

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 15, 2024



"Grr. Hwkns skfo hwool," Becca said. "Jonhs grrs burp grownski."

[Becca's hijacked the newsletter. Give her a moment. Her paws don't work the keyboard very well. She'll figure it out.]

Tap tap tap. Grunt. Grrrr. Oof.

"Okay. Got it turned on. I was using Dragonspeak instead of Dogspeak. Although, why anyone would want to create an app to translate what dragons are saying."

Becca, for those of you new to my post, is my typewriter challenged mini Australian Shepherd. Her paws are too big to manage a keyboard. She's found other ways around this, including voice recognition software.

“I’ve been on vacation. I’ve been scooping out haunted houses in Cheyenne that I can no could or want to....No not scooping, scoping. Wait a minute.” Fumble noises in the background.

“There. I’ve turned AI on. I’ve been scoping out haunted houses in Cheyenne to report back on where to go for Halloween.”

“Becca,” I interrupted, “Halloween was 2 weeks ago. You’re a little late.”

“You see how short my legs are? Ten miles to town and back takes me a bit. You try walking that far. I tried to hitch a ride, but the guy in the van had this funny rope thingy on the end of long stick. I decided to stay off the main roads and take the back ways home.”

“Good idea,” I told her. “You would have ended up at the Animal Shelter. Who knows where you might have ended up.”

“A new home without a cat?” Becca is always so hopeful.

“Well, what did you learn?” I asked, ignoring her question. “In two paragraphs or less.”

“Well, St. Mark’s is haunted. The spirit of a Swedish immigrant haunts the bell tower. He died while working on the tower and his friend hid the body in an unfinished wall, because he was afraid he’d be deported if he reported the death.”

“Did you hear anything unusual while you were there?” I asked.

“You’re cutting into my two paragraphs,” she grumbled. “Well, the bells chimed.”

“I bet it was the bells ringing the hour or something like that,” I said. “What else is haunted?”

“Deming Elementary. Some guy was killed in the furnace room and he haunts the building by making lights flicker and hitting pipes to make clanking sounds. Then, at the old fire station on Pioneer, a fireman got mad and shot and killed a guy.”

“He was mad because.....?” I asked

“Not important. [Dog speak for she doesn’t know] But he haunts the upper floor and he wears a white shirt and dark pants. The airbase is haunted, of course, as is the Atlas Theater, where orbs float around, things get moved and the lights flicker.”

“Okay, your two paragraphs are about up. Anything else on your travels?” I asked.

“The Plains Hotel is haunted by a double-murder suicide. So three ghosts.”

“Great advert for tourism,” I said dryly.

“Exactly. And you’re interrupting. The murder suicide was a new bride & groom and the bride shoots the groom and his lover when she discovers them together and then she goes back to her room and commits suicide. There is a fourth ghost at the hotel, and she apparently was thrown out of a window by her husband or maybe a lover.”

“Great,” I said. “One more and then you’re done. Make it good.”

“Well the Supreme Court building is said to be haunted by a former Justice, Fred Blume. The lights go on in his old office when nobody’s around and people who work late say they can sometimes smell his cigar smoke in the halls.”

“Well done Becca,” I said. [And for those of you wondering, I was the AI editor on Becca’s writing. But don’t tell her that...] “By the way, how did you learn about all of this?”

"I took the Haunted Trolley tour."

"They let you on the trolley?"

"Well, I just snuck in. Everybody thought I belonged to somebody else. So did you want to talk about anything?" Becca asked.

“Yeah. Just one thing. And to be clear, I like Peyton Manning. He did a lot for football and Denver and watching him play taught me a lot about the strategies in the game. I like his ads, I think he’s funny but Thursday night football commentary with his brother Eli? I don’t think so.”

I accidentally taped a Chiefs’ Thursday night game, to watch later. I like watching football on speed dial. I can skip through commercials, inane conversations and interviews and time outs and other interruptions. I use a Find Your Sports Team channel on Dish to find the teams I want to watch and then just click on the event and the tv automatically programs the game to record. I didn’t look to see which channel the Chiefs’ game was on. Never thought I’d have choices.

