



September 23, 2022

We haven't visited the 2022 Reading challenge in a while, so I thought it was time for everyone to check in.

I started this reading challenge two years ago, when I discovered that there were such things as weird reading challenges – like reading a book with a blue cover. My list is compiled from other 2022 reading lists and some of my own invention. It is designed to make you hunt for your next best read and to read books out of your comfort zone, to get you to try something different, something new. You never know, you may find your most favorite genre or writer when you expand your options. It's also fun to hunt down a book with a blue cover.

So I will reprint the list here, and, just so you know, the books that are boldfaced are ones that I have read for that category. I still need to read a book that was published in 2022, a book with more than 1000 pages (working on *Pickwick Papers* by Charles Dickens), a book with a tiger on the cover (have already read one, but I listed it in a different category), and a book about someone leading a double life.

1. A book published in 2022

**2. Fiction book published before 1990. *Branded Outlaw* by L. Ron Hubbard**

**3. A book set on a plane, train or cruise ship. *The Last Cruise* by Kate Christensen**

**4. a book about or set in a non patriarchal society. *The Tearling* series by Erika Johansen**

**5. A book with a blue cover. *Tuesday Moody Talks to Ghosts* by Kate Racculia**

**6. A book with numbers in the title. *The Eighth Detective* by Alex Pavesi *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton**

**7. A mystery book not set in the U.S. *A Lady's Guide to Gossip and Murder***

**8. A book with a protagonist who uses a mobility aid. *Lethal White* by Robert Galbraight**

**9. A book by a Pacific Islander author. *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng; *Keri Hulme, The Bone People* (New Zealand); *Victoria Kneubuhl's* books about 1930s Honolulu and a female sleuth (Hawaiian); *Albert Wendt, Leaves of the Banyan Tree* (Samoa) – Note: these last 3 books were suggested by a friend who lives in Hawai'i. I haven't found them in Libby (library app) yet, so I don't know if I will get these read this year.**

**10. A book that features a cat. *The Cat Who Saved* books by Sosuke Natsukawa**

**11. Any book about Winston Churchill. *The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson**

**12. A book that uses the word Left in the title. *The Case of the Left Handed Lady* by Nancy Springer**

**13. A mystery that doesn't involve cooking, baking, quilting, knitting or cats. *A Lady's Guide to Murder and Mischief #3* by Diane Freeman**

**14. A Newberry award winning book. *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller**

**15. A book involving a holiday that is not a mystery. *A Redbird Christmas* by Fanny Flagg**

**16. A book best read around a campfire. *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson**

**17. A book with fall winter spring or summer in the title. *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand**

18. A book more than 1000 pages

19. A book with a tiger on the cover or in the title *Blind Tiger* by Sandra Brown; *The Tiger and the Wolf* (Echoes of the Fall #1) by Adrian Tchaikovsky; *Da Vinci's Tiger* by L.M. Elliott; *Tiger Burning Bright* by Marion Zimmer Bradley, Andre Norton, Mercedes Lackey; *The Flying Tigers* by Sam Kleiner

