



Around the Block  
QUILT SHOP

October 6, 2023

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The Book Reading List needs to be examined, as we are fast approaching the end of the year: not many months and still a few books to go. #s 11, 13, and 37 are being particularly elusive. The song title book I may revisit. I had started *Our House* (which I miss-titled last week as *Home Alone*). Because *Our House* is the title of a song, I may go back and finish it, even though I don't like it. But I will hunt for a different one because the last thing I want to do is read something that's just not all that good.

What I do like about the reading list is that it makes me look for books I might not otherwise read: *The President is Missing*; *The Island*; *Bitter Paradise*; *Malice*; and *There There Tommy Orange*. I wouldn't have found them if I hadn't been looking. And if you don't know how to hunt for books in weird categories, all you have to do is run a search. Someone somewhere has already collected a list of books that fit all sorts of categories.

So 2, 11, 13, and 37-39 I still have to find, decide and read. The rest (should be bold faced) are ones I have already read. The only ones I wouldn't recommend include #9's pick *Supervolcano: Eruption*; #12, *Under Lock and Skeleton Key* (just not that riveting); #13 *Dashing through the Snow* (a kind of inane romance worthy of Hallmark); #17 *Beaches, Bungalows and Burglaries* (it just didn't get any better no matter how much further along in the book I got); and #40 *Stowaway* (the ending of which should have been much much better).

2. A book you wish you could read for the first time, again *South by Java Head* by Alister McClean; *'Round the Bend* by Neville Shute; *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens; *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving – there are many on the list. *The Agony and the Ecstasy* by Irving Stone

11. A book paired with a movie or tv show: same subject or idea, but not the same plot. Meaning, not a book adapted for a tv or movie. *The Terror* by Dan Simmons; *Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice; *Hide* by Kiersten White; *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott

13. A book that has the same title as a song: *Alone* by Lisa Gardner; *Here Comes the Sun* by Nicole Y. Dennis-Benn; *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber; *Our House*

37. A book that takes place all in one day: *The Long Walk* by Stephen King; most of the Dan Brown books

38. An historical fiction book: *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson

39. A horror story set during winter: *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon; *The Winter Ghosts* by Kate Mosse

1. A book that's published in 2022: *A Bride's Guide to Marriage and Murder* by Dianne Freeman
3. A book that you really don't want to read: *The President is Missing* by Patterson & Clinton More fun than I anticipated. I liked it.
4. A book with a three word title: *A Fatal Winter* by G.M. Malliet; *The Long Call* by Ann Cleeves
5. A book whose title starts with a Q, X or Z: *Zero Day* by David Baldacci, it was okay
6. A book set somewhere you would like to visit in the next 3 years: *Death by Water* by Kerry Greenwood She writes the Phryne Fisher mysteries typically set in Australia. This one is on a cruise ship going to New Zealand. Always a fun read.
7. An historical murder mystery book, set prior to 1930: *The Body in the Garden* by Katharine Schellman. This is a series and I would like to read more.
8. A book translated into English: *The Island* by Ragmar Jonasson. Very good. And she has written more with the same (and other) detectives). It is set in Iceland. I would also like to go there.
9. A book about an alternate historical reality: *The Man in the High Castle* by Phillip K Dick; *Supervolcano: Eruption* by Harry Turtledove
10. A book about animals gone wild: *Zoo* by James Patterson, I saw the tv series and liked it a little better than the original story. Partly because the tv show had more depth.
12. A book about a locked room mystery: *Under Lock & Skeleton Key* by Gigi Pandia
13. A book that has the same title as a song: *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber
14. A book set in multiple countries: *Frozen Assets* by P.G. Wodehouse. Wodehouse is always amusing.
15. A book recommended by a blogger, vlogger, podcast or online book club: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
16. A book with a knife on the cover: *A Gathering of Shadows* VE Schwab; *Bitter Paradise* by Ross Pennie (I am currently reading this one and I like it. It is a semi pandemic setting and the disease of the day is a form of polio. It is set currently in Canada).
17. A book with a green cover *Beaches, Bungalows and Burglaries* by Tonya Kappes [this book I did not like at all, so I may choose a different green cover book]; *Frozen Assets* by P.G. Wodehouse
18. A book you can read in one setting: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Sanders
19. A book with an upside down image on the cover: *Gallant* by VE Schwab
20. A book with only words on the cover: *Me Talk Pretty Some Day* by David Sedaris
21. A book that features two languages: *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny. Excellent, as always
22. A book set in Japan: *Malice* by Keigo Higashino. Very Interesting, award winner, runner up I think, of the Edgar Allen Poe award
23. A banned book: *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Excellent and thought provoking for today's world. This is a Young Adult selection.
24. A book that takes place during your favorite holiday: *A Fatal Winter* by G.M. Malliet. A fun read. The minister/priest character helps solve mysteries and it is an ongoing series.
25. A book by Agatha Christie: *Destination Unknown* by Agatha Christie; *Sparkling Cider*
26. A book that's at least 100 years older than you are: *The Moon & Sixpence* by William Somerset Maugham Not quite. This was written 100 years ago. I need a book written before 1855. *Murders in the Rue Morgue* by Poe
27. A book with a protagonist with your profession: *The Third Victim* by Phillip Margolin
28. A book that takes place on an island: *A Line to Kill* by Anthony Horowitz (excellent, Horowitz is always a fun read. I suggest you start with *A Murder of Crows*, but you don't have to)
29. A book published in the year you were born: *Destination Unknown* by Agatha Christie; *The Children of Green Knowe* by L.M. Boston