“By the time I started watching, the live game was almost over, so I didn’t want to switch over to a regular channel because I was afraid I would miss too much of the game. As it was, I basically missed the entire game, I told her.

Peyton and Eli and a variety of guests talked about everything but the game. They talked about games played in the past, plays that work and don’t, but never related the conversation to what was happening on the field. They talked about movies, other events...basically anything other than the game. They talked to actors Adam Sandler, Will Arnet, LL Cool J, and Jason Sudeikis (Jason was on during the Chiefs game) and I’m sure they are all delightful fellows, but I bet none of them knew anything more about the game than Jason. Which was basically nothing.

The game was also muted behind them. They talked over the refs, the plays, the scores. They barely acknowledged when a team scored. And The Chiefs/Saints was a bit of a nail biter, going into overtime. But you would have never known it, listening to the babble of three people talking about anything but the game.

“They did get a little interested, and a little quieter, during overtime,” I told her. “Finally they were interested in the game.”

“So you didn’t like watching the ESPN2 coverage of the game, I’m guessing,” said Becca, grinning.

“Nope. And if you muted them, it was hard to just watch, because their heads took up the left side of the screen. And apparently I’m not the only one complaining. In 2023, Manningcast watching has slumped. It’s been called Manningcast fatigue, because of the onslaught of guests. But it got renewed for this season, and despite low ratings and really low viewership, they’ve got the gig for the Superbowl.”

“You watch the Superbowl for the ads, not the game,” Becca said. “And the Chiefs are going to win anyway, so why watch the game at all?”

“Well, it’s too soon to worry about that. We’ve first got to get Nebraska to a bowl game.”

“Didn’t you hear?” Becca said. “They’re playing West Virginia on December 26 down in Phoenix.”

How she knows things before I do, I’ll never figure out.

GO BIG RED!



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.

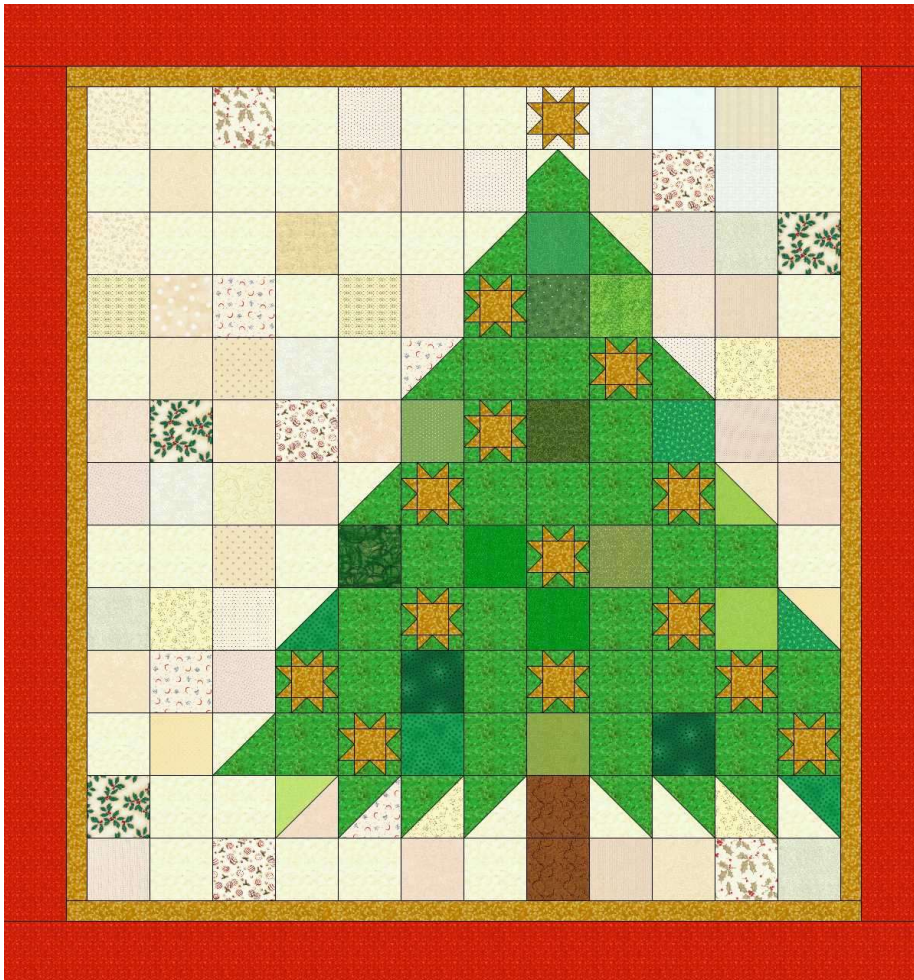
Inner border: Cut at 2 ½" by length and width of quilt, app. 2 ½" X 78 ½" for sides and 2 ½" X 76 ½" for top & bottom . I suggest you cut 8 strips at 2 ½" X 42" and sew them together end to end. Then cut your borders from that strip. Because there are so many seams in this quilt, I would recommend measuring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

