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About "More the Day(s) Before"

Immerse yourself in an all-day workshop before the Expo opens. Share in the guidance, artistry, technical advice and inspiration your expert teacher brings to the classroom.

PLUS...your MDB registration qualifies you for a Value Package, which includes discounted pricing on your MDB class sessions AND any additional Expo class sessions, 3 free General Admission tickets and a free shopping bag!

Classroom opens at 8:30, instruction begins at 9:00, and your fees include a re-energizing lunch to carry you through until 5:00. ***If you have any dietary restrictions, please email info@sewingexpo.com or call 800-699-6309 as soon as you register for class.***

Tuesday 11/4/2025

Edge-to-Edge Quilting on an Embroidery Machine (MDB)

LuAnn Hartley

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Turn an embroidery machine into a quilting machine. This class will show you how to do that, including where to get designs, how to size designs to fit your project, how to hoop and connect patterns, and how to do borders.

The first part of the class will be constructing the blocks and putting together the quilt top. Then, the second and third parts of class we will move to embroidery and completely quilt your quilt top using edge-to-edge quilting for the body of the quilt,

followed by border patterns to quilt the borders.

Even if you have a long arm, this is a great way to do smaller projects. Plus, quilting borders are so easy with the embroidery machine that you won't wanna do borders any other way! This method of machine quilting is something you will want to do repeatedly.

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$42.00

Hands-On

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB202X, MDB262X

Denali Vest (MDB)

Pattie Otto

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Create a stunning zip-front vest or jacket with curved pockets using the Great Copy Denali Vest and Jacket pattern. The class will begin with try-ons to help you select the right size and Pattie will be available to assist with any necessary alterations.

You'll learn how to cut and sew lofty outerwear fabrics, and Pattie will demonstrate her foolproof technique for installing zippers in fleece. She'll also cover how to sew an easy baseball style ribbed collar and finish edges with fold-over elastic.

Extra fabric will be available for purchase for those who choose to make a jacket instead of a vest or want to add a hood. The vest/jacket pattern is sized XX-Small (chest 30 inches) to 3X (chest 54 inches) and is designed to fit Petite, Average and Tall body types.

Sessions: 7

Materials: \$62.00

Hands-On

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB203X, MDB263X

Your Body Double: Design a Custom Box Pleat Jacket (MDB)

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the art of precision garment fitting in the immersive all-day workshop led by expert designer to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli. Learn draping fundamentals, taking you beyond the limitations of

flat paper patterns, and tailoring techniques as you design a Box Pleat Jacket that perfectly complements your beautifully unique shape and style.

Designed to mirror your unique silhouette, a professional dress form will transform the way you sew clothing for yourself. Part 1 will include covering the dress form, making sure to couture the form to your body measurements size for a precise fit. Once your dress form is perfected, it becomes the canvas on which you will drape your very own bodice sloper, giving life to your own pattern fitting block.

In Part 2, you will learn the techniques for designing and draping a box pleat jacket for yourself. Joe will demonstrate each step of this process in detail, concluding with instructions for transferring the muslin drape to pattern for sewing at home.

Students are encouraged to bring their body double to class and may purchase one in advance from <https://www.frencheuropeaninc.com/store>.

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB200X, MDB260X

Barn Quilt Painting (MDB)

Barb Bennett

Join us for a fun, easygoing class where you'll get to choose from a variety of simple, eye-catching quilt block designs. This creative experience is perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike—and often leads to painting a second, third, or even more barn quilts!

Each student will select a quilt block pattern from a provided list. If you'd like your pattern pre-drawn before class, I'm happy to do that at no extra cost. During the class, we'll walk through the process of transferring your design onto a prepped 2ft x 2ft wooden board, taping the lines, and painting your very own barn quilt. Along the way, you'll pick up new skills, enjoy a relaxed, social atmosphere, and leave with a detailed take-home worksheet for future projects.

All supplies are included. Just bring your enthusiasm

and get ready to create something beautiful—and make some new friends, too!

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB201X, MDB261X

Wednesday 11/5/2025

Daisy Handbag (MDB)

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Come join me for my newest bag - the Daisy! This stylish mid-sized bag is perfect for everyday! The outside & inside are filled with pockets. In class, you'll learn all about sewing curves, installing zippers, adding accents and so much more! Watch yourself transform into a top-notch bag maker with my help!

Materials fee: Pre-prepped and all the cutting is done for you. Cork for the exterior, lining fabric, all hardware zippers & paper pattern in many colors & styles.

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB302X, MDB362X

Del Mar Dolman and Foxglove Leggings (MDB)

Amanda Carita

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Join this immersive, hands-on workshop and create a complete outfit using premium, athleticwear-grade fabrics—the same quality used by top sportswear brands. You'll learn how to sew a stylish, functional ensemble that would retail for over \$250, all at a fraction of the price.

Each kit includes a printed sewing pattern, a downloadable PDF version, and step-by-step

instructions to guide you through the process. This hands-on workshop is perfect for anyone looking to expand their skills while making something stylish and functional.

Materials fee includes: 4 yards peached performance fabric, paper pattern, digital pattern

Sessions: 7

Materials: \$87.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB303X, MDB363X

Walking Foot Quilting: BEYOND the Ditch (BYOF) (MDB)

Catherine Redford

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Who says quilting must be done on a longarm? With master quilter, Catherine Redford, you will learn how to finish your quilts with your domestic sewing machine, while enjoying all the control your walking foot has to offer. We will begin with a discussion of the factors that lead to success, including pressing and basting. Then, stitch samples of different styles including matchstick quilting, grids, combined stitches, and serpentine. Elevate your technique with beautiful organic curves. Learn how to execute sharp turns and make accurate straight line polygon spirals. Round out the workshop with circular spirals. You'll also find out how Catherine adds hand stitching to her quilts and finish with a look at her beautiful work for inspiration to go home and turn your tops into finished quilts.

Bring your own fabric; see the supply list for details.

Please note: this day-long class provides the same information as the combination of Catherine's two 3-hour walking foot quilting classes, Walking Foot Quilting: Get Out of the Ditch and Walking Foot Quilting: Organic Curves and Super Spirals.

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$22.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB304X, MDB364X

Bite-Size Gems: Designing with Freezer Paper (BYOF) (MDB)

MJ Kinman

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

During this full-day technique class, MJ will share with you the same techniques that she's used for over 25 years to create her giant gem quilts. This technique is perfect for any quilter who has an idea for a design in which every piece is a different shape, size, or color. While MJ's inspiration are gemstones, yours might be florals, landscapes, portraits, or abstracts. The technique is the same! And best of all, this is NOT foundation paper piecing. If you can sew two pieces of fabric with right sides together, YOU CAN DO THIS!

In addition, MJ will share her secrets of how to make quilts sparkle and glow by selecting the most effective color pairings.

Students Bring Your Own Fabric, see supply list for details

Sessions: 7

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB305X, MDB365X

Kaleidoscope Folded Star Table Topper (MDB)

LuAnn Hartley

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

This fun and technique-packed class guides you through creating a beautiful circular table topper or wall hanging. Starting with an allover print, you'll fussy cut 60-degree diamonds to form a striking kaleidoscope-style center medallion. Learn expert tips for precision cutting to achieve perfect symmetry, then quilt your medallion before framing it with dimensional Prairie Points using the Prairie Point Rulers.

You'll finish your piece with a bias binding and discover just how simple circular binding can be. This project is perfect for customizing with different fabrics to suit any season or occasion.

The kit includes the pattern, ruler, and all the fabrics needed to complete your project.

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$39.00
Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB306X, MDB366X

Your Body Double Day 2: Box Pleat Jacket from Muslin to Paper Pattern (BYOF) (MDB)

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the art of pattern making with expert designer to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli. For Day 2 of the Custom Cox Pleat Jacket, Joe will guide you through each step as you take the muslin drape from the body form and transfer it to paper. Learn the technical terms and annotations for marking each piece of the jacket on dressmaking paper to create your own gorgeous custom pattern.

Once you have completed the pattern, you'll be ready to cut out your jacket from fabric! Following Joe's direction, you will learn how to place the pattern pieces with the grain of the fabric and determine the best use of the yardage, so no fabric is wasted. Joe will also include tips to make the jacket lining. Depending on the intricacies of the design, some students may begin sewing the basic pieces. Sewing machines will be provided in the classroom.

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$57.00
Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB300X, MDB360X

From Quilt to Catwalk: Create your own Quilted Blazer (BYOF) (MDB)

Sandra Chandler

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll turn a quilt or found fabric into a stunning blazer using the McCall's M7332 pattern. This workshop is perfect for all levels, from beginners to experienced quilters, looking to enhance their skills and creativity. Learn to sew, finish binding, and work with various fabrics like cotton, denim, and quilted materials in a fun, supportive setting.

Students bring your own fabric-see supply list

Sessions: 7
Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB301X, MDB361X

Thursday 11/6/2025

English Paper Piecing by Machine (BYOF)

Angie Lamoree

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

The hexagon or honeycomb pattern for quilts dates back to the 18th century where paper templates were used for forming more perfect patchwork. More than 200 years later, we are still fascinated by English Paper Piecing. Quilt shop owner and expert instructor, Angie Lamoree, will teach you the time-honored basics for preparing the fabric and paper forms, plus her modern method for piecing the tiny blocks on a sewing machine.

Materials fee: pattern

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$10.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 9X, B25

Knit Tee-Top: Serging for Rookies

Kathy McMakin

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Unbelievable! In just a few hours, you can craft a whole knit tee-top – no kidding! We promise it is quick, easy, and looks incredibly professional, all thanks to your trusty serger. Join us for a hands-on workshop where we have chosen a luscious, soft-as-butter knit paired with dyed-to-match ribbing to create the perfect outfit for your child. The best part? All the techniques you will learn can be applied to make stylish tops for older kids and adults, too.