20. A book with a misleading title. *The Satapur Moonstone* by Sujata Massey

21. A different book by an author you read last year. *The Devil May Dance* by Jake Tapper

22. A book with the name of a board game in the title. *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab

23. A social-horror book. *Frankenstein in Bagdad* by Ahmen Saadawi

24. A book featuring a man made disaster. *Andromeda Revolution* by Michael Crichton & Daniel Wilson

25. A book set in Victorian times. *Scandal Above the Stairs* Jennifer Ashley

26. A book about someone leading a double life

27. A Hugo Award winner. *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

28. A book about books. *The Invisible Library* by Genevieve Cogman

29. A book with even numbered pages. *Brit-Marie was Here* by Fredrik Backman

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## What's New

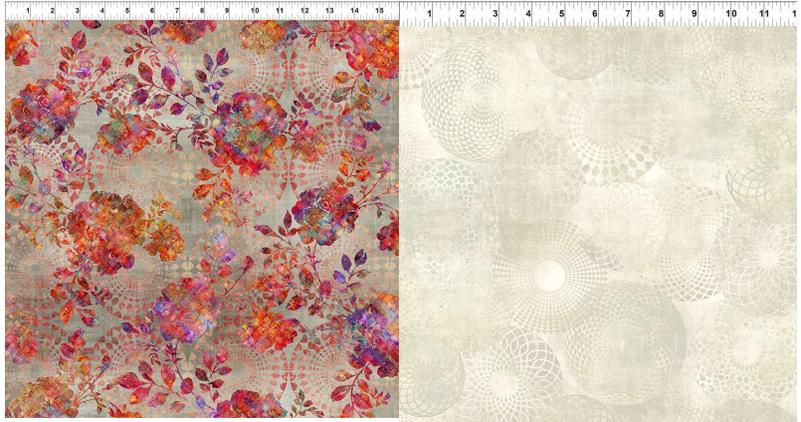
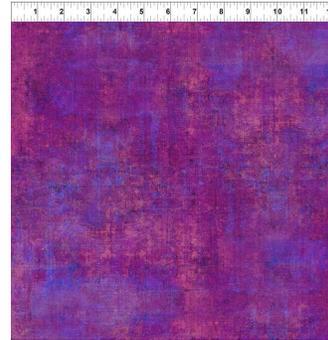
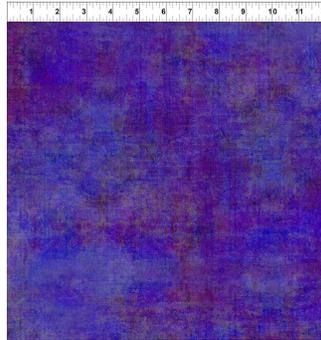


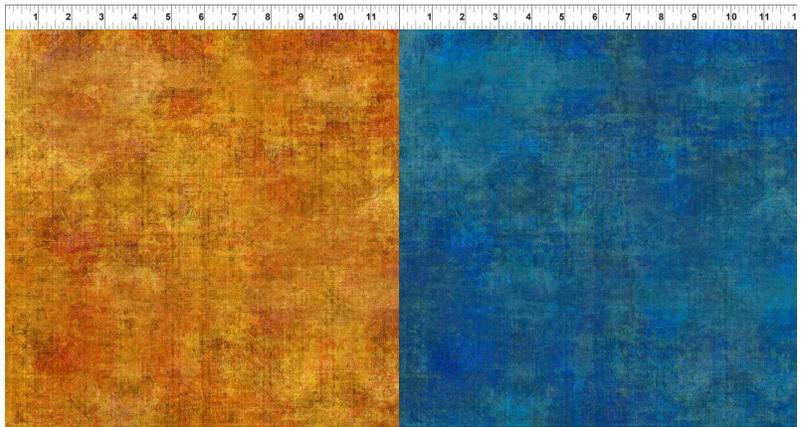
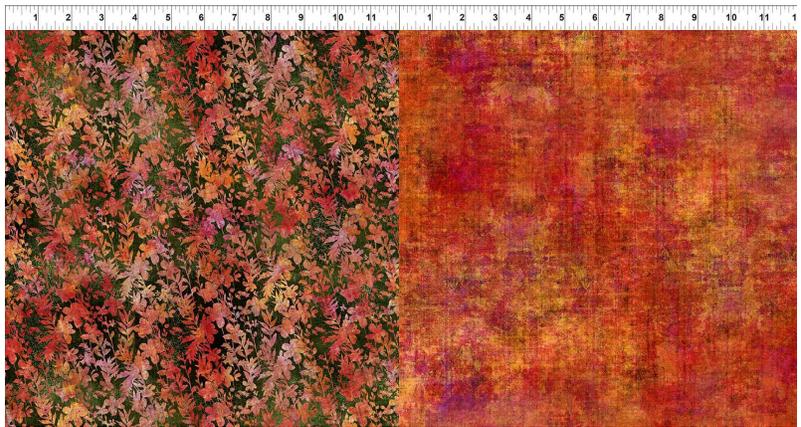
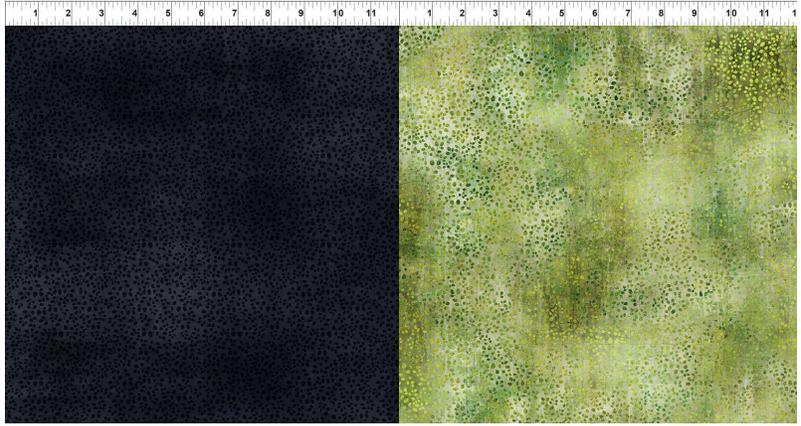


