

**Capital Chorale Choir Concert
Sunday Oct. 29 2 p.m.
First United Methodist Church**



October 27, 2023

New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 5-May 22)
Monday-Saturday 10-5, closed Sundays unless a class is scheduled. Then we're open 1-5. Check the schedule. Note: Beginning Quilting will be held on Sundays Nov 5 and Nov 12, so we'll be open.

The countdown clocks have started.

It's 62 days until Christmas. It's 27 days until Thanksgiving. It's 4 days until Halloween. And it's one day until our first major snowstorm of the season!

And I'm here to help you plan for all of them. Because that's what I do.

We'll start with the hardest one: Christmas. Actually, Christmas is pretty easy. If you plan on starting your Christmas projects soon, then you've got a good head start for Christmas 2024.

Sorry to break the bad news, but I know how this works. You start planning in January (or May, or August) and you've got this list of gifts for various friends and family: a quilt for Aunt Susie, ornaments for the nieces and nephews, a table runner for Grandma, a sweater (assuming you knit) for Uncle Phred, Christmas stockings for each family member including the dogs, and a wall hanging for your mother-in-law. And all you've managed to finish is the table runner and half a sweater.

It's time now to start thinking of other presents: We have 2 new book stores in town, well one new one and one reopening. Barnes & Noble in the old Natural Grocers store and Bonsai Books (the new one) in the old Doc Martin office, opposite the Wyoming Bank & Trust building on Yellowstone/Quincy (cross street). So there are lots of good choices for gifts there. And Amazon always delivers just about everything. A little internet scrolling through the lists of the coolest gifts for the season will have your Christmas gift list finished in under an hour. And while watching tv.

Thanksgiving is easy. There is still plenty of time. The turkeys won't go on sale for another couple of weeks. However, if the pandemic taught us anything that we remember, it's "buy the side dish

ingredients now.” You don’t want to get to the store on the Monday before Thanksgiving and expect to find green beans, cream of mushroom soup, flaky Pillsbury buttermilk biscuit tubes, cranberries— actually, you’ll always be able to find cranberries, pies especially the pumpkin varieties, pearl onions, stuffing stuff, and Reynolds Oven bags. And those are just my favorites, except for the pumpkin pie and cranberries. Give me a fruit pie and anything other than cranberries. And all of that keeps or freezes just fine, so buy early. Like now, because....

Halloween is just 4 days away and you need candy. So might as well buy for Thanksgiving at the same time.

Now, other than candy, there is not much to buy for Halloween. If you planned on decorating, well that ship has passed. Almost the same for a costume. It’s either too late to make one, too late to order one, and if you can find a costume shop in town, all the good ones are gone. But I can help with that.

If you have a t-shirt, a compass, a ruler, a protractor, a pencil, pair of scissors and other (ancient) math tools from your high school days, you can stick them all to a t-shirt and go as weapons of math destruction. If you have a pair of overalls, a quarter, a piece of wood, a packaged slice of cheese and a hammer, you can go as a quarter pounder (hit the quarter with the hammer on the piece of wood) with cheese (pull the slice of cheese out of the front pocket of the overalls).

You can buy some insulation (the foam/silver kind), paint it blue, sprinkle crystals on top while the paint dries, glue a paper knife, paper gun, and various sized batteries to the insulation, form the insulation into a tube, put straps on it and go as assault and battery. (You’ve just made a Morton Salt Box.) Although, I’ll admit, this costume idea is a little (or a lot) insensitive right now.

Cut a piece of cardboard (big piece) into a circle and cut a hole in the center. Do the same with a piece of fabric, big enough to drape all down the sides of the cardboard. Stick your head through the center and go as the head of the table.

You’ve got time for all of this. Almost....

Because, in one day the first big snowstorm is supposed to hit. We’re talking feet of snow....in Colorado.

I don’t think Cheyenne is supposed to get that much, but because the ground is no longer really warm, anything white that comes down is likely to stick.