Discover the tricks for serging knits while demystifying the wonders of differential feed. Seamlessly attach a circular neck binding in a snap. Choose to finish the hem with a lettuce-edge for a frilly look or a cover stitch for a more tailored version. Want to add a personal touch? Explore the option to incorporate machine embroidery later.

Watch your project take shape right before your eyes, and by the end of the class, you will be eager to replicate this little knit tee-top in every color. The child's size M will be created in class, and your materials fee includes the pattern for children's sizes XS - XL. Join us for a fun and productive session and leave with the skills to create stylish knit tops for everyone in the family!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A10X, B26

Free Motion Quilting Steps to Success (BYOF)

Catherine Redford

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Discover the magic of free-motion quilting. We will start with putting pens to paper to learn how to combine basic shapes to create a variety of interesting quilting designs. Once you are comfortable with drawing the shapes on paper, we will put the feed dogs down and learn how to translate these designs onto fabric using pre-made quilt sandwiches. You will have the opportunity to try lots of different designs to find your personal favorites in this relaxed, no-criticism-allowed setting. You will leave with a variety of samples to practice at home and the confidence to do so.

Bring your own fabric; see the supply list for details.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$9.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A11X, B27

Embroidered Gift Card Pockets (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

They say, "good things come in small packages" and this sweet embroidery class is proof. Join designer Jill McCloy to learn the basics of machine embroidery as you assemble three darling gift card pockets: stocking, mitten, and envelope. These exceptional

little pockets are sized perfectly for gift card, tickets, jewelry, or even a small toy. With your favorite fabrics and ribbon embellishment, you are really making two gifts in one. After the gift card is spent, the pocket could be used as an ornament on a Christmas tree or holiday garland. Embroidery designs include Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A12X, B28

Rulerwork for Beginners

Nancy Scott

In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Straight lines and simple arcs can create stunning quilting. Learn the basics of rulerwork including stitch settings, holding the ruler and moving the fabric and ruler in tandem. Working on BERNINA Q Series sit down longarm you will stitch straight lines and simple arcs to create motifs, matchstick quilting, stitch-in-the-ditch and continuous line designs.

Materials fee: Panel, Batting and Backing. Rulers will be provided for in-class use.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A13X, B29

Snowflake Art Quilt

Ilene Bartos

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Learn with quilt artist and designer Ilene Bartos in this fantastic, hands-on sewing class as you create a beautifully detailed Snowflake mini quilt (13" x 16"). New quilting skills include how to work with a bias background and raw-edge fusible applique. Plus we will explore the pros and cons of working with foil. Add an extra pop with couching metallic threads, and finish your project with a professional-looking facing that ensures your small Flake hangs or lays perfectly flat.

After your mini quilt is finished, you'll know all the

techniques needed to complete full-size Snowflake design (28" x 39") and more of Ilene's stunning artistic quilts.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$57.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A14X, B30

Tailor's Tips for a Professional Look

Jim Suzio
Master the secrets to great fitting clothes. Learn the tips professional tailor's use for measuring and simple alterations with clothing designer, Jim Suzio. In this new lecture, Jim will demonstrate age-old and the latest tailor's tools every sewist should use for making custom clothing. If you like sewing for others, or for yourself, this course is one you can't miss.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
A 2X

Two Bags, Five Zippers, One Serger

LuAnn Hartley
In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches
Ready to move on to something more challenging with zippers and sergers? In this class you will make 3 zippered bags using various types of fabrics. These bags are completely lined and use different types of fabrics along with traditional cotton fabrics.

The first bag is constructed with cotton and has two lined zippered pockets. One of the bags will be constructed using faux leather and cotton fabrics and has three zippered pockets in the front and one in the back. All bags are completely lined, which is a great technique to learn.

Join LuAnn for this entertaining and informative class and most of all, take your serger bag skills to the next level. Your friends will say, "Wow, you made that!"

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$29.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 8X, B24

Stabilizer Reference Notebook

Nancy Sapin
Separating whites is not just for laundry. When it comes to stabilizers for embroidery, craft, and sewing projects, you need a Stabilizer Reference Notebook! For example, most stabilizers fit into one of four categories: Cut-Away, Tear-Away, Wash-Away, and Heat-Away.

Learn from Sulky ambassador and sewing expert Nancy Sapin while building your reference notebook. In this hands-on class, you will examine the differences and understand how to use each one. Nancy brings a trunkful of samples for project inspiration, too, from embroidery, free motion sewing and quilting, paper piecing, crafting, and more!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 3X, B19

Decorative Mending and Embellishment (BYOF)

Sandra Chandler
Decorative mending and embellishment is a creative and sustainable way to repair clothing. Instead of hiding flaws, it celebrates them by turning repairs into unique, decorative features. This philosophy promotes reducing waste, preserving cherished garments, and embracing the beauty of imperfection.

Decorative mending and embellishment mending aligns with sustainable fashion by extending the life of your clothes, reducing tactile waste in landfills, encouraging a mindful approach to consumption.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$17.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 5X, B21

Designing Rulerwork: Meet Me at the Drawing Board

Donelle McAdams
Embrace the return of a fan-favorite workshop! Donelle is back by popular demand, ready to guide

you through the art of rulerwork design. Whether you are a novice just starting your stitching journey or a seasoned pro, this class offers valuable insights for all skill levels. In this engaging three-hour session, Donelle will lead you in crafting captivating designs for quilt blocks, mandalas, borders, and beyond. Unleash your creativity and elevate your stitching capacity under her expert instruction. Join us for an inspiring and educational experience that promises to bring out the artist in every student!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$14.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 6X, B22

Fitting a Dress Form to You

Joe Vecchiarelli
Designed to mirror your unique silhouette, a professional dress form will transform the way you sew clothing for yourself. Fashion designer to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli, will discuss different options for the body double and show features of the French European form. Each student will be measured in class to fit a body form; then learn techniques for couture shaping. Joe will show how a single dress form can seamlessly transform into a personalized body shape and teach you the skills to recreate your own body double. Avoid the frustration of adapting flat paper patterns to the dynamic contours of your body ensuring more accurate results. If you have ever considered purchasing a body form for your sewing, this class is a can't miss.

Sessions: 2
Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
A 1, B17

An Eye for Fit

Susan Luaces
This comprehensive class is designed to be both a primer for beginners and a valuable refresher for experienced sewists on the principles of proper garment fitting. We will delve into the essential aspects of achieving a well-fitted garment, examining the key hallmarks that define an ideal fit. You'll learn about the correct placement of seams and how they should lay or hang on the body. We will explore the

significance of tight or loose wrinkles and what they reveal about fit issues.

Additionally, you'll discover why relying solely on bust, waist, and hip measurements is insufficient for making accurate pattern alterations. Understand why simply adding or subtracting width at the side seams rarely addresses the underlying fitting problems.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
A 4

Fast & Easy Projects to Finish in Under 1 Hour!

Linda McGehee

Where does the time go? Do you want projects that can be completed in a short amount of time that look like you spent hours? Quick and easy are the terms I've been hearing. So, let's venture into the world of quick, making some simple items that are useful to anyone of any age. Whether using the sewing machine, serger or embroidery machine, you'll find these projects fun to make. Many projects require fat quarters or leftover fabrics from other projects. You will be surprised at what you can accomplish in 1 hour.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
B18X

Knits for the Absolutely Terrified

Pattie Otto

Racks are filled with them, as are your closets and drawers. Knits are everywhere, so why aren't you sewing with them? A little hesitant or palms a bit sweaty? Admit it - you're secretly terrified of sewing with knits. Pattie's class will put all your fears to rest during this confidence-building class filled with must-know information.

You will get loads of advice on how to select the right knit for your next project. And you'll also get layout and cutting pointers, plus the super quick construction tips. You'll feel amazed at how easy it really is to work with knits after this class.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$22.00

Thursday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
B20X

Create a Custom Bodice Using a Dress Form

Joe Vecchiarelli

Learn the art of draping a front and back bodice with expert fashion fitter, Joe Vecchiarelli. This immersive course will teach skills for fabric draping and patternmaking with the use of a dress form. Joe will demonstrate basic to intermediate techniques through a variety of flattering drapes from a cowl and cascading top to a plunging neckline. Practice draping with muslin, on a body form provided in class, or bring your own for a custom fit. Then, seamlessly translate the draped muslin into a refined pattern, while learning dart manipulation to create different designs including a sophisticated princess pleat bodice.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
C33X, D49

Zippy Cork Crossbody Bag

Lynn Gerard

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Discover the secret to eliminating the "wave" in your zippers in this fun class featuring the Sallie Tomato Zippy pattern. There's nothing more frustrating than finishing a bag only to have the zipper ripple like you're in the upper deck of a ball game. You'll see just how simple zippers can be and gain the confidence to incorporate them into your future projects. We'll cover time-saving tips and versatile techniques you can apply to many other sewing projects.

You'll receive a complete kit with everything you need to create your own Crossbody Bag—and you'll leave class wearing it! Each piece in your kit will be clearly labeled and ready to use, with all hardware and rivets included.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$46.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C41, D57, E73

The Boston Cardigan

Amanda Carita

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

The Boston Cardigan is the perfect blend of comfort and style, making it a must-have layering piece for any wardrobe. In this class, you'll gain hands-on experience sewing a slouch pocket, and we'll also demonstrate how to add an alternative patch pocket for a different look. Whether you're looking to expand your garment-sewing skills or create a cozy cardigan you'll reach for again and again.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$40.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C42, D58XY

Spiral Piecing Table Runner

Linda McGehee

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Discover how simple it is to do spiral piecing. In this easy-going class, there are no points to match! All straight stitching, this project is fundamental and looks more involved than it is. Stitch the strips into a tube to form the angle. Quilt the layers and finish by binding them around the edge. Fast, fun project, and leave with a finished table runner ready for the table! Use small, corded piping for additional detail. Kits use fabric from Linda, Fabric Collection, Queen of the Night.