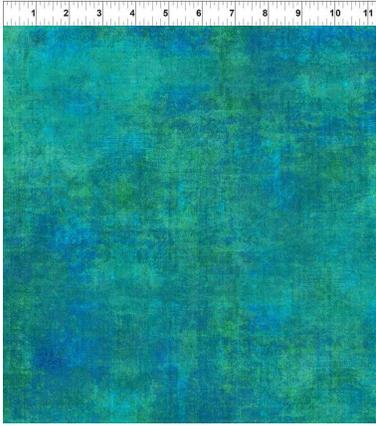
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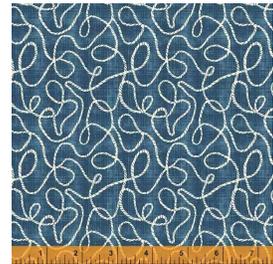
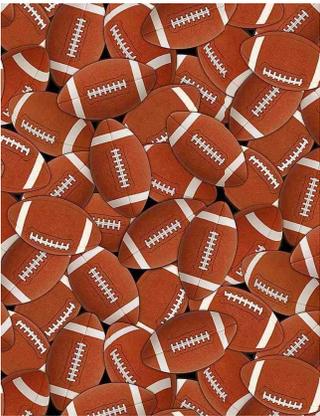
From In the Beginning  
We now have kits for the  
Kaleidoscope quilt. Limited.  
Very limited. If you wanted one,  
don't delay in getting it.