30. A book whose author's initials are the same as yours: **The Body** by Bill Bryson. If you are not familiar with Bryson, he writes travel books, and he sometimes ventures into other kinds of journeys, like *Home*, *The Body* and *A Short History of Nearly Everything*.
31. A medical thriller: **Genesis** by Robin Cook [Cook is always good]; **Contagion** by Robin Cook
32. A book borrowed from a Little Library: **A Superior Death** by Nevada Barr. If you haven't read any of the Nevada Barr books, she has a great protagonist who is a National Park Ranger. She gets posted to different parks in different books and there is always a murder.
33. A book that won the Anisfield-Wolf award: **There There** Tommy Orange [Weird to listen to, but enlightening. It took me awhile before I realized that all the characters were connected. Deals with Native American issues]
34. A book written by a first time author: **Lessons in Chemistry**, a charming, funny debut novel by Bonnie Garmus about Elizabeth Zott, a chemist in 1960s California who becomes the host of a cooking show and ends up teaching viewers about far more than how to bake a cake; **The Poppy War Trilogy Set** [The Poppy War; The Dragon Republic & The Burning God] [I am halfway through this series and it is excellent]
35. A book published in May: **Sunset Beach** by Mary Kay Andrews
36. A book about sports: **Beartown** by Fredrik Backman. As always her books are engaging and different. She wrote *A Man Called Ove* and *Brit-Marie was Here*
40. A book about a vacation: **The Stowaway** by James Murray and Darren Wearmouth,

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## What's New

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Two new quilts from In the Beginning fabrics will be coming in December and March. On both, I will be taking down payments for preordering the kits. I will have approximate pricing in a couple of weeks (freight plays a part in pricing, and that's all over the map these days). If you are interested, let me know. The number of kits are limited to 6, right now.

The kits for the "circle" In the Beginning quilt will be finished next week. We are short two bolts which should come next week. Regardless, we will have the kits priced and the remaining fabric released for sale by Wednesday.