This is an easy-going class for the beginner or seasoned stitcher. Besides the piecing technique, learn 2 different angles for miter corners, get started with quilting the layers.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C43, D59XY

Foot Feats III: 3 Needles, 5 Feet

Jill McCloy

*In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio
sponsored by Country Stitches*

Small in size, and big on technique, this elegant yet practical box corner bag is designed to encourage you to play with stitches, fibers and feet. You'll receive good information on standard, twin and wing needles, then put that knowledge to use by embellishing your fabric with numerous procedures. You'll use a twin needle where a wing needle stitch is suggested, then try it with a wing needle and a standard needle. Use some matching threads and some contrasting threads. See how playing² stretches your imagination. Add some decorative couching. Learn a simple box corner technique and create a hands lining. Make a twisted cord and bar tack it in place for a simple closure. And, ta-da, you have a perfect little gift bag and lots of new knowledge.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$34.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C44, D60, E76

Designs with Lines- Q Series

Corey Pearson
*In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall
Sewing and Vac*

Discover how simple lines can lead to stunning quilting results in this hands-on class focused on the Designs with Lines Stencil System. Join award-winning quilter Corey Pearson as he guides you through techniques for turning straight and curved lines into beautiful, balanced quilting designs.

In this class, you'll learn:

- How to use Designs with Lines stencils to create simple, yet stunning designs
- Tools and techniques to make your quilting more enjoyable
- Design with innovative rulers to make your quilting more accurate.
- Plus, tips for building muscle memory and quilting with confidence

These are crossover skills that would benefit both sit down machine quilters and longarm machine quilters. Whether you're new to free-motion quilting or looking to expand your design repertoire, this class will show you how to bring your quilts to life—one line at a time.

Materials fee includes: 2 stencils, Double-sided fusible batting, Fabric

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C45, D61XY

How to Add Pockets to Any Garment

Jim Suzio
*In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country
Stitches*

Learn to skillfully add an in-seam pocket to your favorite dress. Master designer, Jim Suzio, will provide the pattern for the pocket shape and share measuring tips for perfect pocket placement. You'll make a sample pocket using a main fashion fabric and lining material, gaining confidence as you sew, so you can repeat the technique at home. As an optional bonus, students may bring a dress or pair of pants for Jim's evaluation and suggestions for opening the seam.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
C46, D62

Sewing Machine Maintenance: Tips for Self-Service and What to Leave to the Professionals

Eric Drexler
Did you know a dirty sewing machine can cause skipped stitches and create tension issues? Sewing expert, Eric Drexler, will start with simple steps for removing fluff and dust; then take you inside the machine to see what technicians find once the covers are removed. Even if you think your machine is clean, lint, thread, and more can travel deep inside and cause trouble with the timing and electronics. In this entertaining and educational lecture, Eric will share pictures of what he's seen on the inside of a variety of machines he has worked on, plus answer your questions about how often your machine needs to be oiled, why you shouldn't use compressed air, and the importance of having your machine professionally serviced.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
C34

Inspiring Serger Confidence

Kathy McMakin

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Intimidated? Fear not! The serger is your friend! It is the perfect companion for your sewing machine, as it always makes you look like a professional (even if you are not). Knowing your serger, what it can do and how to do it will take your sewing to a whole new level. Learn how a serger works, tension settings, stitch lengths, cutting widths, differential feed, when to have your cutter in and out of work, needle positions, basic stitches for construction, decorative stitches for embellishing and finishing and specialty stitches used in construction, embellishing and finishing, and finally troubleshooting. When you maximize your serger's potential, you maximize your own, too!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$15.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C40, D56XY

Color Play: Beyond Color Theory

MJ Kinman

Josef Albers, the great artist/educator of the 20th Century, said, "Colors deceive continuously". And with the help of three simple guidelines developed by 19th Century French scientist, Michele Eugene Chevreul, we can predict how color will try to deceive us! In my class Color Play: Beyond Color Theory, I'll share those rules and help you apply them to your own quilt designs, regardless of your inspiration!

In this class we'll explore:

- How to make your quilts sparkle with value contrast
- How to make your quilts glow with saturation contrast
- How to create powerful and credible transparencies
- How to alter the appearance of a color by placing a different color next to it

This class encourages experimentation in an environment of joyful exploration. Using strips of

solid fabrics in a rainbow of colors, values, and saturation, we will explore these ideas and, in the process, strengthen your color confidence.

Materials fee: Color wheel; a wide assortment of fabric strips and squares in a range of hue, value, and saturation.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$12.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C35, D51, E67

Two Easy: How to Measure Yourself for the Perfect Fit

Susan Luaces

In this class, we'll teach you how to take accurate, detailed measurements for a perfect fit using the Two Easy measuring tapes: the Zero Center Tape and the Inseam Tape. We'll also cover essential measurements that are often overlooked in standard measurement charts but are crucial for achieving a tailored fit. These include the Shoulder Tip-to-Tip and Shoulder Slope measurements, as well as how to assess figure asymmetry.

Additionally, we'll discuss how to capture the crotch curve shape with a flex curve ruler to ensure a truly custom fit. By the end of the session, you'll be confident in taking the measurements that make all the difference in creating garments that fit your unique shape perfectly.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
C36

Sashiko Stitching Meets Your Denim Jacket (BYOF)

Sandra Chandler

In this hands-on workshop, students will explore the art of sashiko stitching—a traditional Japanese embroidery technique rooted in strength, beauty, and sustainability—and remix it into modern denim fashion. Participants will first learn and practice several classic sashiko patterns, then design and apply visible mending and decorative stitching directly onto a denim jacket. Bring a Levi-style or thrifted denim jacket and leave with a bold, customized piece that fuses Japanese heritage with your personal style.

- Understand the history and cultural context of sashiko stitching
- Learn how to stitch 3–5 traditional sashiko patterns by hand • Practice layout and design placement on garments
- Apply visible mending and embellishment techniques to a jacket
- Create a one-of-a-kind jacket that merges old-world craftsmanship with modern street style

Students Bring Your Own Fabric

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C37, D53, E69

Hand Beading on Fabric for Quilts and Fashion

Catherine Redford

Add some sparkle and dimension to your quilts with beads! Learn how to attach beads so they won't fall off and so much more! We will work on small pre-made postcard-sized quilts and try seed stitch, beaded back stitch, couching, stacks, and fringes. We'll learn the best ways to sew bugle beads and finish with elegant edge techniques including moss stitch, picots, wrapping, and artful arches.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$24.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

C38, D54XY

Thread-ucation

Eric Drexler

Break free from the ordinary as Eric introduces you to the exciting world of thread variety. Explore the entire spectrum of Sulky threads, from Sulky Rayons to Bright Neon's, Metallics in four different styles, Glow-in-the-Dark, Fluffy Acrylic, Reflective, Invisible, and top-notch Cottons for Quilting. Gain valuable tips from Eric to ensure success in your thread ventures and discover the myriad ways you can embellish your garments or quilts. Get inspired by captivating samples that will elevate your sewing to new heights. Join us for an exploration of threads that will spark your creativity and open up a world of possibilities!

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D50

Fitting Curvy Figures: Pattern Alterations for Fuller and Smaller Curves

Susan Luaces

This class focuses on adjusting commercial patterns to better fit figures with fuller or smaller curves than those for which the pattern was originally designed. We will explore specific alterations for bust size, fuller or flatter backsides, and more prominent or less pronounced abdomens. The session begins with identifying different body variations, including the distinction between "full" and "prominent" curves. Understanding these differences will help you pinpoint exactly where adjustments are needed.

Through demonstrations of the Seam Method of Pattern Alteration, we'll learn how to make changes in the areas that require a better fit, without affecting other parts of the pattern. This approach ensures that the overall style and integrity of the design are maintained.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D52

Specialty Notions used by Professional Studios

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the secrets of the fashion industry with this comprehensive class on specialty notions used daily by professionals. Watch Joe demonstrate a variety of tools designed to help you work with precision and more efficiently. This is not just a class about seam rippers, go with Joe beyond the basics, exploring essential fashion rulers, marking tools, and products like Sewer's aid and magic thread. Everyone in class will receive one of these fabulous notions that will make you wonder how you ever sewed without it!