So find your down jackets, your hats, mittens and scarves, boots, wool socks and sweaters. Haul in bags of pellets. Find your snow shovel. And make chicken noodle soup tonight. Don’t have the ingredients, you say?

Well, you have to buy candy for Halloween and side dishes for Thanksgiving, right? And with the storm about to hit, might as well go to the store now and stock up on all of it. And it’s always fun going to the store before a storm, because everyone does and it’s fun to people watch.

Everyone buys the same staples: bread, milk and eggs. Even people who don’t drink milk or don’t have kids at home who drink milk, buy milk. Look in the carts and you’ll find everyone has a carton of milk.

And that’s because aliens and zombies can only drink milk. Everything else in the carts is just a disguise.

Happy Halloween!

Christmas Mystery 2023

Large 88" X 105"
Double 70" X 88"



Fabric Requirements

Small Quilt 12 assorted fat quarters. Suggestions for colors: 6 Greens and 6 Reds. Use both patterned fabrics and tone on tones prints. Choose a mix of value: light, medium and dark. Make sure the light prints are darker than your background.

Background: 2 ½ yards

Inner Border: ¾ yard (a little more than you need)

Outer border, cut straight of grain: 2 ¼ yard

Back: 5 ¼ yard (it is the same as the smaller quilt, vertical seam)

Binding: ¾ yard

Large Quilt 20 assorted fat quarters. Suggestions for colors: 10 Greens and 10 Reds. Use both patterned fabrics and tone on tones prints. Choose a mix of value: light, medium and dark. Make sure the light prints are darker than your background.

Background: 3 ¾ yards

Inner Border: ¾ yard (a little more than you need)

Outer border, cut straight of grain: 2 ¾ yard

Back: 5 ¼ yard (it is the same as the smaller quilt, horizontal seam)

Binding: ¾ yard

Other color choices:

This quilt works well in two colors, blue & yellow, pink & gray, purple and blue, etc. Make sure that you choose 6 & 6 (blue and yellow) or 10 and 10 (pink and gray). And then vary the value (lights-darks) and the prints (small-large, various prints from florals, dots, stripes, plaids, tone on tones, novelties, etc). Be sure to mix some tone on tone (not busy) prints into the mix. Keep the background light (I don't advise using a dark background). You can use a patterned background as long as it's not too busy. You can also use a light yellow or a light green, for example, as long as the fat quarter choices stand out against the background.

Choosing borders: Your border choices can be picked after the inside of the quilt is finished. Or, you can choose your borders first (as we usually do) and then pick your fat quarters based on the colors in the border.

Step One:

From each fat quarter cut 2 strips **5" X 21"**. Subcut into 5" X 9 ½" rectangles. You need 4 from each fat. Keep these together. Then cut 2 strips 2" X 21". You need 24 (40).

From Background:

Cut 12 (20) strips 5" X 42". Subcut into 96 (160) 5" X 5" squares.

Cut 13 (20) strips 2" X 41". Subcut into 2" X 21" segments.

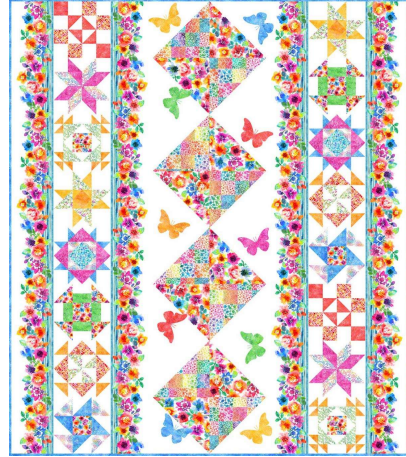
Next week: Sewing!

What's New

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.



