

# Self-Guided “Mini-Tour” of 40 Barn Quilts in 30 minutes (if you don’t stop)!

(Just over 6 miles starting at the Staples Depot)



Pick up a Barn Quilts of Central MN trail map at the Staples depot, 320 US Highway 10, and use this page to start a self-guided “mini-tour” to see over 35 barn quilts in 30 minutes (if you don’t stop). Of course, we hope you DO STOP and view the Crow Wing River at McGivern Park, smell the flowers at Living Legacy

Gardens and just enjoy the beauty of the barn quilts in a small rural community!

You can read the barn quilt stories at: <https://barnquiltsmn.org> under “Our Quilts”

**1. Railroad Crossing\*** is the on the west side of the Staples depot and **2. Prosperity\*** is on the east end. There are public restrooms inside the depot, which is open 24/7 and is an Amtrak station. You can also find free post cards of the Staples area and a photo exhibit of Staples Railroad History.

From the depot parking lot turn right onto Highway 10 going east and continue through the stoplight and go to Veteran’s Park (south side of highway) to see **3. Interwoven Star\*** at 820 U.S.10. Continue east and right past the Staples Eye Clinic and you will find **4. Waterwheel** at 1012 U.S. 10E. Across the street at the Dairy Queen, 1100 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE. find **5. Milky Way\***. **6. Grandma Barb’s Star\*** is on the north side of Ernie’s grocery store at 1230 US Highway 10. Find **7. Arrow Crown\*** on the Timberlake Hotel, 1212 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, and **8. Gaggles of Geese\*** located on the Timbers Restaurant 1220 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.

Just past Ernie’s Grocery turn left off of US 10 onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and find **9. Rays of Hope** in front of Faith Lutheran Church. Turn left on 12<sup>th</sup> street and get back on Highway 10, turn right going west. Go one block past the stop light and turn right onto 5<sup>th</sup> St NE. find **10. Broken Star\***, at Step On In Thrift, 116 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE. At the stop sign, look across to the white church and find **11. Shoenrock Cross**. This is the oldest church in Staples. Continue going north on 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE to find **12. Lakewood Blocks\*** at Lakewood Manor, 222 5<sup>th</sup> St NE. Ave. and “**13. Methodist Church Symbol**”, at Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Continue going north and at the stop sign turn right onto Michigan Ave. Go down to 7<sup>th</sup> street, at 819 7<sup>th</sup> St. to see **14. Patriotic Pinwheel** and **15. Stars & Stripes**. Turn left going north on 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE to 935 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE and turn left onto Autumn Ave and find **16. Friendship Star** (on the house) and **17. Patchwork Crazy** (on the fence). Turn right onto 6<sup>th</sup> St. NE and go to Warner Road and turn left.

At the stop sign on Warner Road, turn right and go past the cemetery. When you get to Prairie Ave., turn left and then right unto Park Ave. You will see “**18. Contrary Wife**” at 108 Park Road. Continue on Park Road and turn left unto Mini Drive and then right onto Airport Road. Keep traveling on Airport Road past the airport and apartment buildings to Spruce Road (turn right -by the large rock) and go to the end of the development to see **19. Farmer’s Daughter**, 603 Spruce Rd. Turn around at the cul-de-sac and come back to Airport Road and turn right to go to Central Lakes College to see **20. Building Futures** 1830 Airport Rd (on right side of road). At the stop sign at Airport Road and County #2, continue straight on Airport Road to **21. Burning Barn** 12077 Airport Road. Keep on Airport Road until you get to Vintage Circle Town houses and turn right into the development and turn right to go around the circle drive. You will see **22. Crossing Canoes** at 12730 Vintage Circle, **23. Seasons** at 12758 Vintage Circle, **24. Sister’s Love-Ohio Star**, 12836 Vintage Circle. Follow the road back to Airport Road and turn right. Go to McGivern Park to see **25. On Target**, 2715 McGivern Drive. You can view the Crow Wing River at McGivern Park. Turn around in McGivern Park and get back on Airport Road, heading west.

At the stop sign, turn right unto County Road #2, and go out to Living Legacy Gardens. Turn at the sign that says “enter”. To your left of the parking lot, you will see **26. Contrary Husband** hanging in the picnic shelter. The gardens are very nice to stroll through and see all of the Zone 3 plants, which are plants for this area of the state. As you leave the gardens, turning right unto County #2, you will see **27. Tree of Life** 26505 County Road 2 -it is mounted on a fence, hiding in the trees.

Continue on County Road #2 going south to Airport Road to travel back to the city of Staples and turn left unto Warner Road to find **28. True Colors\*** at Staples True Value, 205 Warner Road (north side of road). If you like to pick up local artwork, True Value features an area in their store called “Truly Local” where local artists sell their products. Nice pottery, jewelry, and more at very reasonable prices. **29. Barb’s Good Luck** will be on the south side of Warner road at Shear Contact, 304 Warner Road.

Continue to the stop sign and turn right on 4<sup>th</sup> St NE **30. Power, Wealth & Enthusiasm\*** (east side of the street) at Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union 1220 N. 4<sup>th</sup> and find **31. Little Red Schoolhouse\*** at Staples Motley Elementary, 1024 4<sup>th</sup> NE.

Just past Staples Motley Elementary turn right unto Dower Ave. and then left unto 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE to find **32. Firefighter\*** (behind the Staples Fire Department, across from Jerry Riewer Baseball Field). Continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE to the Staples Motley High School which then becomes Centennial Lane. Find **33. Pinwheel Maze\*** Staples Motley High School, 401 Centennial Lane. Continue on Centennial Lane to 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE and turn right at the Staples Community Center to find **34. Mosaic Variation\*** 425 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE.

Continue on 4<sup>th</sup> St. to check out **35. Pinwheel Around the World\*** at the Staples World 224 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE, our local newspaper office, which is on east side of road. That barn quilt is a 2’x 2’ because of the size of the building. The high school student who made it won an award for it at a MN State High School League Art Competition. **36. A Cup Shared with Friends\*** is at the Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop, 213 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE.

At the stop sign you can either turn left onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE to see **37. A Slice of Home** at Tower Pizza, 414 2<sup>nd</sup> ST NE and just across the street in the window of Longbella Drug, 421 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE, is **38. Mortar & Pestle\***. Or continue straight on 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE to see **39. Gentleman’s Fancy\*** in the window at Baby Steps at 125 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE and **40. Peace & Plenty\*** at the First International Bank, 111 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Congratulations, you have finished the mini-tour!

Park anywhere and go exploring. Stomping Grounds has great coffee and Longbella Drug sells “Staples wear” and other gift items. You can find great pizza at Tower Pizza, awesome burgers at Beck’s Burgers or super tacos at Los Corrales. Or, drive east down 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE to get a cool treat at the Dairy Queen or fine dining at Timbers Restaurant!

**\*\*Please note that some businesses are closed Saturday afternoon and on Sunday. Check their webpages or Facebook pages for current times.**

The five trails in our trail map are constantly growing, therefore pick up an updated list that can be added to the trail map available at the Staples Depot. You can also find more information at our website: Barn Quilts of Central MN

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