From Henry Glass

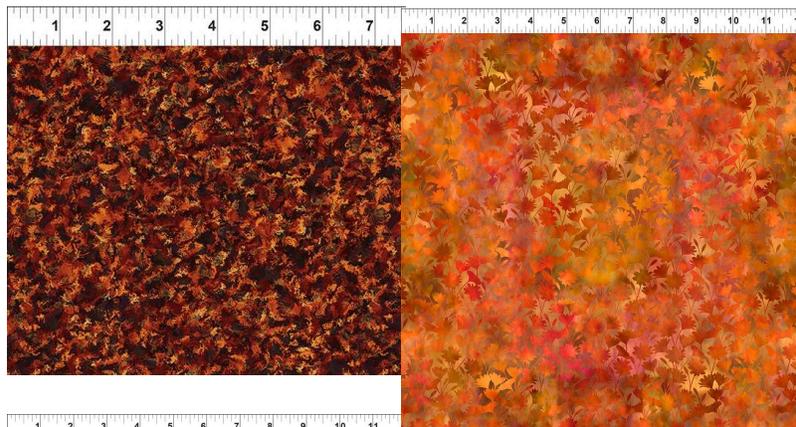


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From Timeless



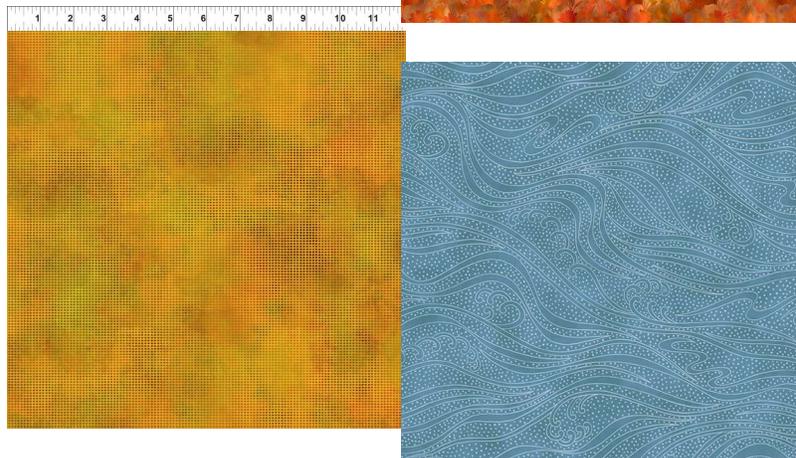
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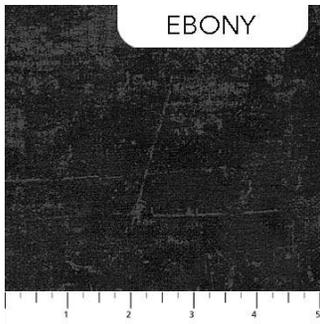
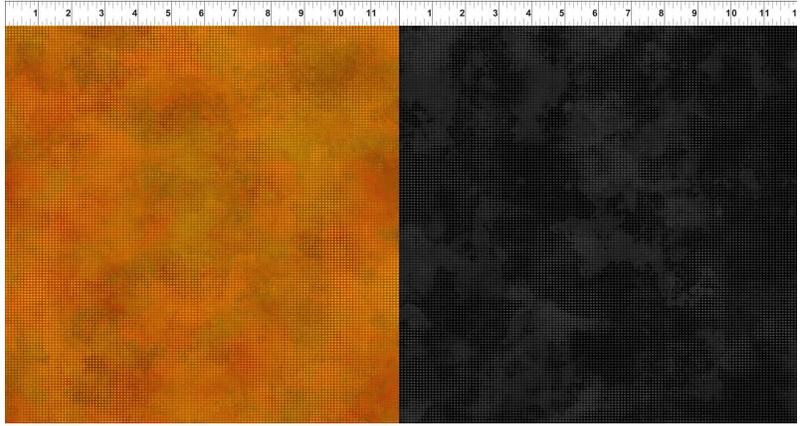
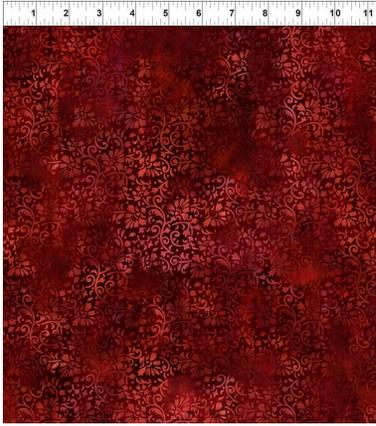


From In the Beginning

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.