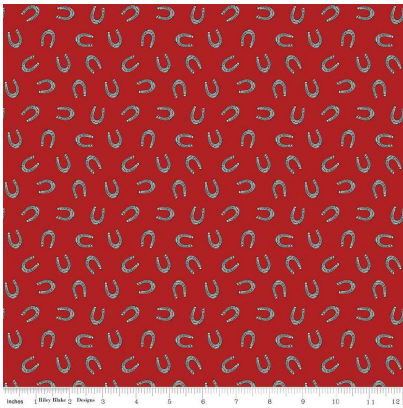
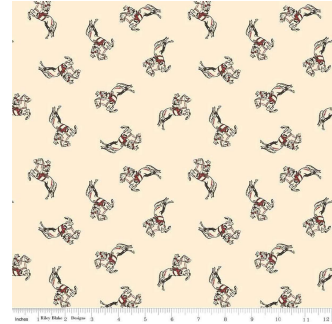
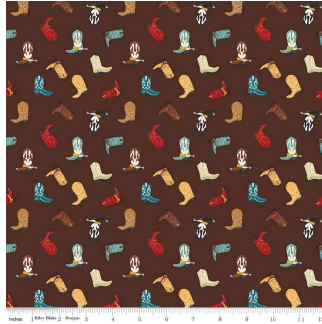
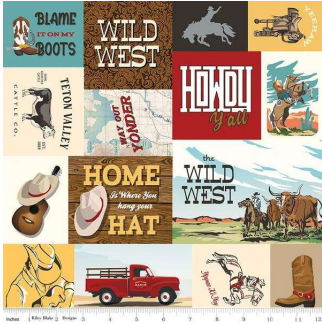
My quilt is on the flannel boards at the shop. I think I have everything where I want it. Come take a look.

Link to the entire pattern, click below.

[Christmas Mystery 2024](#)



New Fabric



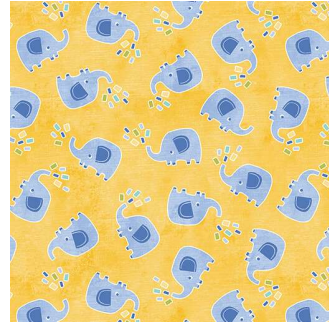
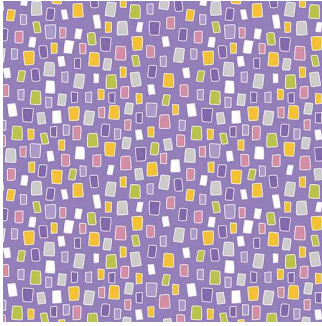
And one other fabric with the lyrics Home on the Range printed on the fabric. Couldn't grab a pic