Sessions: 1

Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

E65

Trapunto with Dimensional Thread Work

Nancy Sapin

Trapunto—what is it? Trapunto is an excellent way to add interest and dimension to your works of art, everyday quilt projects and wall hangings by using batting to build height to an otherwise flat project. Explore the various ways this can be achieved and discover how you can create even more interest by stitching with various threads to accentuate the dimension. Nancy will share a trunk show of ideas and you can join in the discussion to get answers to your questions.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E66

Know Your Knit Fabrics

Pattie Otto

The alphabet has taken over the world of modern knit fabrics! ITY, DBP, DTY and more all add to the confusion. Names like Ponte de Roma, Performance, Liverpool and Scuba can cause your head to spin. Get to know the fiber, feel and properties of these hi-tech knits and how to sew with them. Pattie will share the best pattern choices as well as needle and threads to use. As always, she has an extensive collection of garments that showcases these beautiful fabrics.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$17.00
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E68

Sydney ID Wallet

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

This small but mighty wallet has room for everything - credit cards, ID, cash & change. And it's the perfect size for your purse or pocket! Credit cards are kept secure with a snap and the (optional) swivel hook is great for hooking to your bag or lanyard.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$17.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F89XX

Cork Notebook Cover

Stephanie Folsom

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Make your own cork notebook cover completely in the hoop, no sewing required! Learn how to use cork, PU leather, and Beach Potato Embroidery glitter fabric to make this fun project! This class will help you master your applique knowledge beyond just cotton fabric and will elevate your embroidery skills. By the end of this class you be feeling even more confident with your in the hoop abilities and will have completed a dazzling cork notebook cover. Any standard 5" x 7" notebook will fit inside your finished notebook cover.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F92XX

The Secret to Mastering your Machine's Stitches

Jim Suzio

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Whether you are new to sewing or stuck on a straight stitch, join fashion designer Jim Suzio for this hands-on sewing class that takes you to the next level. Explore basic and decorative stitches while learning how to fix stitch quality issues and mastering techniques like topstitching. Build your confidence as you make a practice sampler of stitches and find joy in the creative side of sewing. This class will elevate your sewing skills, making your projects a stitch above.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$12.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F94XX

Four Techniques for Serging Knits

Pattie Otto

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Get ready for a hands-on experience where you will conquer the four key techniques for serging knits: seaming, neckbands, hems, and applying elastic.

Explore the art of basic seaming on various knit types, unravel the mysteries of stabilizers and topstitching, and discover a plethora of hemming options, including cover stitch basics on a diverse range of knit fabrics. Discover the simplicity of creating elastic waistbands for pull-on pants and unveil the secrets of achieving a professional cover stitch finish.

This is a journey of serging mastery! Complete multiple samples and apply your newfound skills with confidence on future knit projects. Get ready to stitch, serge, and sparkle in the world of knits!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
F88X, G104

Friday 11/7/2025

Rulerwork 101: Quilting with Templates

Donelle McAdams

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Enjoy a Play Date with Donelle as she teaches you how to be successful while quilting with templates on a domestic sewing machine. No experience necessary. We will have time to quilt with a variety of templates that will be provided for classroom use. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a National Rulerwork Educator. You will amaze yourself when you experience Rulerwork!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H121X, J137

Heirloom Sewing Techniques on a Serger

Kathy McMakin

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Do you love that vintage look but think you do not have enough sewing time to complete something so intricate? Well, think again! Heirloom details completed on your serger are fast, fun and easy. Never done heirloom before? Absolutely no worries! Kathy will introduce you to the world of heirloom as she walks you through each technique, step-by-step! This class is for everyone - from the very beginner to the most advanced serg-ist. You will adore creating this cute little what-not bag while learning and have a finished project to show off after class. Enjoy heirloom and serging - all mixed into one!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H122X, J138

Thread Sketching & Fabric Painting: Part 1 and Part 2

Eric Drexler

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Join us for a creative and skill-building experience with Eric as your guide!

Part One: Free Motion Thread Sketching

In the first half of the class, you'll dive into the art of Free Motion Thread Sketching using a simple straight stitch. Eric will demonstrate various techniques to help you gain confidence and precision with your free motion work. Whether you're brand new to the concept or looking to refine your technique, you'll develop a strong foundation while stitching your initial design.

Part Two: Fabric Painting

The second half of the class brings your stitched design to life through Fabric Painting. Using the drawing you created with your sewing machine, you'll learn how to add depth, dimension, and color with paint. This section covers a wide range of essential topics—including the best threads and needles for the job, choosing and blending paints, mastering shading techniques, and more.

Throughout the class, you'll not only strengthen your free motion skills but also gain valuable insights into combining stitch and color for dynamic textile art.

Eric will also share a collection of inspiring samples to show just how far you can take your new skills.

There will be a scheduled break from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please note that lunch will not be provided.

Part One will be held in a sponsored hand-on machine room, please check at expo for classroom assignment

Part Two will be held in a lecture/demo room, please check at expo for classroom assignment

Sessions: 6
Materials: \$24.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
H123X, J139, K150, L166XY

Mylar Embroidery Buzz Mini Quilt

LuAnn Hartley

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Dazzle without the drama in our Mylar Embroidery Workshop. You will discover the secret to achieving stunning metallic effects without the hassle. If you have ever been frustrated by the challenges of working with metallic thread - shredding, breaking, and general difficulty - then this class is your ultimate solution. Learn how to incorporate Mylar into your embroidery projects for a shimmering finish. Explore using batting as stabilizer, fussy cutting using a specialty ruler, how to edit embroidery designs, how to add quilting behind your embroidery, plus you will add 3-D embellishments for a true one of a kind design. The embroidery designs are included in the price of the kit.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$39.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H124X, J140

Easy as Pie: Quilting Curves and Circles

Corey Pearson

In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Perhaps you are thinking, "I've made pie, and it isn't that easy." If so, then let's make quilting circles a piece of cake. Join award-winning quilter Corey Pearson in this sweet class all about quilting curves.

Learn how to use rulers and templates to guide your stitches through skill-building techniques and hands-on practice. For inspiration, Corey will show how overlapping and intersecting circles can create both simple and intricate designs for a single block or all-over quilting. Crossover skills will benefit sit down machine quilters and longarm machine quilters.

Materials fee includes: 2 stencils, Double-sided fusible batting, Fabric

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H125X, J141

Sweetheart Applique with Gentle Fuse

Michelle Freedman

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

We heart appliqué — and in this fun, hands-on workshop, you'll fall in love with how easy and enjoyable it is with use Gentle Fuse, Maywood Studio's ultra-soft, paper-backed fusible web. Whether you're using a cutting machine or tracing by hand, you'll learn step-by-step how to prepare, cut, place, and fuse your appliqué with confidence.

Along the way, we'll cover pro tips for marking your fabric, mastering raw-edge appliqué, and stitching everything into a charming single-block mini quilt. Perfect for beginners or seasoned stitchers looking to add a new technique to their toolbox, this class is packed with friendly instruction, practical techniques, and creative encouragement.

You'll leave with a completed quilt top and the know-how to finish it at home — plus, a newfound love for fusible appliqué! Join quilt designer Michelle Freedman of Maywood Studio for a colorful, relaxed, and inspiration-filled session that's all about making beautiful things the easy way.

Class kits will include fabric for the applique hearts, background fabric, backing and binding, with multiple colorways to choose from.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$14.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H126X, J142

Create Your Own Pattern for Custom-fit Pants

Joe Vecchiarelli

In this comprehensive class led by expert fashion designer, Joe Vecchiarelli, you will learn to draft three pant styles: skinny leg, straight leg, and palazzo. Each student will be measured precisely to create a custom pair of pants. Learn how to transpose the measurements onto muslin, which will be drafted according to your own size in the style you choose. We will also practice draping with muslin in class. Body forms will be provided, or you may bring your own. Take home a finished muslin pants pattern designed specifically for you.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H113X, J129

Embroidery Over the Rainbow!

Floriani Educator

Embroidery gold is at the end of this Rainbow! Trying to convert your embroidery designs to a specific brand of thread? Want to quickly preview your design in various colorways? Or add color stops to a single-color design? What about personalizing projects with unique text? Wish there was a simple way to select fabric and stabilizer for your design?

Floriani Rainbow is a treasure chest full of solutions to the most often asked embroidery questions. Learn with Jennifer Gigas, COO of RNK-Floriani, for this introduction to editing and design customizing software. See how easy it is to spin embroidery into gold with Jennifer's pro-tips and simple tricks for making the most of your embroidery experience!

Each student will receive a FREE embroidery goodie bag!

Sessions: 1
Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
H114X

Unzip the Mystery: Creative Serging

Linda McGehee

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Join Linda for another round of her highly anticipated Mystery Classes, where serging meets creativity in unexpected ways! Known for her innovative approach and knack for making sewing techniques accessible and enjoyable, Linda invites you to explore the versatility of the serger through two exciting projects.

In this session, you'll discover the thrill of serging while creating two distinct projects. One of the mysteries waiting to unfold involves mastering the art of inserting a zipper with remarkable ease, using a unique method that simplifies the process using only one side of the zipper. Whether you're a novice or seasoned with the serger, Linda's expert guidance ensures you'll gain confidence and new skills.

Embrace the excitement of discovering what's next in Linda's Mystery Classes. Don't miss out on the opportunity to expand your serging repertoire, connect with fellow sewing enthusiasts, and uncover the joy of creating beautiful, functional projects. Join us for an unforgettable journey into the world of serging with Linda's Mystery Serger Projects!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$42.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H120X, J136

Scrappy Applique Workshop: Choose Your Own Pattern (BYOF)

Deb Atchison

Scrappy Applique offers a delightful, quick, and engaging approach to raw-edge applique, suitable for both novice and seasoned quilters alike. Dive into this innovative technique, renowned for its accessibility and boundless creative potential. Led by Deb, an experienced quilter and Certified Teacher, this workshop promises to inspire and empower participants to bring their chosen patterns to life. Join

us for a day of creativity, camaraderie, and most of all FUN!

It's an exciting process that is perfect for beginners and advanced quilters, alike. Beginners love it because it is approachable, simple, and doesn't require much precision. Experienced quilters enjoy it because it is a very different/unique process with lots of creative possibilities! Come learn the process and see some great examples! In this class, you will choose your pattern from a wide variety of options. Deb a Scrappy Applique Certified Teacher will walk you through the entire process.

Bring Your Own Fabric-see supply list below

Materials fee includes: 2 yards of MistyFuse Fusible Web, 2 Yards of Pellon 906F Interfacing

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$23.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H118X, J134

Serging Explained and Simplified

Jim Suzio

If you have questions about sergers, we have answers! Join expert educator, Jim Suzio, in this interactive lecture where you will learn the basic elements every serger has, the difference between overlock and coverlock stitches, and how a serger can improve your sewing. See finished samples with a variety of serging techniques you will want to try at home.

