

**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.**



November 8, 2024



This is one of the best ad campaigns I've seen in years. For Ruvio, a vacuum cleaner of sorts. It's so easy to use, you can just keep cleaning....longer. You betcha. That's certainly what I want to spend my time doing. Cleaning.

Now, in all fairness, a man is suggesting that. And no, before you jump to conclusions, he's not suggesting some woman in his life keep cleaning. He's all excited because he can keep cleaning. I dunno. Men often claim they don't know how women think. I think most women have no clue how men think. This guy? On the ad? I think he's deranged. In part because while this vacuum cleaning tool is powerful, presumably, and the battery life incredible – which is why you can just keep cleaning -- it's also small. You have to keep cleaning and dumping and cleaning and dumping and cleaning ... you get the picture ... in order to get anything clean.

This ad heralds the sucky ad commercials we will now be subjected to because.....it's Christmas buying season. It's also Medicare renewal season. These ads have improved some, but Humana, and others, inundate the airways to the point that you know they're not hurting for money. But at least Joe Namath has switched from hawking Medicare advantage plans to hearing aids. That means we won't see him as

often, because the hearing aid industry probably doesn't make as much profit as the insurance companies. Not as much spare cash to blow on ads.

But that's not what I want to talk about. No, we need to talk about the movie *Outbreak*. Do you remember this movie? With Dustin Hoffman and an escaped monkey that was carrying a lethal virus? One of those movies we didn't revisit while quarantining during covid?

Well, it's back on various cable channels, and so are the monkeys. Well, they're not on tv. They've escaped from their research facility in South Carolina. 43 of them. Research monkeys. None of them have been captured. Everybody shudder all at once.

The research facility is called Alpha Genesis. And that's not creepy at all. "Residents are strongly advised to keep doors and windows secured to prevent these animals from entering homes," police said. "If you spot any of the escaped animals, please contact 911 immediately and refrain from approaching them." And that's not creepy, either.

So the monkeys got out because a caretaker didn't secure a door at the facility. "It's really like follow-the-leader. You see one go and the others go," Greg Westergaard, CEO of Alpha Genesis, told CBS News. "It was a group of 50 and 7 stayed behind and 43 bolted out the door."

Now these monkeys are pretty smart. The traps for them are baited, but the monkeys have figured out how to grab the food and jump back into the trees. You'd think Alpha Genesis could build a better monkey trap.

Alpha Genesis breeds the monkeys, in part, for clinical trials, like research on progressive brain disorders. And...these monkeys have escaped. And that's not creepy, either. Actually, local authorities said...Let me interrupt here. I've seen the

movies, like *Outbreak* and *Planet of the Apes*, and their local authorities who try to calm the public. So I find it interesting that “local authorities” are being quoted here. Anyway, the local authorities stated that the escaped monkeys are young females that aren’t yet old enough for testing. Yeah. I believe that. Absolutely.

The CDC ... yes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are involved ... have stated that the monkeys were living on Morgan Island, also known as Monkey Island or perhaps formerly known as Monkey Island, and were brought to Alpha Genesis for “conditioning to be around people.” Well, that worked. The CDC also said that “the risk to the public is low as long as people do not approach or come in contact” with the monkeys. And...that’s somehow not very comforting.

And neither is the fact that monkeys escaped from Alpha Genesis eight years ago and that it has had eight violations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture: monkeys placed in wrong cages, monkey died from trauma, other escapes from cages. But to be fair, in May 2024 the facility passed all inspections, and there are almost 7,000 monkeys at the facility. That’s a lot to keep track of. But I bet they don’t pass the next inspection.

So both the movie *Outbreak* and the remake of *Planet of the Apes* involved only one monkey...or at least only one monkey started the resulting crisis. Neither movie ends well for humanity, although in *Outbreak* the town is saved from being nuked at the last minute. This incident involves 43 monkeys. That's 10 times the power of 350. Or something like that.

But, probably, the most important take away from both movies are the reassuring “local authorities” who put a benign spin on the incident. That never turns out well in the movies.

And you thought Halloween was over.