From Riley Blake

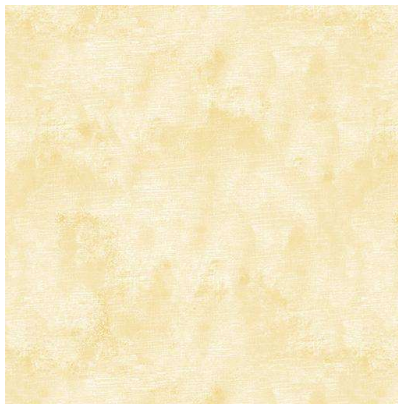
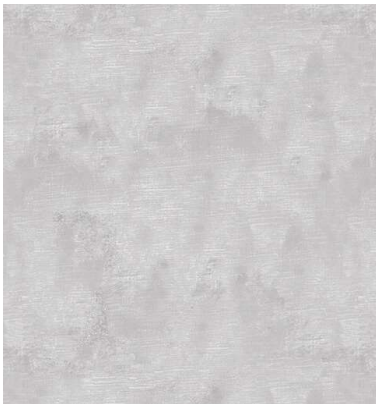


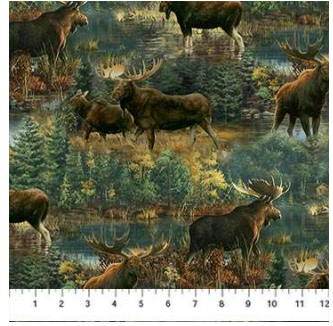
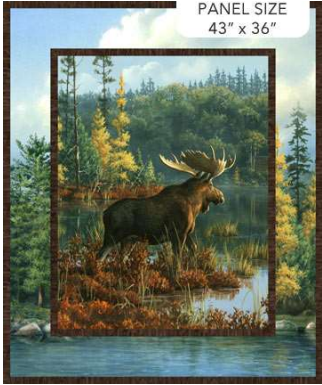
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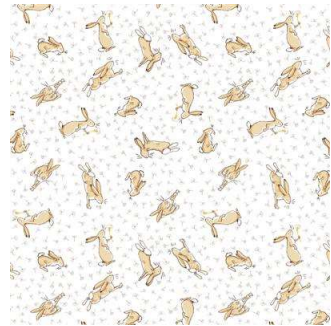
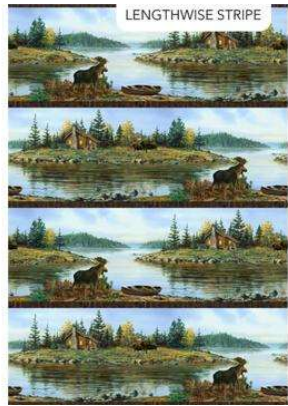
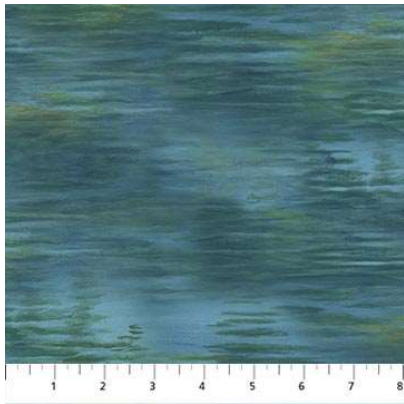


From Benartex. All but the yellow is flannel.





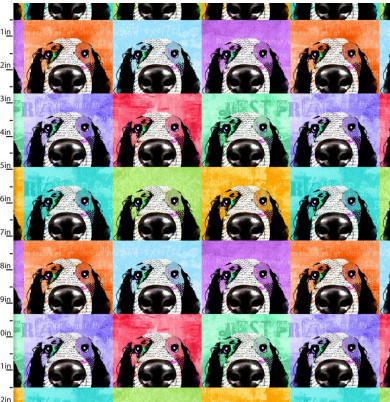
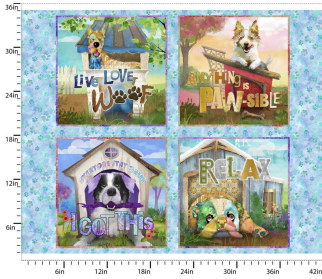
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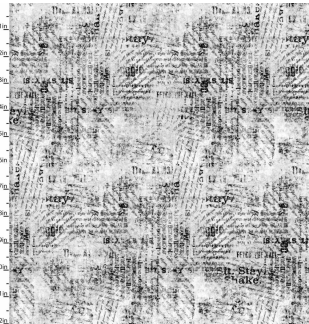
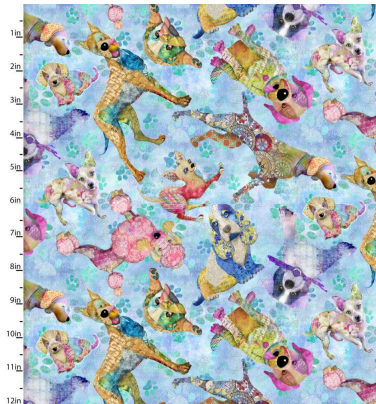
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From Clothworks