Sessions: 1
Hands-On
Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
H115

Denim Quilts: Frayed to Fine Art

Sandra Chandler

Join fiber artist Sandra Lee Chandler for a powerful one-hour lecture exploring the creative process behind her art quilts made entirely from repurposed denim. In this intimate and visually rich presentation, Sandra shares how she transforms worn jeans, discarded denim, and salvaged fabric into one-of-a-kind quilts using original patterns she's designed herself. Each piece is hand-stitched, layered with

intention, and deeply rooted in personal and cultural storytelling. You'll discover how every quilt tells a story—from memories sewn into thrifted seams to messages stitched into the very fabric of the work.

Sandra will walk you through her creative process: selecting denim, deconstructing jeans, designing unique layouts, and infusing life into each stitch with techniques that honor slow fashion and sustainability. This lecture is perfect for makers, quilters, storytellers, and creatives who want to be inspired by what's possible when art, heritage, and repurposing come together.

Sessions: 1
Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
H116

The No-Pattern Jacket Wardrobe

Jill McCloy

Yes, you can design your jacket wardrobe and do so without any unpleasant measurements. We only need shoulders, neck, and desired length. We'll start with a basic kimono style. Then, discuss a few possible tweaks while fitting and onward to changes and additions, in other words, Style. Perhaps add a back yoke or a front band, tapered sleeves, vents or cuffs, decorative panels, and various collar styles. Leave off the sleeves and create a vest. Face the fronts for a fold-back collar. Make a vee or rounded neckline and add a tie or button closure. Play your way to a great jacket wardrobe. Questions are welcome. Includes a Trunk show to inspire—plus a worksheet.

Sessions: 1
Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
H117

The Magic of Color Interaction

MJ Kinman

Josef Albers, the great artist/educator of the 20th Century, acknowledged how tricky colors can be. In his words, "Colors deceive continuously." Luckily, by using a few simple rules, we can predict how color will try to deceive us and thereby increase our color confidence. In this lecture, MJ Kinman, maker of giant gem quilts, will share four rules of color interaction and show you how to apply them to your own quilt

design to create dramatic effects – regardless of your subject matter.

MJ will show you how to:

- Add sparkle (“bling”!) to your quilts
- Create dramatic focal points
- Add exciting visual movement
- Make your quilts glow
- Create powerful transparencies
- Alter the appearance of a color simply by pairing with another color
- Create the illusion of metal surfaces without using metallic fabric or thread

MJ’s lecture is based on her new book, “Cracking the Color Code: Master the Magic of Color Interaction”.

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

J130

Fitting Sleeves for Appearance, Comfort, and Movement

Susan Luaces

In this class, we explore several body variations that impact the fit of sleeves, from arm size and shape to shoulder joint differences. Understanding these variations is key to achieving sleeves that not only look great but also fit comfortably and allow for full range of motion. We'll focus on Seam Method Alterations that target the sleeve itself, as well as adjustments that also involve the armhole.

Through demonstrations, we'll show how these alterations improve fit, maintain the intended style of the sleeve, ensure a smooth, flattering drape, and enhance both comfort and mobility. By the end of the class, you'll be confident in applying the Seam Method of Alteration to create sleeves that fit beautifully and allow for effortless movement, no matter your body shape.

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

J131

Hand Embroidery from the 50s and 60s

Sandra Chandler

In this hands on workshop, you'll learn basic embroidery techniques. By the end of the class, you'll have completed your own design on a white fabric bag.

Material fee: Fabric bag, embroidery needles, embroidery thread, transfer sheet, design templates

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$47.00

Hands-On

Friday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

J132X

The No-Pattern Skirt: Be Your Own Designer

Jill McCloy

First, a mini fashion show for inspiration. Next, a basic straight skirt with a simple vent and elastic waistband is the perfect blank canvas upon which to determine basic ease, construction, and the most flattering skirt lengths for you. The basic skirt then evolves in steps to encompass more than two dozen fashionable variations. Modifications include creating a variety of skirt silhouettes from dirndls, A-lines, gores, and shaped gores to tiers, inserts, and ruffles. There are overlays, wraps, faux wraps, tailored front/elastic back waistbands, yoked waistbands, inseam or patch pockets, shaped hems, raw edge seams, and exposed serged seams. Well, the list does go on. Come with questions, we'll work out the answers. Instructional handout included.

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

J133

Pants Fitting Nuances: Using the Seam Method and a Flexible Curve

Susan Luaces

Pants are often considered one of the most challenging garments to fit, but with the right approach, they can be tailored to perfection. In this class, we will explore a variety of alterations for different body shapes, helping you achieve a flattering fit regardless of your figure. We'll dive into the body variations that impact pant fit and demonstrate Seam Method Alterations to address some of the most common fitting challenges.

Whether you have a curvy or straight silhouette, the techniques we cover will help you achieve pants that are not only comfortable but also enhance your shape. By the end of the session, you'll have the knowledge and confidence to create pants that fit beautifully and look amazing.

Sessions: 1
Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
K147X

A Million Little Tips for Garment Sewing

Pattie Otto

Unlock a treasure box of Pattie's tips and tricks for garment sewing – okay, maybe not a million, but enough to elevate your garment sewing game! Gain the confidence to conquer both woven and knit projects as you dive into the world of professionally finished shirt pockets and collars, flawless hems, knit pullovers, and impeccable zipper techniques for both pants and skirts.

Join Pattie in this class where every tip is a gem, streamlining your garment sewing techniques for efficient and satisfying results. From the art of perfect collars to mastering zippers, let Pattie guide you through a journey of garment sewing mastery. Get ready to sew with flair and finesse, transforming every project into a garment of perfection!

Sessions: 1
Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
K148X

Improv Gems (BYOF)

MJ Kinman

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

MJ will show you an entirely new way to create sparkling gem blocks using the power of improvisational piecing. Students will learn how to make their blocks sparkle and glow using the secrets of color interaction. By the end of class, students will have at least one (and often, many more!) unique gem blocks.

Students Bring Your Own Fabric-see supply list

Sessions: 3
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
K153, L169, M185

Ladies Sulky Tee Sweater with Infinity Scarf

Amanda Carita

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to create a stylish and comfortable crew or scoop-neck tee or sweater that fits seamlessly into any wardrobe. But that's not all—we'll also show you how to turn your leftover fabric into a chic, matching infinity scarf.

This clever add-on project is a great way to reduce waste and make the most of your materials while adding a coordinated accessory to your new outfit.

Materials fee includes: Three yards sweater knit, paper copy of pattern, digital copy of pattern

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K154, L170XY

QISS - The NEW Quilt-as-you-Go Method

Corey Pearson

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

If you've ever wished for a roadmap to confident, beautiful quilting on a home sewing machine—this is it.

Join award-winning quilter and educator Corey Pearson for an engaging, hands-on workshop that brings the QISS (Quilting Is Sew Simple) System to life. In this 4-hour immersive session, you'll not only learn the six essential QISS tools, but you'll also put them to work as you create your very own small Quilt-As-You-Go project—designed to build your skills with every stitch.

Throughout the class, you'll:

- Discover how the 6 Core QISS Products work together to support Quilt-as-you-go.
- Learn setup tips and success strategies for quilting on your domestic machine

- Gain hands-on practice with guided stencils and professional techniques
- Leave with a completed mini project and the confidence to quilt your own quilts at home

Whether you're a beginner or simply looking to take your quilting to the next level, this workshop is your steppingstone to success. You'll walk away with a finished piece, new skills, and a deep understanding of how the QISS System can transform your quilting journey.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
K155, L171, M187

Embroidered Market Tote

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Cork is such a dream to embroider and this tote is the perfect bag to show off your beautiful design! In class we will make this small tote bag from start to finish including a gorgeous embroidered front!

Materials fee: Precut cork for the outside & handles and lining fabric. Printed pattern also included.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$52.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
K156, L172, M188

Rulerwork for Traditional Block Patterns

Nancy Scott

In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Take your rulerwork skills to the next level with circles, curves, straight lines and waves to complement and enhance block designs. Previous rulerwork experience is helpful but not required. Working with the BERNINA Q Series sit down longarm you will get hands-on experience with crosshatching, creating circle motifs, stitch-in-the-ditch and more.

Materials fee: panel, batting and backing Rulers provided for in-class use.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K157, L173XY

Creative Bindings (BYOF)

LuAnn Hartley

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

You have made the quilt and quilted it, now it's time to add the binding. Hand sewn or machine sewn? This class will cover both. This is a notebook class for each technique.

Techniques taught:

- Hand sewn
- Perfecting corners
- Piping
- Double Mini Piping
- Flange
- Scallop edges
- Bias binding - do I really need to cut on the bias
- Connecting binding

Adding just that little pizzazz to the edges of your quilt makes the entire quilt stand out. If you have been struggling with binding, or just want to know how to customize the edges of your quilt, this class is for you.

Bring your own fabric; see supply list for details.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$17.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K158, L174XY

Fun, Fit, and Flatter

Joe Vecchiarelli

Do you find that commercial patterns are created with one body shape in mind, and that shape is never yours? In this creative and interactive workshop, Joe Vecchiarelli, professional designer to the stars, will demonstrate how to alter patterns and redesign on a body form. Students will work in a group challenge to reconstruct a commercial pattern in avant-garde style. Joe will coach you through the process, teaching techniques for pattern adaptation,

structure, and fitting. With trade secrets from Joe and his invaluable feedback, you will have the confidence to redesign patterns that will flatter your body shape for better fitting garments.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$17.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K145, L161XY

Trivets, Bowls, Coasters and More

Nancy Sapin

Learn everything there is to know about clothesline projects. In an hour we will explore Nancy's journey from creating wrapped clothesline bowls and hats, to designing square-center based trivets, coasters, purses, boxes and much, much more. Don't miss this awesome trunk show and technique lecture as Nancy explains her secrets and how different Sulky products solved her design issues. After this lecture, you will be inspired and equipped to take start your own closeline journey . . .