## Christmas Mystery 2024

### Final Step

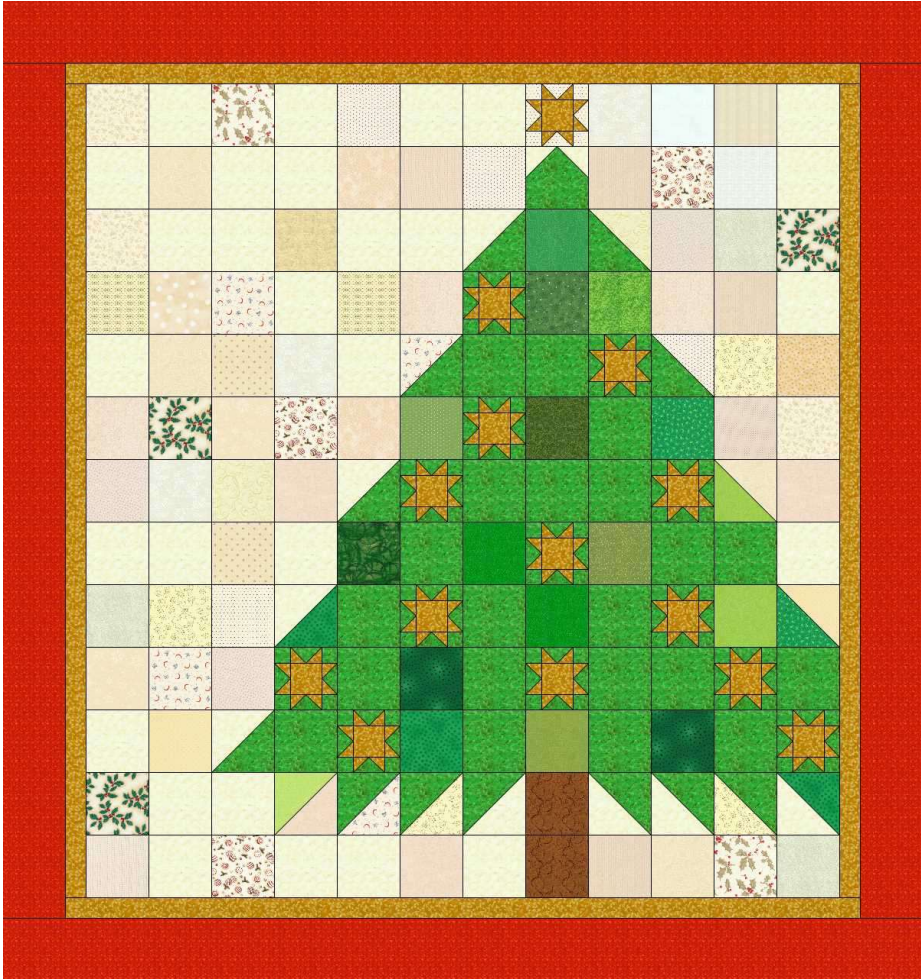
#### Assembly:

Print a copy of the pattern and assemble your squares on a flannel board—it will help if you can put up all of the squares so you can see how the various fabrics relate to each other. The quilt is 12 blocks wide and 13 long. Just put all the squares up, arrange to your liking, and sew together in rows.

Inner border: Cut at 2 ½" by length and width of quilt, app. 2 ½" X 78 ½" for sides and 2 ½" X 76 ½" for top & bottom . I suggest you cut 8 strips at 2 ½" X 42" and sew them together end to end. Then cut your borders from that strip. Because there are so many seams in this quilt, I would recommend measuring the quilt and cutting the borders to fit those measurements.

Outer border: Cut at 6 ½" by length and width of quilt. I encourage you to cut these borders straight of grain. I am using a border stripe, so my width will be adjusted according to where I cut the border stripe.

My quilt is on the flannel boards at the shop. I think I have everything where I want it. Come take a look.

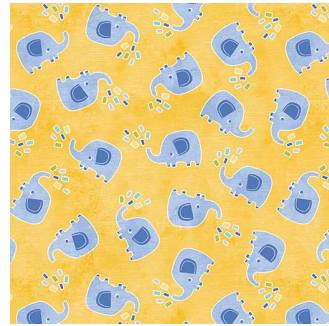


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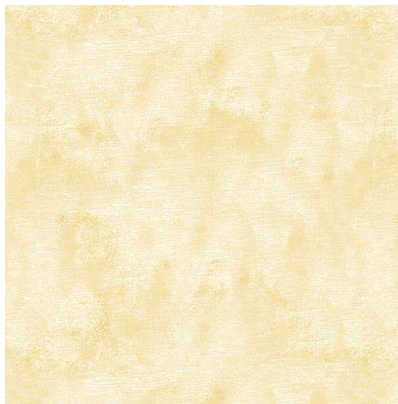
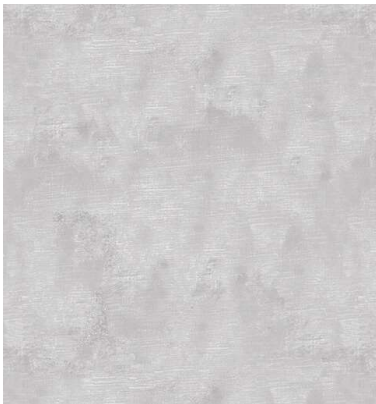