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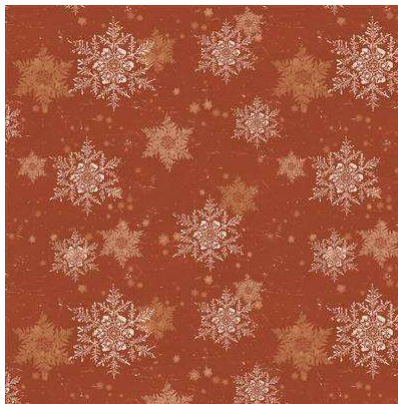




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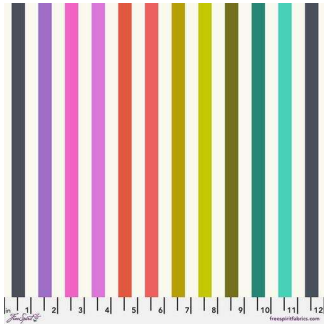
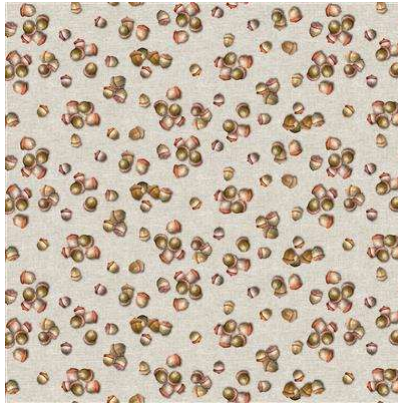
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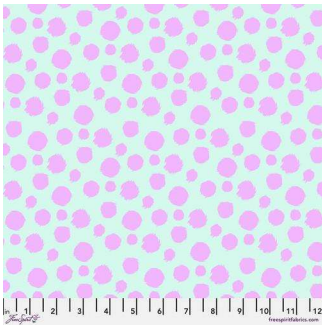
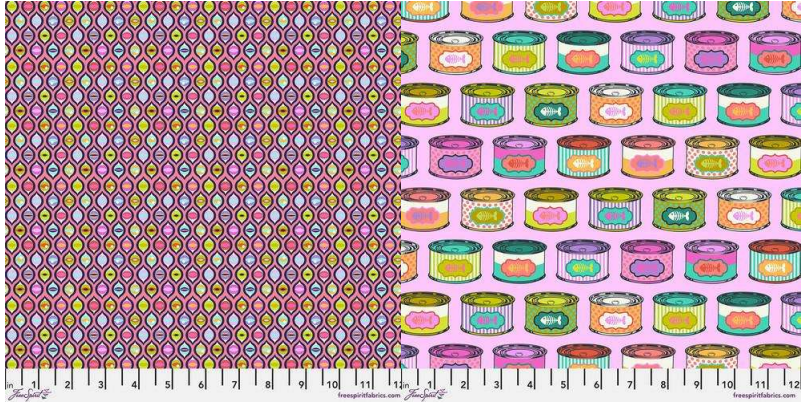




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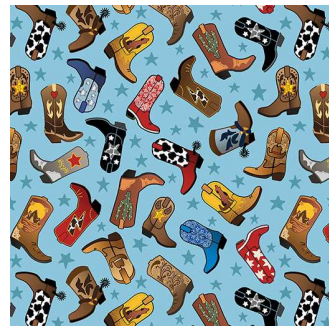
From Tula Pink