Sessions: 1
Friday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
K146

Serging Simplified: Let's Make an Elegant Wrap (BYOF)

Jim Suzio

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Have you ever wished you could do two things at the same time? If your answer is yes, then you will want to join fashion designer, Jim Suzio for Serging Simplified. This fantastic multi-tasking machine can sew a seam, while simultaneously trimming the excess fabric and professionally finishing the edge. Jim will cover basic serging techniques as he guides you through making an elegant wool wrap.

Sessions: 3
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K152, L168XY

Quilt Detectives: Antique Doll Quilts

Michelle Freedman

Put on your sleuthing hat and step back in time! In this fascinating lecture, we'll examine a captivating collection of 19th- and 20th-century doll quilts to uncover hidden clues about their makers, materials, and mysterious origins. With no provenance or labels to guide us, we'll turn to fabric types, construction techniques, and design choices to piece together the stories these tiny treasures still whisper. Join self-proclaimed quilt detective Michelle Freedman as she shares pieces from the Jan Gessin Doll Quilt Collection and leads a collaborative investigation into what these quilts reveal about the past. Each attendee will receive a handout—and one lucky detective will win a special giveaway!

Sessions: 1
Friday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
K149

What Needle Do I Use? The Lecture

Rhonda Pierce

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle before it breaks really that important? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down on how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ!

Sessions: 1
Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L162

Pattern Alterations for Posture Issues: Fitting Forward, Rounded Shoulders

Susan Luaces

In this class, you'll see demonstrations of how to identify posture issues and alter patterns using the Seam Method to accommodate a variety of common posture issues, ensuring your garments fit and flatter your unique body shape. Whether you're dealing with forward shoulders, a rounded upper back, or a sway back, this class will teach you the techniques you need to create custom-fit patterns that work with your posture, not against it.

Forward Shoulder Joint: Learn how to adjust patterns to accommodate shoulders that slope forward. Understand how to move shoulder seams and adjust armhole placements for comfort and mobility.

Forward Head: Discover how to modify necklines and shoulder seams for those with a forward head posture. These adjustments will help improve the alignment and comfort of your garments.

Dowager Curve: Learn how to make pattern alterations for a pronounced curve in the upper back, near the base of the neck. You'll explore adjustments to back necklines, yokes, and darts for a better fit.

Rounded Upper Back: Explore techniques to adjust patterns for a rounded upper back, including adding extra room across the upper back and shoulders.

Sway Back: Learn how to address a sway back posture by making adjustments to the back waist, ensuring the fit is flattering without excess fabric pooling in the lower back area.

By the end of this class, you'll understand successful techniques to alter patterns to accommodate specific posture-related fit issues, resulting in garments that are not only comfortable but also enhance the wearers natural alignment. Whether you're sewing for yourself or others, these techniques will elevate your pattern fitting skills and ensure your garments look and feel their best.

Sessions: 1
Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L163

Beyond the Basic Crew Neck

Pattie Otto

Transform your plain tee into an elegant knit pullover with Pattie's expert guidance! Learn her foolproof techniques for stitching the perfect knit neckline, as she walks you through the essentials of cutting, marking, and measuring the neck and neckband. Using both a sewing machine and a serger, Pattie will show you how to achieve impeccable results. Discover how to create sophisticated narrow crew necklines that rival high-end ready-to-wear pieces. Pattie will also explore creative options like crossover and multi-color crews, chic cowl necklines, and her signature twist design. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced sewer, this class

will elevate your sewing game and inspire your creativity!

Sessions: 1
Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L164

Cricut for Quilt Patterns

Sandra Chandler

Ready to bring your quilting game into the digital age? Join Sandra Chandler for an inspiring lecture and live demo on how to use your Cricut cutting machine to streamline your quilting projects! From half-square triangles to applique shapes, you'll learn how to prepare, cut, and organize quilt pieces using Design Space and your Cricut Maker or Explore machine. Sandra will walk you through how to upload quilting templates, choose the right materials and blades, and troubleshoot common challenges. You'll leave with the confidence to take your quilting from hand-cut to high-tech, while keeping your personal style front and center. Perfect for quilters curious about digital tools, tech-savvy sewists, or anyone looking to save time without losing the handmade feel.

Sessions: 1
Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L165

Portrait Quilt Memories

Deb Atchison

Do you have a photograph that holds a special place in your heart? What if you could translate that image into a unique and meaningful quilt? Join Deb, a passionate and certified Portrait Quilting Teacher, for an engaging lecture that will unlock the secrets of this captivating art form. Deb will share stunning examples of her portrait quilts, break down the process into manageable steps, and inspire you to embark on your own creative journey. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or a curious beginner, this lecture will provide the tools and encouragement you need to start creating a treasured Portrait Quilt of someone you love dearly.

Sessions: 1
Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
M178

Finding Fabric for Fashion and Fit

Jill McCloy

Accurate measurements and how to take them, a realistic assessment of your figure, and determination of your style are necessary, especially with fitting being the number one frustration in garment sewing. This frustration can be alleviated by choosing the correct pattern and size and reflecting on how to measure. There is much to be learned from the pattern envelope. Two or three patterns may look the same in the illustrations but vary widely in construction.

Knowing how to read the pattern envelope will guide you in deciding which pattern is best for you, your body type, and your skill level. Fitting ease and design ease are both instrumental in choosing fabrics. All these issues will be discussed in detail. Questions are welcome.

Sessions: 1
Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
M179

Sewing Elastic Waistbands Like a Pro

Pattie Otto

Elastic waistbands, the ultimate in comfort for skirts, pants and shorts can be sewn with professional results every time. This class will show fool proof tips for casing, insertion and hidden applications that eliminates bulk. Pattie will discuss the appropriate elastic types, show you how to measure, mark, and stitch elastic waistbands as well as helpful fitting tips.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$12.00
Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
M180

From Designer's Sketch to Your Stash: How Fabric is Made

Michelle Freedman

Ever wondered how your favorite quilting fabric goes from a designer's sketchpad to your sewing room? Take a behind-the-scenes journey with Michelle Freedman of Maywood Studio as she walks you through the fascinating process of fabric creation—from concept and artwork to printing and production. You'll learn about different printing methods, how selvages serve a purpose beyond the edge, and how

designers build cohesive collections one pattern at a time. Whether you're a fabric fanatic or just fabric-curious, this session will give you a whole new appreciation for the textiles in your stash!

With finished quilts for inspiration, fabric samples you can touch and feel, plus Maywood Studio precuts to giveaway, this new class is sure to be a highlight at the Expo.

Sessions: 1
Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
M181

Saturday 11/8/2025

Exquisite Paper Piecing with Sulky

Eric Drexler

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Paper piecing is the easy way to get perfect looking quilt blocks. If you have paper piecing experience or not, Eric will show you how to make it even easier with his secrets, and bit less messy with a few Sulky products that make it effortless.

Eric will also cover threads, batting, needles, and other gadgets that help. After you learn these simple steps and tricks you can be on your way to more intricate quilt blocks. The options are endless with paper piecing because it's a fast and accurate way to make tops for all sorts of projects from table runners and placemats to baby and bed quilts.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q233X, R249

Hems and Borders on a Serger

Kathy McMakin

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Take your serger skills beyond the basics! This hands-on technique class promises to be both fun and easy, teaching you ways to enhance your projects with a variety of hem styles and edge finishes. During the

session, you'll learn how to hem and edge-finish garments, quilts, home décor items, crafts, and more. We will explore a wide range of techniques including:

- Blind Hem
- Flat Lock Hem
- Rolled Hem
- Narrow Edge Finish
- Lettuce Edge Hem
- Narrow Cover Hem
- Wide Cover Hem
- 3-Needle Cover Hem
- Banded Hem
- Bound Hem
- Corded Piping Hem
- Decorative 3-thread Hem

In addition to mastering these finishes, you'll also work with decorative threads, fabric glue pens, fusible thread, and fabric folding pens. These tools are essential for achieving polished results that truly stand out.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your serger talents with unique and professional finishes.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$16.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q234X, R250

Quilting Designs with Lines

Corey Pearson

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Discover how simple lines can lead to stunning quilting results in this hands-on class focused on the Designs with Lines Stencil System. Join award-winning quilter Corey Pearson as he guides you through techniques for turning straight and curved lines into beautiful, balanced quilting designs—all done on a home sewing machine.

In this class, you'll learn:

- How to use Designs with Lines stencils as a roadmap for quilting
- Tips for building muscle memory and quilting with confidence
- How to create elegant fills, motifs, and texture—no marking required beyond the stencils!

Whether you're new to free-motion quilting or looking to expand your design repertoire, this class will show you how to bring your quilts to life—one line at a time.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q235X, R251

EmbroiderLee: Where Embroidery Meets Rulerwork

Donelle McAdams

In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio

sponsored by Country Stitches

Join us as we delve into the fascinating combination where machine embroidery meets rulerwork to cultivate a stunning 18-inch square masterpiece. Even if you have never ventured into rulerwork before, prepare to be amazed at what you can achieve! Dive into the realm of rulerwork, a technique that adds precision and dimension to your embroidery designs.