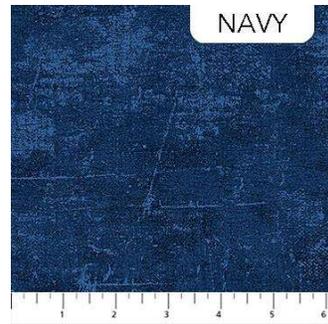




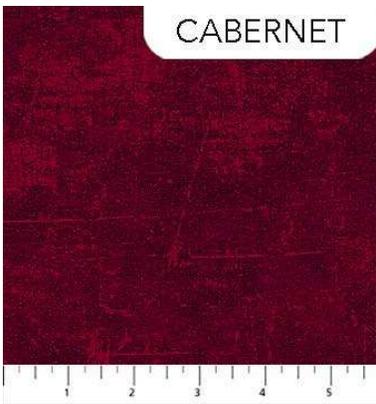
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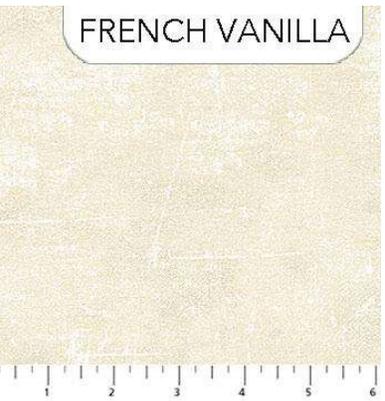
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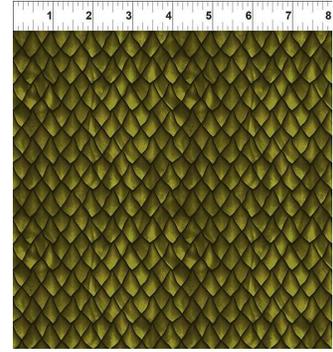
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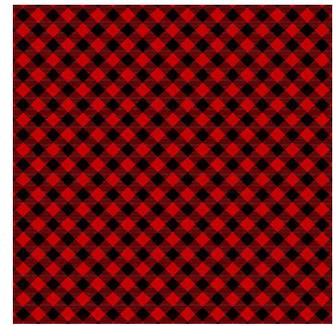
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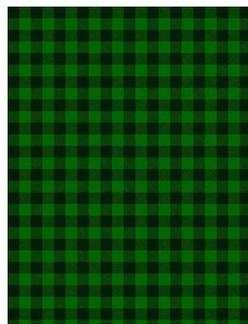
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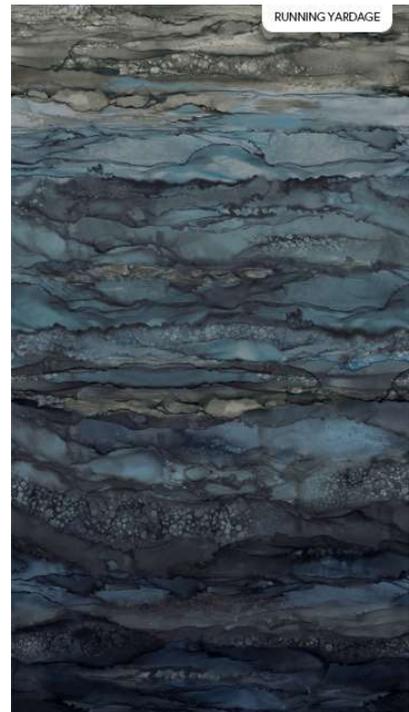
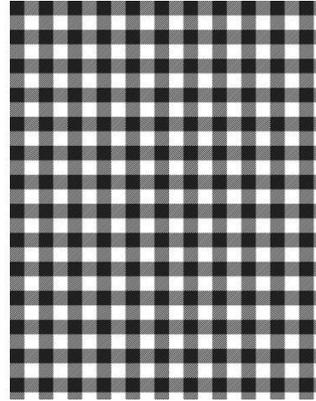