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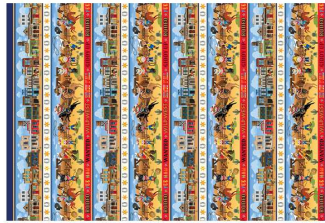


From Hoffman





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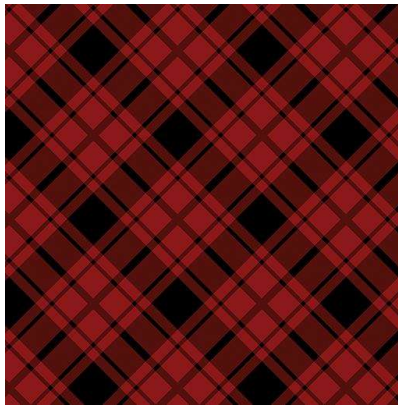
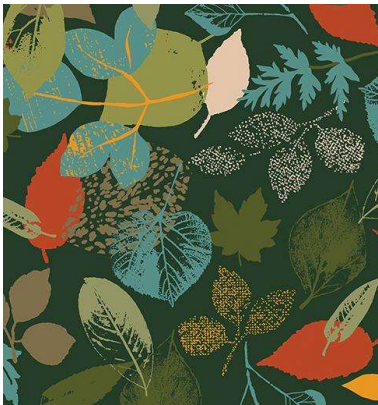


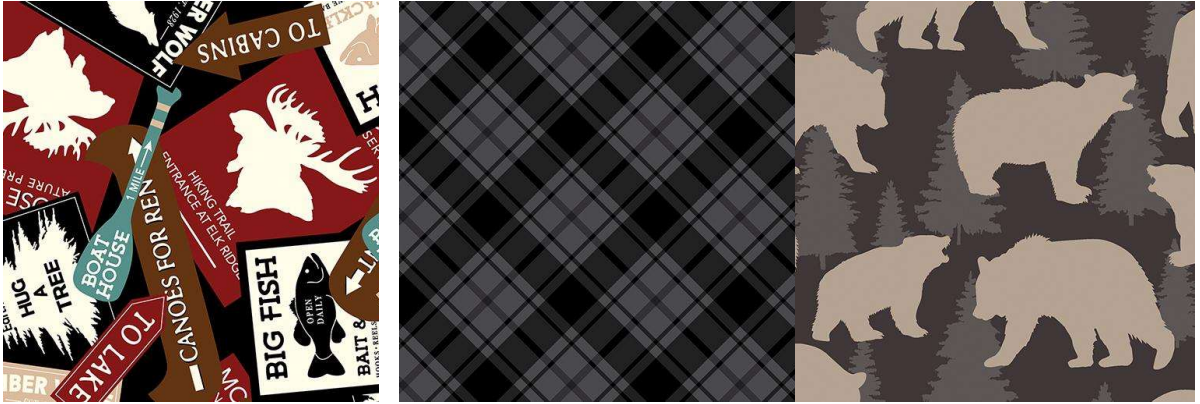
AS SHOWN 44" X 30"
*stripe runs parallel to selvage



PANEL MEASURES APPROX. 18" X 27"

From Benartex: The fall looking ones are flannel





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					1	2 BOM 10:30 Finish your quilt sale: 20% off backings, bindings and battings Bison Wall Hanging Part I 1-5
3 CLOSED	4	5 Hand work Club 2-5	6	7	8	9 Embroidery Club 10-noon Bison Wall Hanging Part I 1-5
10 CLOSED	11 Veterans Day	12 Hand work Club 2-5	13 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	14	15 Full Moon	16 Strip Quilts 10:30-4
17 CLOSED	18	19 Hand work Club 2-5	20	21	22	23 Krista Moser Christmas Tree Skirt 10 30-4
24 CLOSED	25	26 Hand work Club 2-5	27 Knit Pickers' Club 2-5	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 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 Full Moon
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 Toad Toter Sale	28 Year End Sale
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 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 sheep! From Crabapple Hill

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.

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

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.



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Monday-Saturday 10-5:30

Sunday 1-5

Closed first Sunday of month (and some holidays)

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

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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