No prior experience is needed—our expert instructor, Donelle, is eager to introduce you to this exciting new concept and guide you through its seamless integration into your projects. Whether you are a seasoned machine embroiderer or a newcomer to rulerwork, this class promises a dynamic fusion of techniques to create a project that is both fun and impressive. Do not miss the chance to explore the intersection of machine embroidery and rulerwork creativity with Donelle's expert guidance!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q236X, R252

I Quilt Big Blocks! (and I cannot lie)

Nancy Scott

In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Not sure what to quilt in an 18" block? Does all the open space scare you? Let's explore some rulerwork options for filling those big spaces with motifs and background fills. Working with the BERNINA Q Series sit down longarm you will get hands-on experience with stitch-in-the-ditch, creating focal motifs like the circle array and bursting hearts, stitching easy border

and sashing options and more. Learn how a basic freemotion meander completes any design.

Class uses a panel. BERNINA will provide rulers for in-class use. 2 students per machine.

Materials fee: panel, backing, batting

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q237X, R253

Cork Voyager Boxed Train Case

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Have you ever wanted to make a traincase but just didn't know where to start? Join me to make this cool "faux" traincase. Why faux? The unique design and construction of this bag make it an easier more simplified version of a traditional traincase that opens all the way and can be a little challenging to create. But not this one! Perfect for sewing supplies, makeup or anything you want to keep organized in this cute case!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q238X, R254

Your Custom-fit Sleeve Pattern: Balancing the Armhole

Joe Vecchiarelli

In this comprehensive class led by fashion designer, Joe Vecchiarelli, you will learn to draft the perfect sleeve pattern. Each student's arms will be measured precisely, then you will learn how to transpose the measurements onto paper to create a perfect fitting sleeve for your body. We will discuss the arm cap and how different sleeve styles insert into the garment. Learn how to make adjustments that will balance the armhole for a beautiful fitting and functional sleeve. Finally, Joe will challenge the conventional notion of symmetrical armholes, answering the question of whether your body is truly the same front and back, and discuss the intricacies of sleeve and bodice harmony.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$41.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q225X, R241

Savvy Serger Techniques

LuAnn Hartley

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

Explore the incredible things you can do with a serger (besides just finishing the edge of a seam). Taught by serger expert and designer, LuAnn Hartley, you will be working with decorative threads and will get to try a few optional accessory feet. You can apply these new techniques to many of your projects. Learn to create perfect gathers, rolled hems and a wave stitch with decorative threads, plus insert a zipper, create piping, and see how easy it is to apply beads to your projects. We will also learn how to perfect a Flatlock stitch and reverse Flatlock.

Materials fee: fabrics for each technique plus a pillow pattern that uses all the techniques you learned during the class.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q232X, R248

Boot Camp: The Seam Method of Pattern Alteration

Susan Luaces

In this intensive workshop, you'll learn the essential steps of the Seam Method of pattern alteration, with a focus on creating alterations and making precise changes where they're needed most. You'll learn how to approach pattern alterations in the correct order, ensuring that modifications are made in the right areas without unintentionally affecting other parts of the pattern.

We'll start by practicing how to release seam allowances and create hinges, the foundations for applying the Seam Method. Next, we'll explore several common figure variations and demonstrate how to apply the Seam Method to tailor patterns for a perfect fit. You'll then have the opportunity to practice these techniques on half-scale patterns,

honing your skills and gaining confidence in making alterations.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$24.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q227X, R243

The Dynamic Dresden Plate (BYOF)

Angie Lamoree

Pieced with petals or blades of fabric scraps, this traditional quilt block has been admired for more than 100 years. Modern rulers and fabric prints allow you to remake this popular block with stunning precision. Join professional quilter and educator, Angie Lamoree, to make an original Dresden Plate quilt block. See how to cut accurate wedges and practice fussy cutting prints that will give your block a spinning or kaleidoscope effect. Learn to create double-pointed wedges, plus piecing techniques and appliqué options for the finished Dresden plate. You are sure to be inspired by Angie's beautiful display of Dresden blocks too.

Materials fee includes: Susan K. Cleveland's book, 30 degree ruler and stabilizer

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$52.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q229X, R245

Pieced Gingham with Ombre Fabric

Michelle Freedman

Give classic gingham a fresh twist using the stunning color transitions of Gelato Ombre fabric! In this vibrant and technique-packed class, you'll learn how to transform ombre fabric into a beautifully blended gingham layout using 2-1/2" squares. Quilt designer Michelle Freedman will guide you through smart tips for working with selvage-to-selvage ombres — including how to identify and pair the subtle color shifts to create a plaid effect that pops. You'll explore layout strategies, options for strip piecing, and how to use a pre-printed fusible grid for fast, accurate placement.

Whether you're a color lover or just ombre-curious, this workshop offers a fun and friendly space to explore shading, fabric prep, and piecing techniques. Students will leave with their gingham pressed to a grid and full instructions for finishing it up at home. Come ready to play with color and leave inspired to see ombre in a whole new light!

Sessions: 1

Materials: \$14.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Q230X

Gorgeous Silk Quilts

Ilene Bartos

Have you always wanted to make a silk quilt but weren't sure how to get great results? Let me show you some of the silk quilts I've made and share tips, techniques, and inspiration to help you create your own gorgeous, shimmery masterpiece.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Q226

Hallmarks of Beautiful Machine Embroidery

Floriani Educator

Floriani is the name that means beautiful embroidery. We'll start by reviewing file sizes and stitch counts to select quality embroidery designs, then share stabilizing solutions for a variety of fabrics with steps to prevent puckering. By examining stitches from the back side of the hoop, we can detect common embroidery mistakes and see how thread choice creates more polished stitchwork. Compare finished samples and receive expert resources from Floriani that will indeed make your embroidery even more beautiful.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Q226

What Needle Do I Use? The Lecture

Rhonda Pierce

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle before it breaks really that important? What needle should I use? Successful

sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down on how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ!

Sessions: 1
Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Q228

Sewing with Specialty Knits

Pattie Otto

Scuba, Ponte de Roma, Leggero, ITY and more! The new knits are fabulous and oh so popular -- but they also have their own construction challenges. Easily handle these specialty knits as you see how to work with different stretch ratios and weights, and how they relate to your garment's needs. Explore the unique properties of these fashion-forward knits as you learn about pattern selection and cutting tips. Includes stabilizing and seaming techniques for professional results every time.

Sessions: 1
Saturday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
R242

Sew Smart: Enhance Your Craft with Proper Sewing Machine Feet

Linda McGehee

The assortment of Sewing Machine Feet available for every machine on the market is enormous! There are feet to make many tasks so much easier. You can sit up straight in your chair to work on projects without hovering over the needle with bent shoulders when you use the appropriate foot for the task. The proper foot can make you look good when you are sewing on dark fabric at midnight! Learn about Linda's favorite feet to make the task a breeze. Accomplish many techniques that seemed impossible, with perfection, when you sew with the correct feet.

Sessions: 1
Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
R244X

Heads Up! Trimming Hats and Bonnets (BYOF)

Becky Weeks

The finishing touches on your Head Joy are just as essential as the rest of your ensemble. In this class, you'll learn how to perfectly complete your Hat, Bonnet, or Fascinator to top off any look—whether historical or just delightfully unique—with flair. From flowers and feathers to quirky little doo-dads, we'll cover it all.

We'll dive into making handmade flowers, wiring stems, working with lace and ribbons, securing those tricky spoon bonnets, and finishing your piece both inside and out. It's all about the details—and making sure your headwear stays put in style!

Students Bring Your Own Fabric

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$17.00
Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
R246X

Clever Techniques: Serger and Coverstitch

Linda McGehee

Traditionally, the serger was designed to sew, trim and finish the edges of a seam, encasing the raw edges to prevent fraying or raveling. All of this was completed in one step when used for garment construction.

The coverstitch machine was primarily used for hemming mostly on knits for a stretchy, durable stitch. By changing the tensions, layering the fabric differently, and using threads from the vast collection available today, it is easy to allow these machines to be a creative outlet for multiple projects.

From quick easy crafts, to handbags, garments, wall-hangings and quilts, let the serger and coverstitch machines become your go-to machine. It's a new adventure with needle and thread for an artistic approach!

Sessions: 1
Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S260X

Quilt Math is Your Superpower

Michelle Freedman

Does the thought of "quilt math" make your eye twitch? You are not alone, and now you're definitely in the right place! Whether you were a mathlete or still

have flashbacks to failing pop quizzes in Algebra (hi, same!), this fun and approachable lecture will show you how math is secretly your greatest tool in quilting.

With professional quilt designer Michelle Freedman, you will learn to demystify the math behind common quilting questions like working with precuts, calculating binding, resizing patterns, and measuring for borders. Plus pick up tips for reading pattern requirements, estimating yardage, and even begin to design your own quilts with confidence.

Receive a bonus grid notebook to plan and play with while Michelle shares some of her own quilt designs and the simple math tricks that helped bring them to life. You'll laugh while you learn and leave ready to claim your quilt math superpowers.

Sessions: 1

Materials: \$5.00

Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S261X

Skirting the Rules: Construct a Skirt with Simple Shapes (BYOF)

Becky Weeks

In the Janome Sewing sponsored by Gall Sewing and Vac

Learn essential beginner sewing skills while creating a stylish, drapey asymmetrical skirt you'll be proud to take home.

We'll skip the scissors and hemming by using fabric tearing for a raw, artistic edge, and the leftover side strips will become the waist casing—nothing wasted (or should we say, “waist not”?). You'll practice straight stitches, learn basic garment construction, create elastic and drawstring casings, and even try a bit of zig-zag couching for trim.

All of these techniques can be applied to more traditional clothing too. And what better place to debut your one-of-a-kind creation than The Original Sewing and Quilting Expo?