Decoupage, a simple and stunning quilt done with lots of black and white.  
87" X 104"



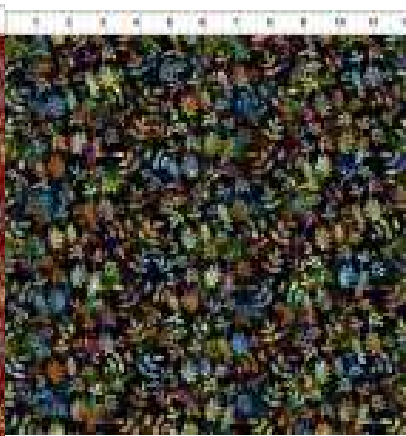
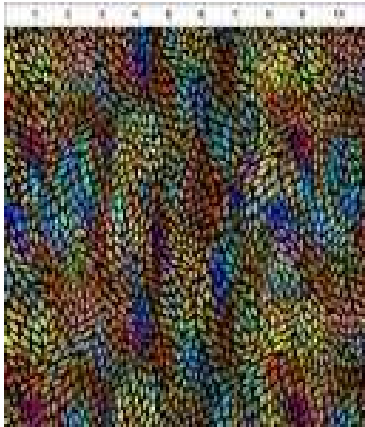
Sew Spring: We will do this as a class, starting in April or May. It will be taught as a "block(s) of the month," over a several month period, going into summer.  
85" X 97"



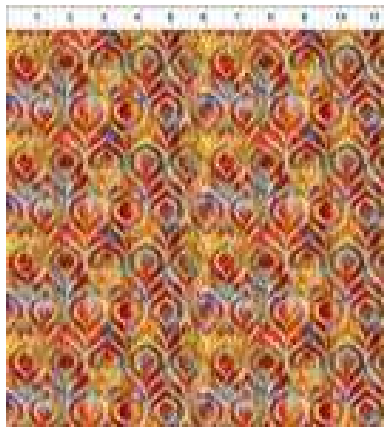
From RJR







From In the Beginning: Once we get this kitted, the fabric will be available for sale. **Kits will be cut next week.**



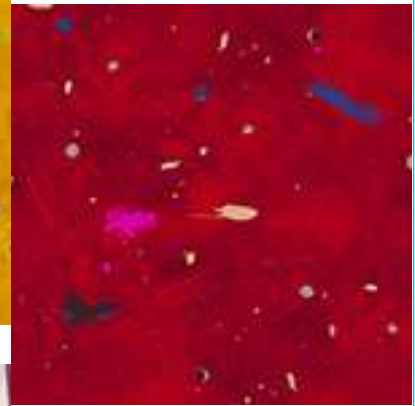
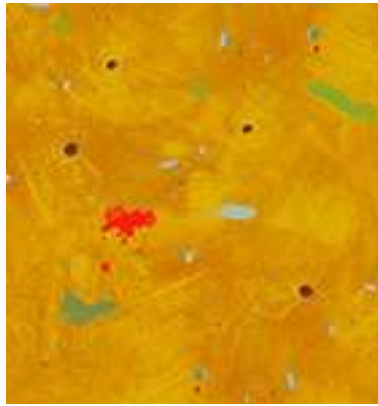


From P & B--we got 6 fabrics in,  
I could only capture a few of the  
thumbnails

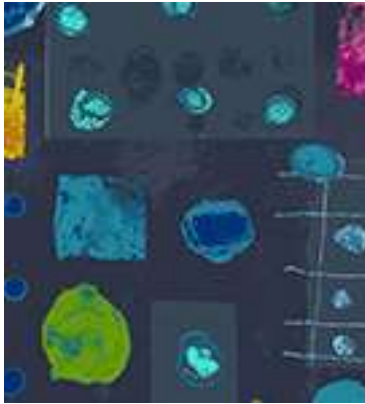
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From Windham







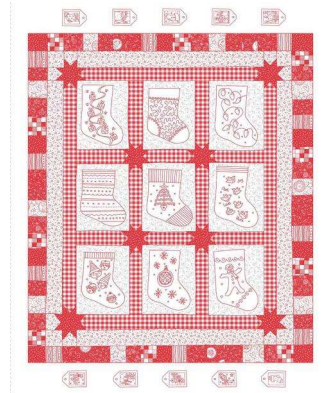
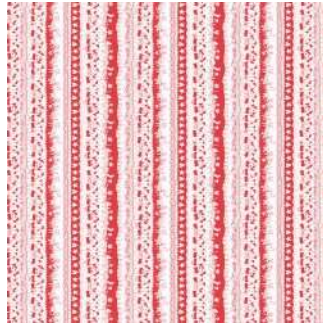
From Island Batiks, this blue snowflake is also available in a lighter blue, **and we just 2 more bolts of silvery blues.**