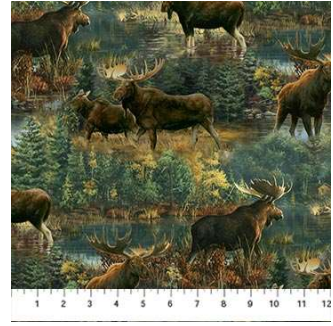
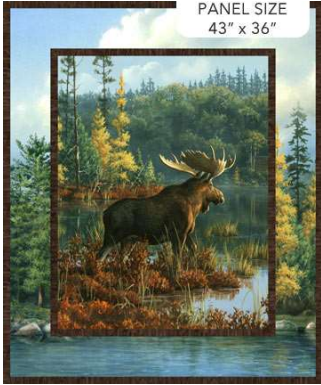


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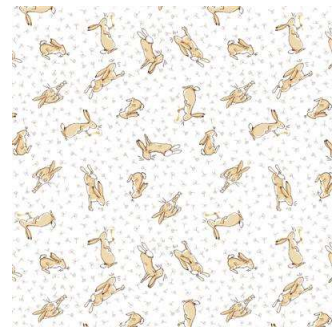
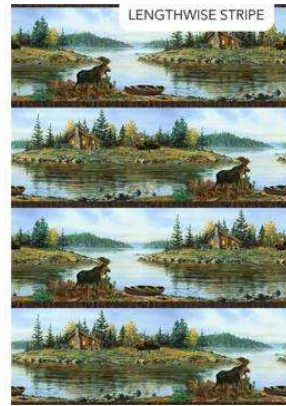
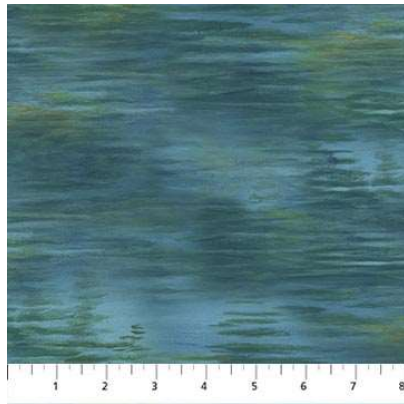


From Benartex. All but the yellow is flannel.





From Northcott

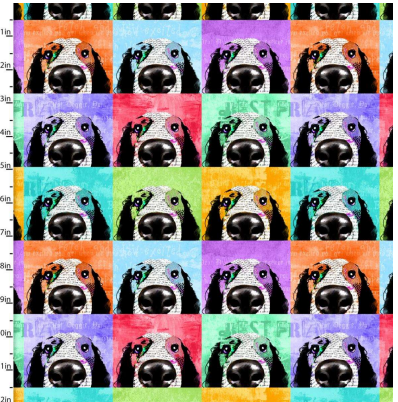
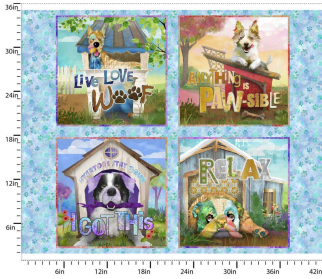


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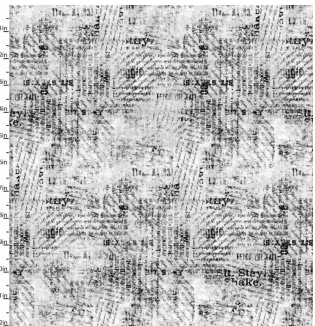
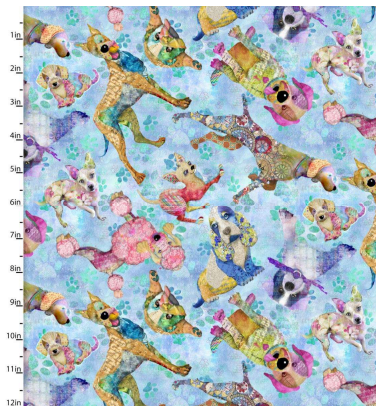