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



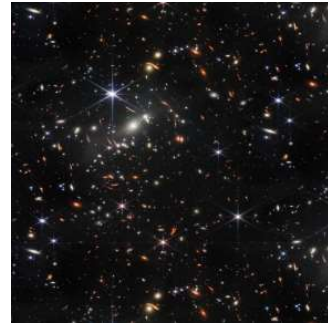
Sew Spring: We will do this as a class, starting in April or May. It will be taught as a "block(s) of the month," over a several month period, going into summer.
85" X 97"



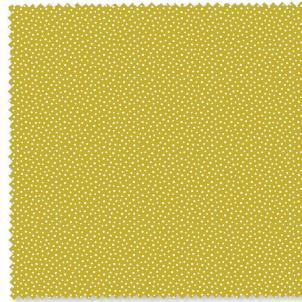
From In the Beginning: These are 13" squares representing each state & its bird and wildflower, and fruits, butterflies, insects, gems



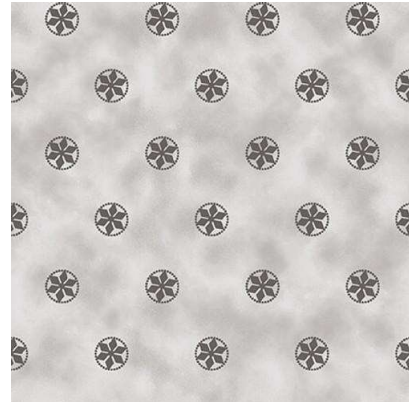
From Kennard & Kennard



From RJR



From Felicity



From Henry Glass



From Timeless Treasures



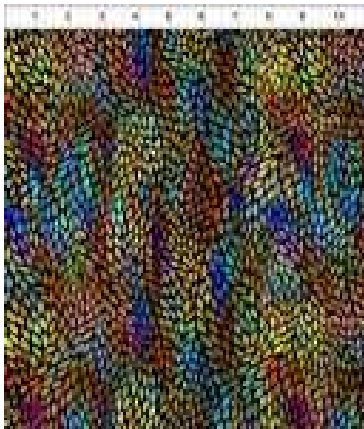
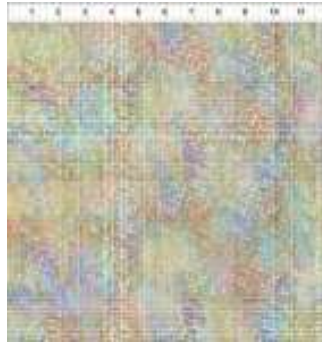
From Alexander Henry



We got in 9 new batiks, but I can't grab the thumbnails to show you, other than the 10" square pack.



From RJR

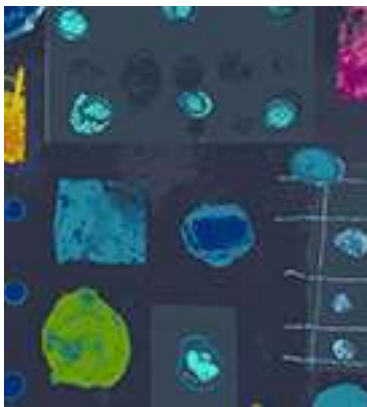
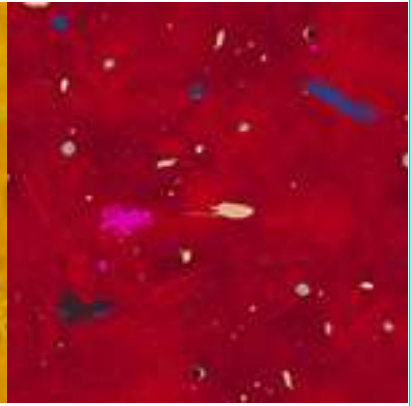
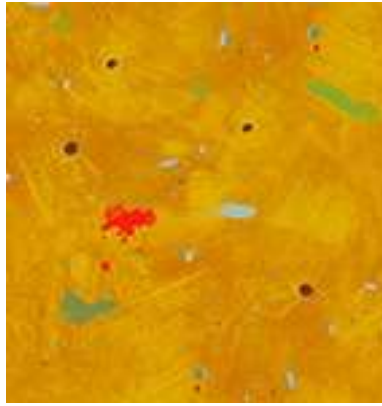


From In the Beginning: Once we get this kitted, the fabric will be available for sale. **Kits will be cut next week.**