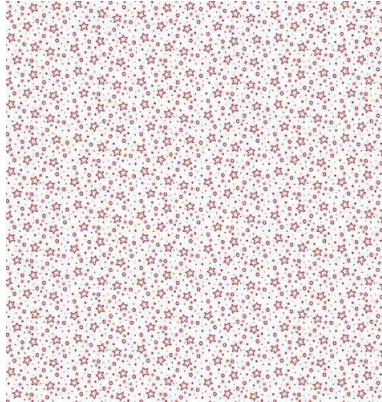
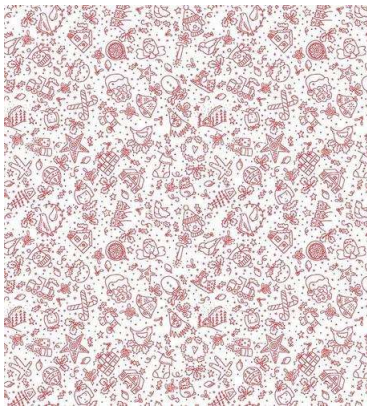
From Windham. The cowboy ones are flannel



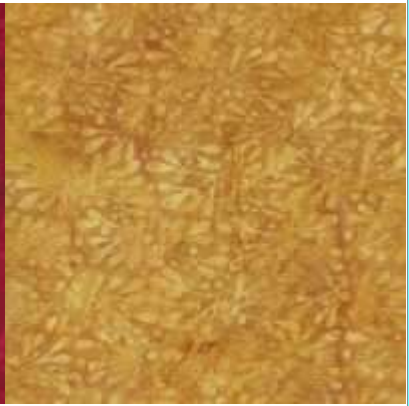
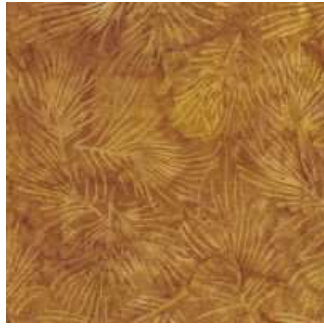




From Henry Glass & 3 Wishes









From Island Batiks

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From P & B

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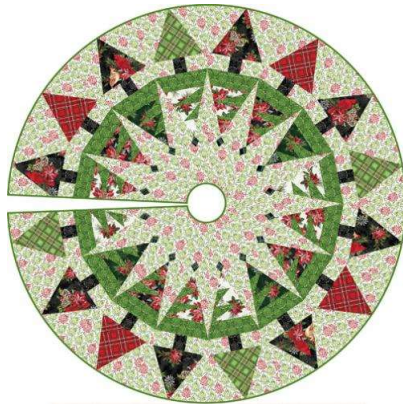
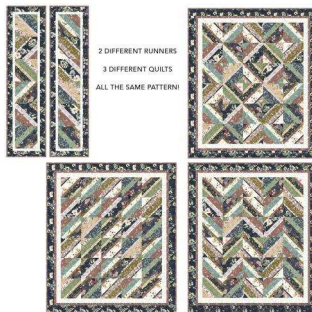




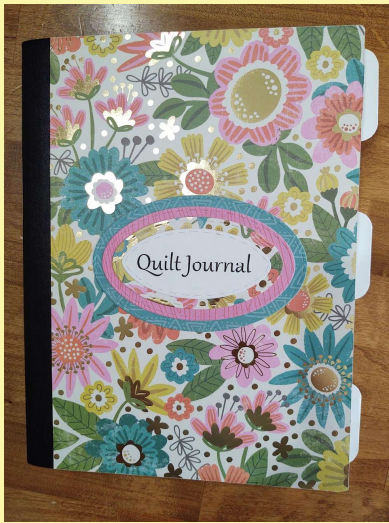
From Windham

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## Fall Newsletter



It's hard to grab pics of everything. I don't have pics of the Trip Around the World, Chit Chat, one of the Happy Haunting. But samples are in the store. From upper left: Wildflower Path, Lone Star, Applique Tree, Happy Haunting, Bargello, tree skirt.