From Clothworks



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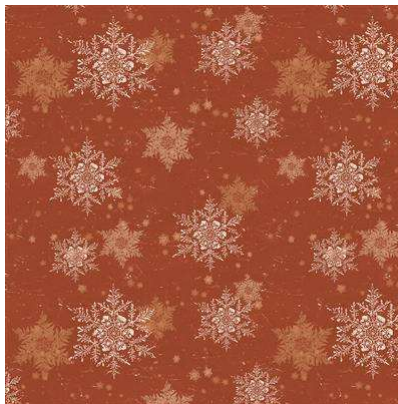




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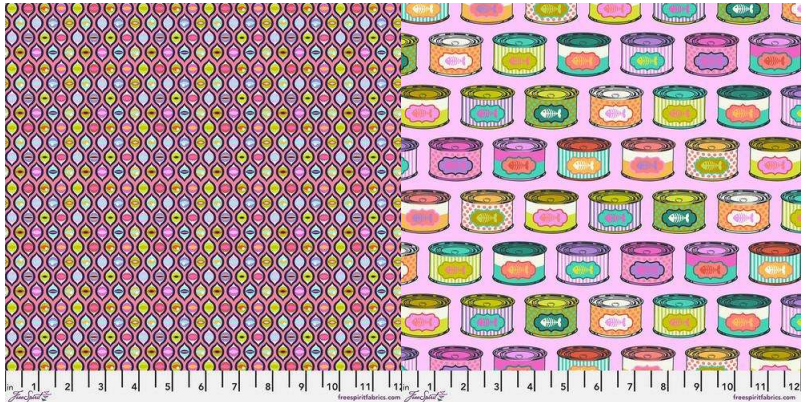
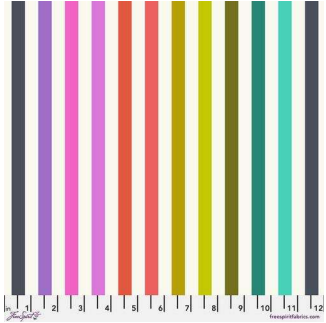
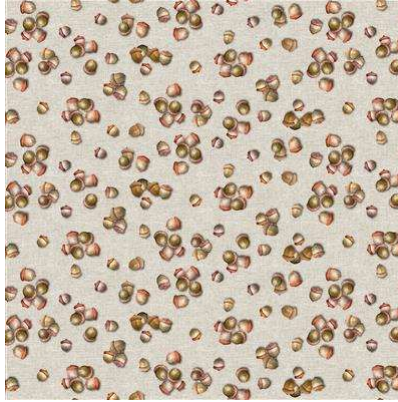




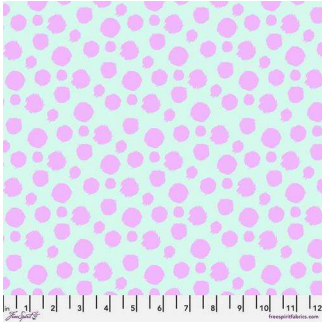
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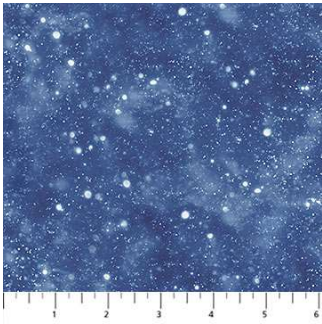








From Tula Pink



From Northcott: flannel, except for the 2 sports fabrics





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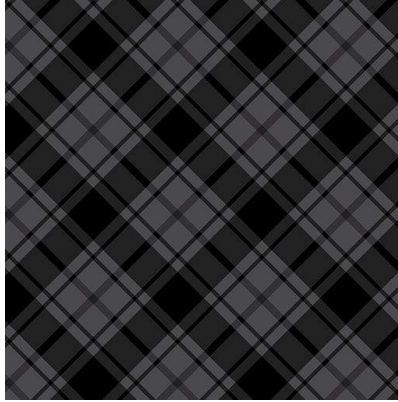
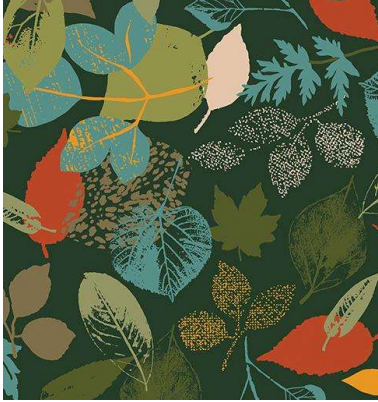


From Hoffman









**A Reminder:**

First Saturdays of the month, from September thru December, is the Finish Your Quilt Sale! Backing, Binding and Batting are 20% off any of the three, BUT you have to bring in your finished quilt top for show & tell to get the sale price. No exceptions. We want to see your quilts!



## NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color of the month: Purple					<b>1</b>	2 BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings  Bison Wall Hanging Part I 1-5
3 CLOSED	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Hand work Club 2-5	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon  Bison Wall Hanging Part I 1-5
10 CLOSED	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> Hand work Club 2-5	<b>13</b> Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Full Moon	16 Strip Quilts 10:30-4
17 CLOSED	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Hand work Club 2-5	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	23 Krista Moser Christmas Tree Skirt 10 30-4
24 CLOSED	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hand work Club 2-5	<b>27</b> Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b> Black Friday Sale	30 Shop Small Business Sale

DECEMBER 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CLOSED	2	3 Hand work Club 2-5	4	5	6	7 BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings  Machine Quilting with your BSR 1-4
8 CLOSED	9	10 Hand work Club 2-5	11 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	12	13	14 Embroidery Club 10-noon  Storm at Sea Part I 1-4 <b>Full Moon</b>
15 CLOSED	16	17 Hand work Club 2-5	18	19	20	21 Storm at Sea Part II 10:30-4
22 CLOSED	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27 <b>Toad Toter Sale</b>	28 <b>Year End Sale</b>
29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED				Color of the month: red

Please look on the calendars above for times and dates. NOTE: I will be doing a pillow case workshop in October on Thursdays in the afternoon. I will post the times and details soon.

Also, we did not include Machine Binding in the class schedule, but I will try to include it in November. Details to follow.

We may also do something special on Veteran's Day. So much to plan....

**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 ... come in January and find out!

**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 are sheep! From Crabapple Hill

**Knit Pickers' Club** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 17, October 17, November 15 and December 14.

## 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 and Book of the Month

**September orange; October Book of the Month; November purple; December red**

## November Classes

### **Bison Wall Hanging Parts I & II, Nov 2, 1-5 and Nov 9, 1-5 \$35 Barb Boyer**

The Bison Wall Hanging comes from Wyoming pattern designer Sewn Design. The head of the bison is made in a crazy quilt style or from left over bits from your stash. The rest of the bison is created from one piece of fabric. The two pieces are then fused into place on a background. I'll show you how to "window pane" the bison, to reduce the amount of fusible needed for the quilt. Then the bison is secured using a machine blanket stitch—or any other decorative stitch. Part I is making the head and Part II is fusing in down and appliqueing in place.

### **Let's Strip! Quilts Sat Nov 16 10:30-4 or 5 Jean Korber and Barb Boyer \$130**

March's quilt is Tulip Patch. You will need 25 assorted green strips for stems and 25 assorted strips for the tulips, plus background (and borders, if you want them). This quilt teaches different ways to use the 45 degree flip method for making flying geese-styled blocks.

### **Krista Moser Christmas Tree Skirt Sat Nov 23 10:30-4 \$45 Jean Korber**

Krista has done it again with a great eloquent tree skirt. We love Krista Moser patterns because they go together so well and look like they are so complicated: Not. We also like offering her classes because the quilts use a 60 degree diamond ruler and we like to get as much use out of our specialty rulers that we can!



## **December Classes**

### **Machine Binding with your BSR Sat December 7, 1-4 \$45 Jean Korber**

Do you have a Bernina and you have the BSR (stitch regulator) and don't know how to use it? This class is for you. Jean will show you the ins and outs of machine quilting on your Bernina with the BSR. This is hands on class. You will need a small project (10" to 40", table runner, small wall nagging, place mat, etc) that is ready to be quilted. When you sign up, we will tell you how to prepare your project so you are ready to quilt in class.

### **Storm at Sea Sat December 14 1-4 and 21 10:30-4 \$35 Barb Boyer**

This quilt used to be intimidating—then a ruler was developed and now it's a breeze! We will work with Deb Tucker's ruler for the construction of the block. We will also talk about various color schemes, one of which includes coloring the blocks to make a heart appear within the design.



Normal Shop Hours:

**Monday-Saturday 10-5:30**

**Sunday 1-5**

**Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)**

**New Hours for Winter Time (starting Nov 5-May 22)**

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Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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