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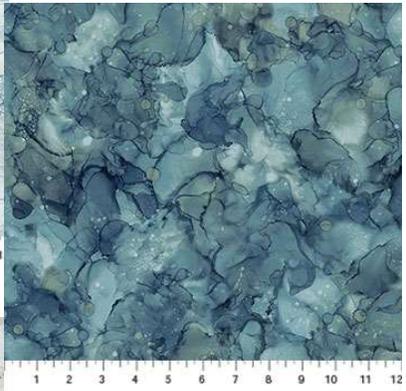
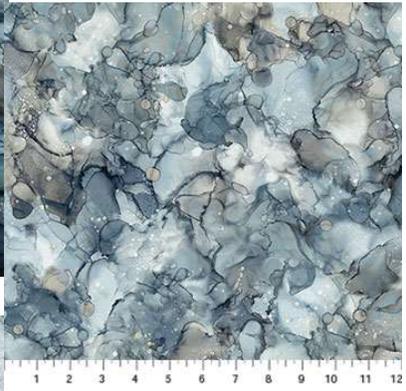
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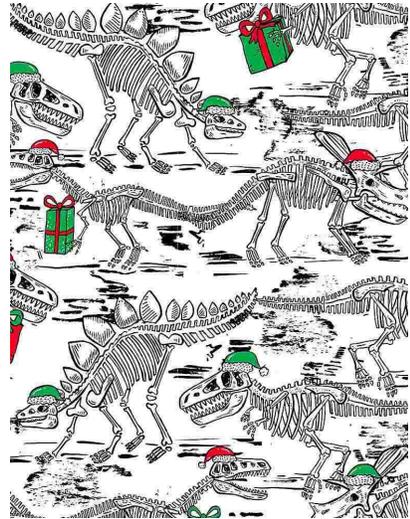
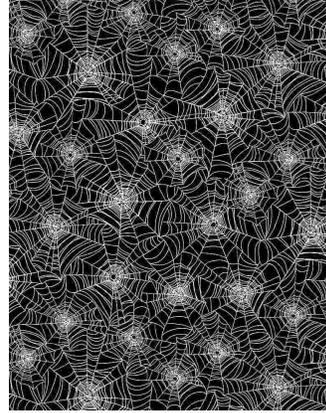


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From Timeless Treasures



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Long Arm Rental Day	2	3 BOM 10:30 Elk Country 1-5 \$30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off <u>backings, bindings and battings</u>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CLOSED	Labor Day	Hand work Club 2-4	Long Arm class 10:30	Long Arm Rental Day		Embroidery Club 10-noon Full moon Scrappy Flying Geese

11 Beginning Quilting 1-4	12	13 Hand work Club 2-4	14 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	15 Long Arm Rental Day	16	17 Curvy Log Cabin Christmas Tree 10:30-4 \$35
18 Beginning Quilting 1-4	19	20 Hand work Club 2-4	21 Long Arm class 10:30	22 Long Arm Rental Day	23	24 Time for Halloween quilt 10:30-4 <u>\$30</u>
25 Beginning Quilting 1-4	26	27 Hand work Club 2-4	28 Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	29 Long Arm Rental Day	30	Color of the month: orange

October

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> BOM 10:30 Pieced Baltimore Beauty quilt 1-5 \$40 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings
<b>2</b> Beginning Quilting 1-4	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hand work Club 2-4	<b>5</b> Long Arm class 10:30	<b>6</b> Long Arm Rental Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Embroidery Club 10-noon Full moon (observed) Drunkard's Path quilt 1-5 \$30

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Beginning Quilting 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	Long Arm Rental Day Hand Applique: Welcome to the North Pole 1-4		Curvy Log Cabin 10:30-4 \$35
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Beginning Quilting 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4	Long Arm class 10:30	Long Arm Rental Day Hand Quilting 1-4 Part 1		Kaleidoscope Quilt 10:30-4 \$35
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Beginning Quilting 1-4		Hand work Club 2-4	Knit Pickers' Club 2-4	Long Arm Rental Day		Ribbon Candy 10:30-4 \$30
30	31					
Beginning Quilting 1-4	Halloween	Color of the month: green				

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** 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, 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** 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 2-5

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

## September classes

**Beginning Quilting** 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Sept 11

This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

**Curvy Christmas Tree Sat Sept 17, 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber**

This quilt uses the Creative Grid curvy Log Cabin ruler. The quilt is made with both curved cabins and regular cabins. Once you get the rhythm of the ruler, your blocks will go together quickly. You'll have a Christmas wall hanging in plenty of time for Christmas!

