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You have to be careful about on line reviews for products. Just because someone posts a review doesn't mean he's used the product. I'm sure you know this. But I'm also sure that when you read good reviews for a product you want, you let the reviews sway you. I mean, you already like the product because you're thinking about buying it. So, therefore, the favorable product reviews you believe and the bad ones you think were written by someone who doesn't like anything and can poke holes in everything. I've basically given up looking at on line reviews.

But sometimes, reviews are just funny and fun to read. And it doesn't matter whether the person has actually used the product or not. For example:

1. The Wenger 16999 Swiss Army Knife Giant. It has 87 tools and 141 functions. "I had it in my hip pocket, then I fell down. When I got up I was dead. Other than that, it's okay." Or "Found this stuck into a stone while on vacation. I'm impressed with it, generally. Unfortunately, it turns out that removing it made me the new king of Switzerland, which is a lot of responsibility."
2. The Luke Skywalker Ceremonial Jacket with medal of Yavin. "I was tired of getting hit on by beautiful women every time I went out in public, and then I bought this jacket. Problem solved."
3. The Zenith Men's Defy Xtreme Tourbillon Titanion Chronograph Watch. With a name like that you know it's expensive. "No one recognizes this freaking watch! ... I had to hire a guy to interrupt me at the country club with 'Excuse me, is that the Zenith Men's Defy Xtreme Tourbillon Titanium Chronograph Watch that's worth \$145,000 and truly sets you apart as a god among men?'"

4. The 2009-2014 Outlook for Wood Toilet Seats in Greater China. (I just report this stuff. I don't make it up.) This is a book that sells for \$495. "I was thinking, "Sweet! Finally a version of Outlook that will run on my wooden Chinese toilet seats!! Little did I know this has NOTHING to do with Outlook for Windows or any other Microsoft product."

5. The JL421 Badonkadonk Land Cruiser/Tank. (I didn't make up badonkadonk, either.) This tank has an armored shell, a 400-watt megaphone system and cruises at 40 mph. "Well, first let me say that I have been using the word Badonkadonk wrong my entire adult life."

6. The Daddle, by Cashel. It's a saddle for Dads. Now, please take your mind away from where it just went. This is a saddle for little kids to use and it fits on Dads. "Please note that this Daddle is Western Style and will not be appropriate for those trained in the English Father Riding Method." Or, "I'm afraid that I have still not had success... No amount of duct tape would keep the cat attached to the saddle while it was on my husband's back."

7. Uranium Ore, with convenient 5-day shipping. Not overnight, like you might expect with a volatile product like this. "I was very disappointed to have my uranium confiscated at the airport. It was a gift for my son for his birthday. Also, I'm in prison now, so that's not good either." Or, "It is not cat food.... The cat's huge and well, doesn't really look much like a cat anymore." Or, (my favorite) "I purchased this product 4.47 Billion Years ago and when I opened it today, it was half empty."

8. How to Avoid Huge Ships. (It's a book.) (It's been in print for 37 years.) (It's still in print.) "It was only after it arrived that I looked closely at the title and realized it said 'How to Avoid Huge SHIPS'. A simple error that means I am still treading on massive examples of canine excrement."

9. The UFO-02 detector. It's designed to sense magnetic and electromagnetic disturbances. "I don't know if this is a scam or if mine was broken, but it doesn't work and I am still getting abducted by UFO's on a regular basis." Or, "We again found no signs of aliens in the morning. My uncle and I noticed that some of his cattle had fallen over and accidentally disemboweled themselves, which my uncle was upset about. But we could see no signs of aliens." Or, "I, as a resonable and trUstworthy hUman, do not gleep nerp this ungood prodUct. Bad it is for Us hUMans to purchase and operate this online pUrchasable prodUct."

10. The Horse Head Mask, from Accoutrements, just in time for Halloween. "By wearing this mask, I was able to get anything and everything I needed. Plenty of hay, lots of time to run and, best of all, I no longer have to wear pants." Or, "It's not big enough to completely cover a horse's head, and it doesn't provide enough air flow for them, either."

11. Wheelmate Steering Wheel Attachable Work Surface Tray. "It's OK I guess, but the bumpy road makes it hard to type. And there's a lot of pedestrians and traffic that keep distracting me from my computer." Or, "I love emailing the Highway patrol while I drive to let them know the tag numbers of cellphone-using drivers."

