



December 23, 2024



Year End Customer Appreciation Sale

Friday & Saturday

December 27 & 28

10-5

Everything in the store, on the floor, is 40% off. It's my thank you to you for supporting Around the Block.



On Friday December 27 the sale is for Toad Toters only. You must have my bag and YOU MUST BRING IT WITH YOU to get the discount. If you do not have a bag, you can buy one at the door for \$35. On Saturday December 28 the sale is open to all.



Holiday Hours

Closed December 25 & 26, 31 (Tuesday) and January 1. I will also probably close early on Christmas Eve.

I will be open December 30. I know it's weird, but when Christmas comes mid week it's just weird.



Book Reading Challenge 2025

The Challenge is to find a book from the list...and then read it! There are 45 books on the list this year. The Challenge is to get you out of a reading rut, to help you find something you wouldn't otherwise try, and to encourage you to read in many different genres. To find books, search the challenge (book involving a school) in a google search or go to GoodReads.com. I will also offer suggestions as I find the books I want to read.

1. A book involving a school:
2. A book with the character's name in the title:
3. A book with an alligator on the cover:
4. At least 3 books from same author, same series:
5. A book about women's sports and/or by a woman athlete:
6. A book by a blind or visually impaired author: *The Color Purple*;
7. An historical fiction book about a real life woman: Any book by Stephanie Dray
8. A book set in a travel destination on your bucket list:
9. A book that centers on video games: *"Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow"* by Gabrielle
10. A book with a main character who is the same age (or at least within the same decade) as you.
11. A book with at least three POVs: *"Alice Sadie Celine"* by Sarah Blakley-Cartwright
12. A book about King Arthur: *The Once & Future King* by T.H. White; *The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley; *Arthurian Saga (Crystal Cave is first book)* by Mary Stewart

13. A book written in the 1800s: Possible authors include Dickens, Hardy, Austin, Bronte, Shelley, Dumas, Carol, Stoker, Alcott, Tolstoy, Hugo
14. A book you had to read in high school: See category 13.
15. A spy novel:
16. A book with the word zen in the title: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance;
17. A book with the word stranger in the title:
18. A book about a murder done by poisoning: The Poisoned Chocolates Case, by Anthony Berkeley
19. A book with a green cover:
20. A book with two or more books on the cover or "book" in the title:
21. A book about space tourism:
22. A book with a snake on the cover or in the title:
23. A book under 250 pages:
24. A book mentioned in another book:
25. A book set in or around a body of water:
26. A book containing magical creatures that aren't dragons:
27. A book where the main character is a politician:
28. A book set at a luxury resort:
29. A book that reminds you of your childhood:
30. A book where music plays an integral part of the storyline:
31. A book with number in title:
32. A book featuring an activity on your bucket list:
33. Two books with the same title (1):
34. Two books with the same title (2):
35. A popular author's first book:

36. A book by the oldest author in your TBR pile:
37. A book with a title that starts with the letter Y:
38. A book that includes a nonverbal character:
39. A book you have always avoided reading:
40. Pulitzer prize winning book:
42. A book about royalty, fiction or non fiction
43. A book published this year:
44. A book set in your favorite season, spring, summer, winter or fall:
45. An audible book read by a famous actor:



January 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|---|
| | | CLOSED | 1 CLOSED | 2 | 3 | 4 10:30 BOM <u>Pillow Case</u> Party! 1-4 |
| Pi5 CLOSED | 6 | 7 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 8 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 9 | 10 | 11 Free Embroider Club 10-noon Flannel Snowballs 1-5 |
| 12 CLOSED | 13 | 14 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Delectable Mountains 10:30-4 |
| 19 CLOSED | 20 | 21 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 22 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 CLOSED | 27 | 28 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
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February 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 10:30 BOM Machine Binding 1-4 |
| 2 CLOSED | 3 | 4 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Free Embroider Club 10-noon |
| 9 CLOSED | 10 | 11 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 12 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 13 | 14 | 15 Counterpoint Part 1 10:30-4 |
| 16 CLOSED | 17 | 18 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 6 Quilts, One Book 10:30-4 |
| 23 CLOSED | 24 | 25 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 26 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 27 | 28 | |
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March 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 10:30 BOM Tennessee Waltz Part 1 1-5 |
| 2 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 3 | 4 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Free Embroider Club 10-noon Merry Snowmen 1-4 |
| 9 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 10 | 11 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 12 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 13 | 14 | 15 NATIONAL QUILT DAY |
| 16 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 17 | 18 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Counterpoint Part 2 10:30-4 |
| 23 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 24 | 25 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 26 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 27 | 28 | 29 Cats in PJs 10:30-4 |
| 30 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 31 | | | | | |

April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 10:30 BOM Tennessee Waltz Part 2 |
| 6 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 7 | 8 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 9 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 10 | 11 | 12 Free Embroider Club 10- noon |
| 13 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 14 | 15 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Fanfare 10:30-4 |
| 20 CLOSED Easter | 21 | 22 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 23 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 24 | 25 | 26 6 Quilts, One Book 10:30-4 |
| 27 Beginning Quilting 1-4 | 28 | 29 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 30 | | | |
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May 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 10:30 BOM T-Shirt Quilt Part 1 1-4 |
| 4 CLOSED | 5 | 6 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Free Embroider Club 10-noon Merry Snowmen 1-4 |
| 11 CLOSED | 12 | 13 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 14 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 15 | 16 | 17 Drip Drop 10:30-4 |
| 18 CLOSED | 19 | 20 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 T-Shirt Quilt Part 1 10:30-4 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Hand Sewing club 2-5 | 28 Knit Pickers 2-5 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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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 calendar month 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 are floral/herbal blocks from Sewn Wyoming.