**Time for Halloween! Sat Sept 24 10:30-4 \$30 Barb Boyer**

This Halloween quilt is from the BQ4 pattern. The line of BQ (Big Quilt) patterns from Maple Island Quilts is a great way to showcase fun fabric. The BQ4 pattern lends itself to using panels for the larger rectangles. It's handy to have two panels that you can cut up, plus additional fabrics for the squares. Because the sample is done with directional fabrics, I'll show you how to adapt the pattern.

## October Classes

**Curvy Log Cabin Sat Oct 15 10:30-4 \$35 Jean Korber**

We are using the curvy log cabin ruler for a second class (the first was the Christmas tree). This quilt is a more traditional log cabin (meaning it doesn't form a picture, like a tree) but the curves make it unique.

**Hand Applique Thurs Oct 13 & Nov. 10 & Dec 8 1-4 \$40 Sandra Freeburg**

This class has two parts: First is the introduction to hand applique. Second, you will next use the skills learned to make the wall hanging, Welcome to the North Pole! The quilt pattern is a fun, whimsical quilt, with houses, stars, even Santa Claus and his reindeer. The fun part is choosing all the great fabrics for the whimsical houses.

**Drunkard's Path, Rainbow version Sat Oct 8 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer**

We will be using a special template that allows you to cut not only the Drunkard's Path traditional blocks, but also the "rainbow" block that employs an extra curved piece. The sample in the store is done with 3 different blues (light, medium and dark). The quilt is also stunning made with brights, with one side being predominately black + color, and the "rainbow" arc made from scraps. Sewing curves is the skill to be learned here, and it is easier than you think.

**Hand Quilting Thurs Oct 20 & Nov. 3 1-4 \$40 Sandra Freeburg**

We are doing the hand quilting class in two parts, just like the Hand Applique class. Part one is to teach the hand quilt stitch. The second class will apply what you've learned to an actual project. You can choose a quilt you've already pieced or you can find a fun panel to practice your hand quilting skills.

**Kaleidoscope Quilt Sat Oct 22 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer**

This quilt is from In the Beginning fabrics, although most any 10" wide border stripe would work. You cut 8 identical pieces (similar to One Block Wonder and Stack & Whack) using the kaleidoscope ruler. Full sized blocks are used in the center and half blocks for the setting triangles. It looks harder than it is. Only two fabrics are used for this quilt. If you want a kit, please sign up early (as soon as the fabric arrives) as we will have limited supplies.

**Pieced Baltimore Beauty Sat Oct 1 (and first Sat in Nov and Dec) 1-5 \$40 Barb Boyer**

Most Baltimore Beauty quilts are hand appliqued. This quilt is all pieced, using squares, rectangles and 45 flip sewing. Warning: some of these large blocks have many pieces. We will do two blocks a month and continue the class into the spring as needed. Contact me about how to find the book, as it is out of print. I will also provide cutting diagrams for each block. This quilt requires attention to detail, but it is stunning when it is done.

**Ribbon Candy Sat Oct 29 10:30-4 \$30 Jean Korber**

This Christmas quilt uses 2 1/2" precut strips and is pieced in such a way that it resembles the ever popular ribbon candy. We will be cutting our own strip sets for this quilt, so if you are interested in our selection of fabrics, be sure to grab a set because the "kits" will be limited. You can also make the quilt from any 2 1/2" strip set.

## 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.

**Triangle Frenzy Sat Nov 12 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer**

We've been putting the Triangle Frenzy quilt table runner on the schedule for several years now because it is so popular. It is the perfect table runner and it uses the great 10" wide border stipe fabrics. You need a 12" 60 degree triangle ruler and 1-1 1/2 yards of a border stripe. These table runners are quick to make and are great gifst for the holidays.

## 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.

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## CLUBS

### **HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB FREE!**

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.

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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.

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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). Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 2-5.

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### **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.

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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: 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.

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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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