12. Hutzler 571 Banana Slicer. "Gone are the days of biting off slice-sized chunks of banana and spitting them onto a serving tray.... Next on my wish list: a kitchen tool for dividing frozen water into cube-sized chunks." Or "As shown in the picture, the slices is curved from left to right. All of my bananas are bent the other way."

[Rerun from a bit ago.]

What's New



From Dashwood Studios





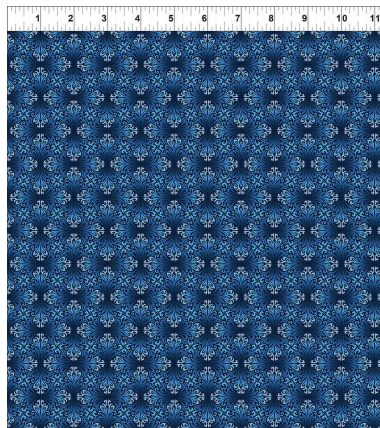
From Timeless Treasures

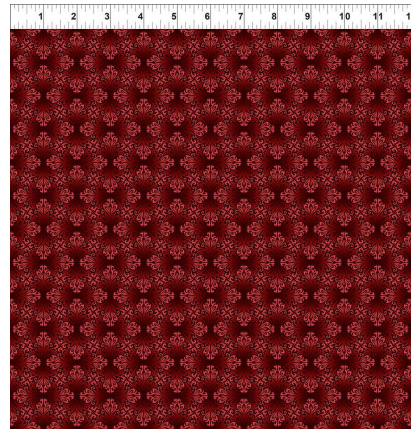


From Riley Blake. BIG FOOT is here!



From In the Beginning





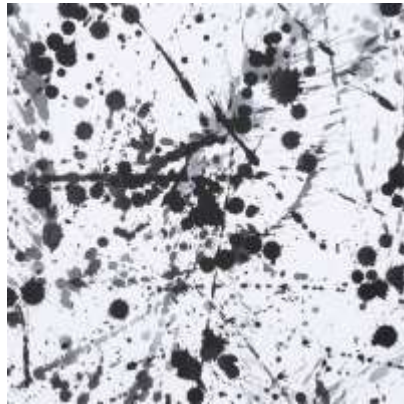
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From Dear Stella (NOTE
The Hedgehogs) & Oasis
(the horses)

Plus we got whites in from P
& B. I won't put thumbnails
in, because they will just
look white.

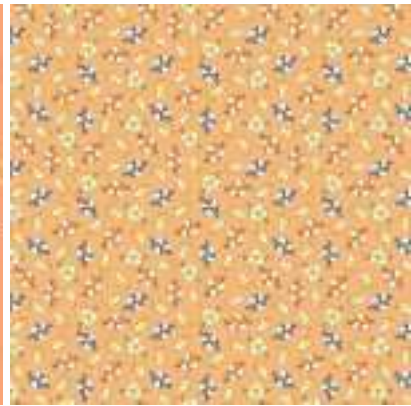




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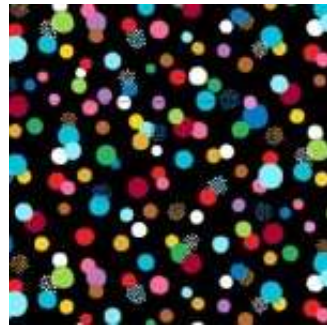
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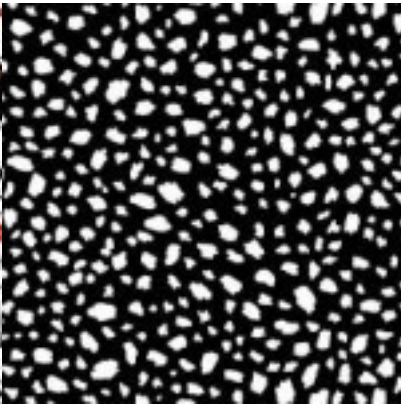
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 But avoid in RABBIT.
B—great words like English,
 What starts with RABBIT.
C—in for Canada, Canada, Clark,
 RABBIT don't look away from
 work.
D—for Dots, an evil dog,
 Since RABBIT made its bow.
E—for Ears—pink is as
 if you see RABBIT.
F—for Fun, which they enjoy
 Who RABBIT's all employ.
G—for Girls—good ones think
 RABBIT parties for cheat-
 ing the sick.
H—for Home, where all is bright
 If RABBIT 's most right.
I—for Imit—plenty so—
 Never used RABBIT!
J—for Jolly—won't find us
 If you see RABBIT.
K—for Ladies, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
L—for Ladies, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
M—for Ladies, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
N—for Ladies, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
O—for Old—old, bright as new,
 Made so by RABBIT, too.
P—for Pat that followed the kettle,
 RABBIT don't look away from
 work.
Q—for Queens all around—
 Only one 's a crown to be
 found.
R—for Red, which all may know
 Who see their wife and
 RABBIT.
S—for Sewing—just the thing
 For cleaning up in Fall and
 Spring.
T—for Tidy—such are they
 Who use RABBIT every day.
U—for Umbrella of paper or tin,
 RABBIT closes them without
 and when.
V—for Village, you should know
 RABBIT's found where'er
 you go.
W—for Women, who can know
 How to use RABBIT.
X—for Xmas, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
Y—for Yarn, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.
Z—for Zebra, all women know
 How to use RABBIT.