Students Bring Your Own Fabric

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$7.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S265, T281X

Waterfall Serger Jacket (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

With a lovely waterfall collar, tapered sleeves, back yoke and inverted tuck as well as a shaped hemline, it is hard to believe that you can draft your own pattern (using only neck and shoulder measurements), create with multiple techniques and you can wear your finished garment out of class. Assembled completely on a serger using a rolled hem exclusively. Having the right fabric makes all the difference.

Choose a drapey woven fabric that tears in both directions. Printed designs are a big yes, woven designs are a definite no as they cannot be torn. Highly recommended are the beautiful rayon batiks from SewBatik at sewbatik.com. These fabrics are beautiful with beautiful quality and are always on grain.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$14.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S266, T282X

Cardinal Mini Foundation Paper Piecing

Deb Atchison

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Decorative Stitch

Dive into the delightful world of Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) with the captivating Cardinal Mini kit by Legit Kits, the very one featured on Shark Tank! If you can sew a straight line, you're ready to create this charming 4-block mini quilt. No FPP experience? No problem! This class is designed for everyone, from absolute beginners to seasoned quilters looking for a fun project.

In this lively and supportive workshop, your Certified Legit Kits Instructor will guide you every step of the way. We'll cover: Kit Organization: Get set up for success right from the start. Step-by-Step FPP: Learn the secrets of accurate and enjoyable Foundation Paper Piecing. Block Assembly: Discover how to seamlessly join your blocks into a cohesive masterpiece. Insider Tips & Tricks: Unlock valuable

techniques that will elevate your FPP skills and apply to any Legit Kits pattern. Why you'll love this class: Beginner-Friendly: Perfect for those new to FPP or quilting in general. Stress-Free Fun: Enjoy a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere where creativity flourishes. Expert Guidance: Learn from a Certified Legit Kits Instructor who knows all the ins and outs.

Materials fee includes: The kit contains everything you need to make this 4-block quilt top: 41 shades of Kona fabric, color maps, assembly guide, cut guides, the pattern printed on foundation paper, instructions, magnet, sticker

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S267, T283X

It's All About Embroidery

LuAnn Hartley

*In the Husqvarna Viking Embroidery Studio
sponsored by Country Stitches*

In this hands-on and informative class, you'll learn how to embroider on a wide range of materials and how to properly stabilize each one for the best results. You'll work with unique surfaces like cork, screen, using Mylar for a metallic look without metallic threads, sewing lace, embroidery on knits, applique, and even incorporating embroidery into quilting. We'll also dive into the world of stabilizers—when to use them, where to place them, and how to choose the right one for your fabric.

To inspire your creativity, enjoy a trunk show featuring various project ideas using these techniques. Whether you're new to machine embroidery or looking to expand your skills, this class offers a great opportunity to explore, learn, and leave with plenty of inspiration for your next project.

Materials fee includes fabrics and stabilizers to embroider on

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$29.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S268, T284X

Quilt Feathers like a Pro

Corey Pearson

*In the Bernina Q-Series Studio sponsored by Gall
Sewing and Vac*

Feathers are the quintessential design every quilter hopes to master. See how you can create sophistication and artistry in your quilting with award-winning quilter Corey Pearson. In class, you'll get hands-on practice with feather templates that simplify and build on the basic motif. Learn to stitch small intricate feathers for cornerstones, how to use feathers for borders, plus quilt fabulous feather wreaths, and more. Feather techniques featured include crossover skills that would benefit both sit down machine quilters and longarm machine quilters.

Materials fee includes: Fabric making pencil, Double-sided fusible batting, Fabric

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S269, T285X

Free-Motion Made Easy — A Technique Page

Nancy Sapin

*In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Country
Stitches*

Let's learn an easy way to master free-motion stitching. How many times have you wished to just learn a technique in class and not have another project that will be added to your shelf? Nancy will show you how to create your own book of Technique Pages, plus add a pocket to keep your directions for future use. Learning this free-motion butterfly design, you can apply this technique to any future quilting project. Nancy will also show you ways to enhance the design by thread painting and coloring.

We will explore a variety of techniques and finish your page with several different binding methods. Can't forget to add buttonholes so you can place your finished work into your future technique notebook.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S270, T286X

Sew Like a Pro

Joe Vecchiarelli

While you may have started sewing as a hobby, repeating rookie mistakes ruins all the fun. Spend one hour with expert designer, Joe Vecchiarelli, who will have you stitching like the pros. Learn innovative techniques and special tricks to build your sewing skills. Have you ever inserted a sleeve in backward or matched the wrong sides together? Avoid common mistakes by following Joe's system so you will never make mistakes like this again.

Joe will share professional fitting secrets too, including topics that are not taught anywhere else, like the importance of darts and dart placement, plus how to make dart adjustments. This new information-packed lecture is a must see.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

S257

Fabulous Borders and Sashings

Ilene Bartos

Discover smart techniques for adding borders and sashings with professional quilt designer Ilene Bartos. See how the right sashing can unify diverse blocks and learn how to take favorite elements of your quilt and extend them into the border. Ilene will answer questions about how wide borders should be, selecting fabric color and scale of the print, plus share options for when you run short on border fabric. Whether finished with bold stripes or framed in elegant stitch work, you are sure to be inspired with Ilene's trunk full of beautiful quilts.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

S258

Serger School

Jim Suzio

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Country Stitches

It's just like Driver's Ed only for sergers, and definitely more exciting with expert designer Jim Suzio as your guide. Buckle up as you learn to start, stop, slow down, turn inside corners, and more. We'll thread the serger with four different colors to follow the stitch paths and talk about maintenance to keep your machine humming. Class kits will include an

assortment of fabrics for practice like knit, fleece, linen, silk, cotton and batting, even elastic. Whether a new owner or in need of a refresher course, this is your license to join Jim's sew-trip, ask questions, and enjoy being in the driver's seat with your serger.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$25.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S264, T280X

Mini Quilts with the Easy Piecing Grid: Christmas Delivery (BYOF)

Susan Miller

In this new class, professional quilter, Susan Miller, will teach you how to design with EasyPiecing Grid Panels and share the tricks for using the smallest grids. With corners precisely nested and no pinning required, fusible grids take a fraction of the time compared to traditional piecing. Learn this clever technique, using fabric in your stash to create a vintage truck bringing home the Christmas tree. Starting with 1-inch squares, you'll complete an 9-inch x 7-inch patchwork top for a holiday wall hanging or decorative pillow. Half square triangles add dimension to the design, so Susan will also share the steps for making up to eight at a time. Your kit will include the pattern and EasyPiecing Grid Panel (HALF Inch Finished).

Students bring your own fabric-see supply list below

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$8.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S259, T275X

Great Fitting Pants with Great Copy Patterns

Pattie Otto

Frustrated by pants fit? Do you want to Try Before You Buy or sew? Join Pattie from Great Copy Patterns as she brings try-ons for her popular pants patterns. Her Maui Pants are for light to mid-weight woven fabrics from challis and cotton to flannel and feature a straight leg. The Long Island Pant is designed for knit fabric and has a slimmer leg that's not too tight. Both have an elastic waist and optional slash or cargo pockets. Once you have tried on the sample pants,

Pattie will aid you in the fitting adjustments needed on the paper pattern. She will also show her techniques on how to stitch the pocket and elastic applications. Sizes Hip: 32" to 56"

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S262, T278X

Tools, Tips and Tricks Every Sewer Needs

Donelle McAdams
Just when you thought you knew all the latest sewing hacks that existed - along comes an educator that introduces new ways to use what you already have, new tools to make your job easier and tips and techniques that will save you a lot of time and frustration. *DO NOT MISS THIS LECTURE/DEMO!*

Get the answers to some of your most pressing sewing questions including which threads and notions to use. Gain knowledge of significant sewing secrets from an expert with years of sewing experience. This fast-paced class will have you saying I WISH I HAD KNOWN THAT SOONER! and WHY DID I NOT THINK OF THAT? Experience that AH-HA moment for yourself and take your sewing skills to the next level.

Sessions: 2
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
T273X

Flannel Fabulous: Fall in Love with Cozy Quilting

Michelle Freedman
Ready to fall in love with flannel? Say goodbye to fraying fears and stretching struggles—this inspiring presentation is your gateway to soft, snuggly success! Learn expert prep, cutting, and piecing tips, plus how to mix flannel with quilting cotton and choose the best batting for warm, beautiful results. With a trunk show full of flannel inspiration, a handy handout, and a surprise giveaway, you'll leave confident, cozy, and ready to quilt!

Sessions: 1
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
T274

Give it a Zip!

Linda McGehee
Unlock the magic of zipper installation with Linda as your guide! Discover the versatility of zippers in garments, pockets, pillows, and handbags. Linda will demystify the process, showing you how to effortlessly insert zippers in various applications. Learn essential skills such as adjusting zipper length and reattaching sliders for a seamless finish. Elevate your projects by incorporating decorative zippers, letting them make a bold statement. With Linda's expert tips, the possibilities are endless, and the results are guaranteed fun. Say goodbye to zipper woes and embrace trouble-free installation for your next garment or bag project!

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$7.00
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
T276

Unpack that NEW Serger NOW!

Kathy McMakin
So, you bought a serger with the promise of fancy seams and a whole lot more, but once at home you were afraid to open the box. Tackle that fear with serger expert, Kathy McMakin, who promises there is no monster inside. Kathy will start at the beginning with setup and threading, then introduce the critical techniques you will use repeatedly. Learn the difference between the stitches, such as: overlock, flatlock, narrow edge finish, rolled hem, PLUS how to serge on a variety of fabrics using differential feed. See how easy it is to create lettuce edges and gathers on the serger too. Perfect for all serger owners, especially if you have only used it for overcast seams. Turn intimidation into inspiration with this incredible machine that will speed up your sewing and finish your projects like a pro.

Sessions: 1
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
T277