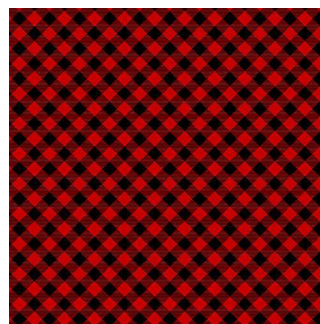
From In the Beginning

NOTE: This collection is called A Year of Autumn, from the Year of Art collection. We have a limited number of kits.

I am not getting the Reflections of Autumn collection. I will be getting Halcyon collection soon.



Henry Glass



November

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hand work Club 2-4	2 Long Arm class 10:30	3 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Quilting 1-4 Part 2	4	5 BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings
6 CLOSED	7	8 Hand work Club 2-4 Full moon Veteran's Day	9 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	10 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4	11	12 Embroidery Club 10-noon Triangle Frenzy 1-5 \$25

13 CLOSED	14	15 Hand work Club 2-4	16 Long Arm class 10:30	17 Long Arm Rental Day	18	19 Krista Moser Tree Skirt 10:30- 4 \$35
20 CLOSED	21	22 Hand work Club 2-4	23 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	24 CLOSED Thanksgiving	25 Black Friday Sale	26 Shop Small Business Sale TBA
27 CLOSED	28	29 Hand work Club 2-4	30	Color of the month: flannels		

December

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: red				1 Long Arm Rental Day	2	3 BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings
4 CLOSED	5	6 Hand work Club 2-4	7 Long Arm class 10:30 Full moon	8 Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4 Class 3	9	10 Embroidery Club 10-noon Letters to Santa 1-5 \$30

11 CLOSED	12	13 Hand work Club 2-4	14 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	15 Long Arm Rental Day	16	17 Waterfall 10:30- 4 \$35
18 CLOSED	19	20 Hand work Club 2-4	21	22	23	24 Close at 2
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 Hand work Club 2-4	28 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	29	30 Year End Toter Sale 40% off	31 Year End Sale 40% Off

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates.

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 Where Are You Going and Where Have You Been? Or This is Your Life. The challenge is to find fabrics that represent your life and your interests: travel, gardening, reading, quilting, where you've lived, family, etc. The some of the blocks will also represent your life: Wyoming and Cheyenne blocks, flowers or baskets – I'll do my best to find blocks that represent some of our mutual interest. The other challenge is to make some of the blocks in both 12" and 6" sizes (don't worry, I'll supply the cutting directions).

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, which is Snow Women. Each block features a snow woman doing every day chores – or deciding to go sledding instead. Each has a funny saying and all blocks have quilt patterns to embroider within.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd and 4th 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 2-5

This club is open to everyone. Bring your hand sewing (embroidery, binding, knitting, crochet, etc) and sit & stitch.

November Classes

Tree Skirt by Krista Moser Nov 19 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

For the Krista Moser fans, and especially if you already have the ruler, why not make this great tree skirt. The tree skirt can double as a table topper, and the pattern also includes placemats and a table runner. The pattern shows using black, white & grays for the main part of the tree skirt (the trees are done in greens), but you could make it in other "buffalo check" colors, from green & black, red & black, or assorted Christmas prints.

December Classes

Letters to Santa Sat Dec 10 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

Kids put out cookies and carrots for Santa and his reindeer on Christmas Eve. This little pieced "mug rug" has a pocket for Sant's letter and a space on the side for the cookies, milk and carrots. It's quick to piece and is a perfect gift for the child in your family. The pattern calls for embroidery as well, but a flair tipped pen works just as well.

Waterfall Sat Dec 17 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber

The Waterfall pattern is a cascading colored quilt block, using 7 different fabrics from light to dark made in a half log cabin styled block. You can make the quilt using one color family (pattern is shown in blue) or you can make it in various colors, cascading from light to dark in each color family. I hope to be able to bring in at least one fabric group that uses 7 different colors in one color family. Stay tuned.

CLUBS

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB FREE!

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Hand Work Club FREE!

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-5, 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). Every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2-5.

Block of the Month Club FREE!

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

Toad Toters Club

On full moon days (as noted in the calendar) you will get 20% off all purchases (not otherwise discounted) that you can fit in your bag. You must bring your bag to participate.

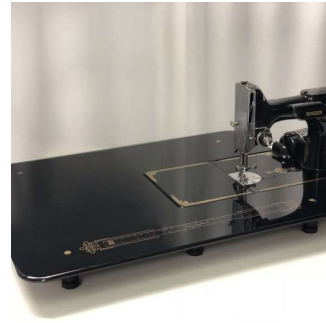
Full Moon Days: September 10; October 8; November 8; December 7

Discount Policy

We will honor only one discount -- whichever is largest. You can't combine a 10% with a 25% discount to get a 35% discount. On this we can't be bribed.

Color of the Month

September orange; October green; 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.

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

Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 7-May 22)

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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