From Riley Blake





From Michael Miller





Spring Newsletter

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 Starry Skies. Challenge #1 is to use at least 25 different fabrics in the quilt – should be easy. Challenge #2 is to choose backgrounds for the blocks that aren't the typical cream/white neutrals that we generally use. Instead, we will mix it up a bit, using both traditional backgrounds for some blocks, and then choosing "colors" in both light and dark fabrics for other blocks.

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 Garden Belles. Each block features a lady in vintage costume, in the garden, or similar outdoor setting. These are old fashioned ladies in dresses, which offer all sorts of stitchery creativity.

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd and 4th Wed of each month, 2-5 Carol Moler

Come join our Knit Pickers= Club. We knit 2 days a month every second and fourth Wednesday, from 2-5. The Club is open to all skill levels and, despite the name, includes crocheters as well. 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. We can even help you get started—teach you the basics.

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.

July Classes

Elizabeth Hartman Quilts, your choice Sat July 29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer 10:30-4

E.H. Quilts are made using a 45 degree flip & sew method. The trick is in the organization & keeping track where you are in the piecing. These make great kid quilts, wall hangings, ones with all the animals—bed quilts. You can start by making one animal from the quilt, and build out from there.

August Classes

Rail Fence Sat August 5, 1-5 \$35 Barb Boyer

Rail Fence is an easy quilt to construct. You will design your own pattern, meaning you can choose the size of your strips and how you want to place your blocks: In the chevron style as shown in the sample, or create your own design. Six colors is all you need. And alternate block fabric, if you choose to add other things into your quilt. And borders, of course.

Patches of Life Sat August 26 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer

This is an Eleanor Burns pattern, which uses 48 precut strips (generally one roll plus a few extra strips) and fabric for the half square triangles and the Triangle in a Square blocks, which create the illusion of curves. Class will be all about how to create the 9-patch blocks, the half square triangles, and, of course, the Triangle in a Square block.

CLUBS

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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).

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: January 6; February 4 (observed); March 7; April 6; May 5; June 4

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

January purple; February red; March green; April yellow; May whites, June blue

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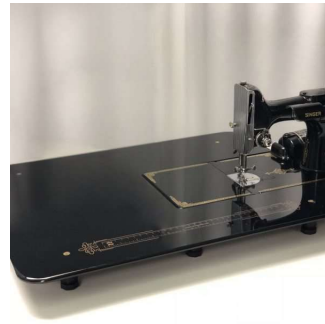
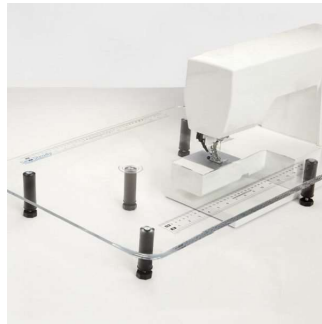
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BOM 10:30 Fun Ways to use your panels: A strategy & design class 1-5 <u>\$35</u>
2 Beginning Quilting 1-4 Shop Is now open 1- 5!	3 Full moon	4 CLOSED	5 Long Arm class 10:30	6 Long Arm Rental Day	7	8 Embroidery Club 10- noon Machine Binding 1-5 \$40
9 Shop Is now open 1- 5!	10	11 Hand work Club 2-5	12 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	13 Long Arm Rental Day	14	15
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Shop Is now open 1- 5!						Color of the month: Christmas

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Shop Is now open 1-5!		Hand work Club 2-5	Long Arm class 10:30 Full BLUE moon	Long Arm Rental Day		Color of the month: blacks



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!

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