From Windham







From Windham. The cowboy ones are flannel





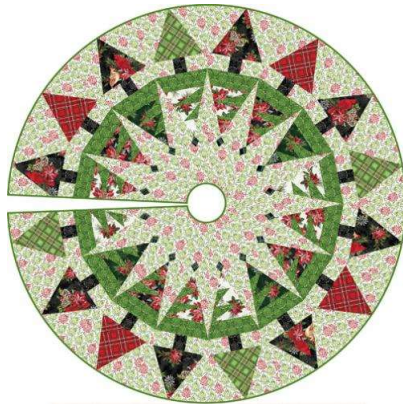
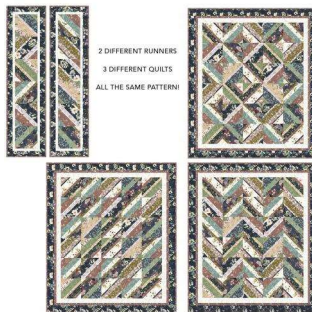
From P & B





From Windham

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.

October Classes

Trip Around the World Sept 30 & Oct 28 10:30-4 \$45 Barb Boyer Ongoing

November Classes

Paper Pieced Tree Skirt Nov 4 1-4 \$30 Barb Boyer

Ah, paper piecing. This quilt is a free pattern, done with wedges. Parts of the wedges are paper pieced, then the wedges are sewn together to form a circular tree skirt. Paper piecing is easy and this quilt is not complicated, so if you haven't learned how to paper piece, this is the project for you.

Bargello Saturday Nov 21 10-4 \$40 Jean Korber

Bargello is a form of strip piecing, similar to Trip Around the World, but the panels you make are sliced into different widths, creating a cascading effect of colors.

Fat Quarter Class Quilts Show and Tell Sat Nov 25 11-noon (or longer as needed)

To everyone from this spring's Fat Quarter class: Bring your completed quilts or quilt tops to the shop for a show and tell on shop Small Business Saturday! To everyone else: Come see the quilts and learn what we are going to do in the spring!

Pot Luck Sat Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 \$45 Barb Boyer On going

December Classes

Cathedral Window Ornament Dec 2 1-4 \$25 \$30 Barb Boyer

The Cathedral Window quilt block is a traditional quilt block made with a folded construction technique resulting in a dimensional block. While the block is not complicated, it requires a little time and a little patience. Consequently, we will teach the block as an ornament: You only have to make one and then you can decide if you want to make an entire quilt. These are spectacular quilts, meant to mimic the stained glass windows in churches.

Wildflower Paths Saturday Dec 9 1-5 \$30 Barb Boyer

This quilt may look hard, but it's the fabric that makes the stripes! So there is no piecing to make the individual blocks. This is another free pattern. If you need a quick Christmas gift, this would be it.

Attic Window Sat Dec 16 10:30-4 Barb Boyer \$40

This quilt is another Jason Yenter showcase quilt! I've called it Attic Window, because the main block is the traditional attic window block. We will use the Marvelous Miters method of making the block (easiest way to make accurate attic window blocks), and then I'll show you an easy way to make the circles so you will have no raw edges. The circles will then be appliqued using invisible thread (if you want to) and a blind hem stitch on your machine.

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

November 2023

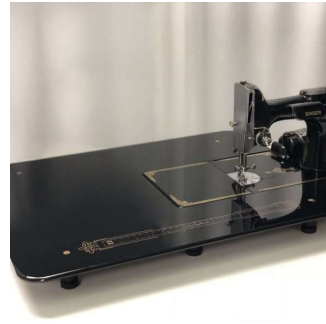
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CLOSED		Hand work Club 2-5	Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	CLOSED Thanksgiving	Black Friday Sale	Shop Small Business Sale TBA Show & Tell Fat Quarter Class Quilts 11-noon
26	27	28	29	30		
CLOSED	Full moon	Hand work Club 2-5	Long Arm class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

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
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>

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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 Sale <u>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.

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 5-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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