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.

January classes

Pillowcase Party Sat Jan 4 1-4 Cost of class is one pillowcase kit--\$14 Barb Boyer

Learn the easy way to make a pillowcase, hot dog style. I have a simple way to cut all three fabrics (case, cuff and trim) at once, which guarantees the fabrics will all line up properly.

Flannel Snowballs Sat Jan 11 1-4 \$35 Barb Boyer

Learn to work with flannel while making this easy to do snowball quilt. You can use scraps for the snowballs, and you can make it as big as you like. Pattern will be given out in class.

Delectable Mountains Sat Jan 18 \$45 Barb Boyer

From the book *Scrappy & Happy Quilts, Limited Palette, Tons of Fun* by Kate Hendersen. The book is out of print, but you can find it on used books sites, like Amazon. To make the mountains, you will also need the Creative Grid Ruler, 2 Peaks in One, and a special ruler for the largest mountain will be provided in class. The

mountain block is a form of a “kite” construction. You will learn how to use the templates to create perfect mountains.

February Classes

Machine Binding Sat Jan 13 1-4 \$45 Jean Korber

This is hands on class. You will need a small project (10” to 40”, table runner, small wall hanging, place mat, etc) that is quilted and ready for binding. In class Jean will show you how to cut your binding, press it, and stitch it down (DO NOT CUT YOUR BINDING IN ADVANCE), how to stitch it down & miter the corners and then how to apply decorative stitches to the edge. In class you will cut your binding, stitch it to your project, miter your corners and then stitch it down by machine on the other side, using decorative stitches.

Counterpoint Sat Feb 15, 10:30-4 AND Sat March 22 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber

The pattern is by Mountain Peak Creations. The quilt provides large spaces to showcase fabrics. Follow the pattern for fabric amounts. While the quilt has few parts to sew, it is tricky to get things lined up properly. We will show you the easy way to keep the quilt square and perfectly pieced. No special rulers are required.

6 Quilts, One Book Sat Feb 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 30, Oct 25, Nov 22 10:30-4 \$140 for all six classes or \$35 per class. Jean Korber & Barb Boyer will team teach the class.

6 quilts, 1 book, every other month, 1 price for all 6 classes. (or \$35/class if you pick & choose). This is our third year doing 6 quilts out of one book. This year the book is a Christmas book, but don’t be fooled. Our sample quilts include a Halloween quilt, a dog quilt, a wildlife quilt, an autumn flavored quilt, a star quilt (the Christmas quilt) and a dragon quilt. We want you to learn something new in each class. The book is Simply Modern Christmas by That Patchwork Place. This is another out of print book so look for it on the used sites, like Amazon. The first quilt we will teach is Argyle.

March Classes

Beginning Quilting 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer Starting Sun Mar 2

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.

Tennessee Waltz Sat Mar 1 and Sat April 5, 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer

This is a classic quilt design that incorporates the 54-40 of Fight block and a snowball block. The result? The quilt will look curvy, but it's all pieced straight. Pattern will be given out in class. You will need the 2 Peaks in Once ruler by Creative Grid. Yardage needed for a 61" X 70" is app. 2-3 yards of the focus fabric for the center squares, 1 ½ for the stars and 1 yard for the 4-patch squares. Border app. 2 yards.

Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45

Pattern Merry, Merry Snowmen by Bunny Hill Designs. The applique in the sample quilt is done with wool. We will teach both wool options, traditional needle turn or or finished edge applique, or raw edge applique. Skill level: Confident beginner

NATIONAL QUILT DAY SATURDAY MARCH 15 DEMOS AT NOON

We will have a special sale for National Quilt Day. We will have demos and other activities going on, TBA.

Counterpoint Sat Feb 15, 10:30-4 AND Sat March 22 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber ongoing

Cats in PJs Sat March 29 10:30-4 \$40 Barb Boyer

This is an Elizabeth Hartman Cats in Pajamas pattern. Follow pattern instructions for fabric amounts. And think creatively about fabrics for the cats and for the PJs. Footballs, stripes, dogs, plaids, ballerinas—anything you can think of for cute PJ

fabrics. And the cats can be all different colors, and some may have different tail and ear colors, as well.

April Classes

Tennessee Waltz Sat Mar 1 and Sat April 5, 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer ongoing

Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45 ongoing

Fanfare Sat April 19, 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber

Fanfare pattern by Krista Moser required. Follow pattern instructions for fabric requirements. You will also need the Creative Grid 60 degree triangle ruler, 8 1/2" size. Skill level: Intermediate

6 Quilts, One Book Sat Feb 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 30, Oct 25, Nov 22 10:30-4 \$140 for all six classes or \$35 per class. Jean Korber & Barb Boyer will team teach the class.

The second quilt we will teach is Coming Together.

May Classes

T-Shirt Quilt Sat May 3 & 24 1-4 \$45 Barb Boyer

So you've got all these t-shirts and want to turn them into a quilt? It's easy, but you need the right tools. The class is taught in 2 parts: First, preparing your t-shirts, and second, designing your top—which is where I come in, because I can help with all of the math that might be involved.

Merry Snowman Sat Mar 8, April 12, May 10 1:00-4 Cindy Hamann \$45 ongoing

Drip Drop Sat May 17 Barb Boyer \$45

The quilt is in Graphic Quilts book by That Patchwork Place. We have copies. Templates will be provided for the curved pieces. Follow fabric requirements in the book. Skill level: Intermediate



New Hours for Winter Time

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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