**New Class on the Schedule!  
Create a Quilt Journal from a  
Composition Notebook Tuesday  
Oct 24, 2-5 \$40  
Susan Vincenzes**

Learn how to create a fancy Quilt Journal, or a Travel Journal, or a Special Event Journal from a simple composition notebook. Susan will walk you through the steps of transforming a basic notebook into a treasured journal, by using decorative papers, stickers, labels...almost anything you want. These journals can commemorate a special quilt, a travel adventure, or a special event like a birthday or anniversary. She will teach you how to use the decorative papers, how to make tabbed sections within the journal and how to add pockets—just a few of the fun things you can do to transform your notebook into a journal.

Cost of the class includes the kit—notebook, decorative papers, label, stickers and other decorative items. Other supplies will be provided by Susan for use in class. When you sign up, pick up a supply sheet for the rest of your materials that you will need in class.



# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Beginning Quilting 1-4 \$65	2	3 Hand work Club 2-5	4 Long Arm class 10:30	5 Long Arm Rental Day	6	7 BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and <u>batings</u> Chit Chat, English Paper <u>Piecing 1-4</u>
8	9	10 Hand work Club 2-5	11 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	12 Long Arm Rental Day	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon <b>Potluck</b>
15 Beginning Quilting 1-4 \$65	16	17 Hand work Club 2-5	18 Long Arm class 10:30	19 Long Arm Rental Day	20	21 Lone Star 10:30-4



22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Beginning Quilting 1-4 \$65		<b>Hand work Club 2-5</b>	<b>Knit Pickers' Club 2-5</b>	<b>Long Arm Rental Day</b>		<b>Full moon</b> Trip Around the <u>World 10:30-4</u>
29	30	31				
Beginning Quilting 1-4 \$65		<b>Hand work Club 2- 5</b>				<b>Color of the month:</b>

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Long Arm class 10:30	2 Long Arm Rental Day	3	4 BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and <u>battings</u> Tree Skirt 1-4 <u>\$30</u>
5 Beginning Quilting 1- 4 \$65	6	7 Hand work Club 2-5	8 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	9 Long Arm Rental Day	10	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon <b>Potluck</b>
12 CLOSED	13	14 Hand work Club 2-5	15 Long Arm class 10:30	16 Long Arm Rental Day	17	18 Bargello 10:30- <u>4</u> <u>\$40</u>

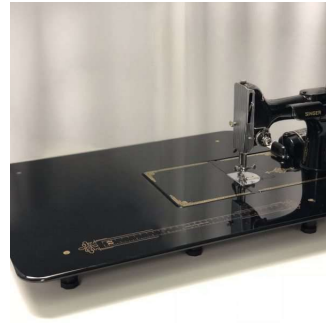
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CLOSED		Hand work Club 2-5	Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	CLOSED Thanksgiving	Black Friday Sale	Shop Small Business Sale TBA Show & Tell Fat Quarter Class Quilts 11-noon
26	27	28	29	30		
CLOSED	Full moon	Hand work Club 2-5	Long Arm class 10:30	Long Arm Rental Day		<b>Color of the month: Flowers</b>

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Color of the month: red						BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and <u>battings</u> Cathedral Window Ornament 1-4 <u>\$25</u>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CLOSED		Hand work Club 2-5	Long Arm class 10:30	Long Arm Rental Day Long Arm Rental Day		Embroidery Club 10-noon Wildflower Path 1-5 <u>\$30</u>



10 CLOSED	11	12 Hand work Club 2-5	13 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	14 Long Arm Rental Day	15	16 Attic Window 10-4 <u>\$40</u>
17 CLOSED	18	19 Hand work Club 2-5	20 Long Arm class 10:30	21 Long Arm Rental Day	22	23
24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 Hand work Club 2-5 Full moon	27 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	28	29 Customer Appreciation Pre Sale for Toad toters 10-5	30 Customer Appreciation <u>Sale 10-3</u>
31 CLOSED						



## 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!

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