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About "More the Day 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.**

Wednesday 8/5/2026

Quilted Throw Pillow with Mylar Embroidered Band (MDB)

LuAnn Hartley

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Edge-to-Edge Quilting is not only for quilts. We will show you how to accomplish this as we quilt our pillow fabric. Want that metallic look without the hassle of thread shredding and breakage? The use of Mylar behind your embroidery designs will give you this shimmering look without the frustration.

You will personalize the pillow band with a specialty designed monogram then we will create dimensional flowers using special embroidery products that can be attached to your design. LuAnn will show you

various ways to attach these flowers so they are freestanding and will move around. You will complete the pillow band and the pillow in class and leave with a completed project including the pillow form. The design pack is included in the kit fee and has 40 designs included. This is a unique and fun class technique.

Material fee includes: fabrics for pillow and pillow band, design collection, mylar, 18" pillow

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$49.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB302X, MDB362X

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

Sandra Chandler

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll turn a quilt or found fabric into a stunning blazer. 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.

Material fee includes: pattern

Students bring your own fabric-see supply list

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$23.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB303X, MDB363X

TOTE-ally Adorable Serger Bag with Pockets (MDB)

Kathy McMakin

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Meet the perfect tote that blends style, functionality, and loads of serger techniques you'll use again and again. The tote construction may be a little unconventional, but it works like a dream every time! Serged with fusible foam, this tote is surprisingly easy

to make on your serger and provides beautiful structure and durability. The top of the tote closes with a large button and elastic button loop for a secure yet stylish finish.

Spacious and versatile, it's ideal for carrying your sewing, knitting, or crochet projects—or for everyday use with books, an iPad, or a laptop. Comfort is key, thanks to the faux-bound padded handles that feel great on your shoulder or arm. The elastic-topped front pocket keeps frequently used items secure yet easy to access, while a covered zippered pocket inside safely conceals jewelry, cash, or other valuables.

And the best detail? An interior carabiner keeps your keys right where you need them—no more digging around at the bottom of your bag.

Whether you're making a tote for yourself or gifting it to someone special, this is truly a must-have.

Materials fee: All fabrics for tote, pockets and pouch, Foam, Zippers, Vinyl

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$43.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB304X, MDB364X

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

Catherine Redford

In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

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 serpentines. 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: \$23.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB305X, MDB365X

Drape Like a Fashion Designer: Mastering the Art of Professional Draping (MDB)

Joe Vecchiarelli

Whether you are new to fashion design, or already use a body double, discover the art of garment fitting with a unique hands-on experience led by expert fitter and designer, Joe Vecchiarelli. Class will start by transforming your dress form into a personalized bodice sloper, essentially your body double. Using your measurements as the foundation, you will learn the process of padding the dress form to ensure an accurate reflection of your individual contours. Next, Joe will teach the fundamental steps for draping. Whether designing a blouse, jacket, or dress it's important to understand how fabric falls on the body. Joe will guide the class as you pin and practice multiple draping techniques with muslin, transcending the limitations of flat paper patterns while creating a three-dimensional master pattern that is tailored just for you.

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$55.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB300X, MDB360X

Baby Your Baby Featherweight Maintenance: Beginner to Intermediate (MDB)

Eric Drexler

Eric Drexler not only worked 27 years for Sulky, he has also been a sewing machine mechanic for over 40 years and wants to share his love for the Singer 221 Featherweight. Yes, they are his baby too. He will

walk you through how to take off all the covers, where to oil, and replace a few worn parts. For the first time Eric will offer this course all day to have extra time to service the hook, inspect motor brushes, and much more in depth than just the beginner class. It is not only educational but fun too. Lots of discussion along the way about do's, don'ts and what to watch out for. Your baby will certainly run and look a lot better.

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$8.00
Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB301X, MDB361X

Thursday 8/6/2026

It's All About Embroidery

LuAnn Hartley

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

This class will explore the different fabrics you can embroider on today and how to stabilize for success. You will create several projects including a journal cover using cork and glitter fabric, embossing and adding a monogram to a towel, plus in the hoop applique.

I will also discuss how to sew on screen, using Mylar for that metallic look without using metallic threads, how to sew lace, embroidery on knits, using embroidery for quilting and applique and more. There will be time built into this class to discuss stabilizers and what types to use for different designs/fabrics.

There will be a mini trunk show to show you how to use these fabrics in your projects.

Join me for this class and let's have some fun with embroidery and lots of different fabrics.

Materials fee includes fabrics and stabilizers to embroider on

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$33.00
Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 6X, B22

Fireworks

Ilene Bartos

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

We will work on one block of this vibrant large quilt which can be used as a wall hanging or to decorate a bag, etc. You will learn how to do simple paper piecing, easy accurate half-square triangles with the grid method, and how to make exact quarter-square triangles. You will be amazed at how easy this block is!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$53.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 7X, B23

Rulerwork 101: Quilting with Templates

Donelle McAdams

In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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: \$28.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 8X, B24

Inspiring Serger Confidence

Kathy McMakin

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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!

Material fee includes: fabric needed for stitch samples

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$18.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 9X, B25

Design and Serge Cross-tie Kimono (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

Jill's newest design, a serged jacket which can be worn with the cross-tie closure fastened or left open to drape beautifully. Either way, it makes a lovely addition to your wardrobe. To begin, you'll take a few simple measurements: overall length, shoulder and neck width, and desired sleeve length. From there, Jill will guide you through the entire process of designing and constructing your garment, using the rolled edge for all seams.

Instructions are also included for creating an optional serger-chain tassel to embellish the closure. Fabric requirements are approximate, but most makers will need three yards (your choice of length) for the kimono and ¼ yard of contrast fabric for the band. Jill uses covered snaps for the inside closures, with your choice of covered snaps or a button for the outside closure with a tassel accent. These elements do require a bit of hand sewing. Don't like hand sewing? Simply leave off the snaps and wear your kimono jacket open. Either way, you'll definitely be making a delightful fashion statement.

Material fee includes: Illustrated directions and measurement guide, 2- ½" snaps

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)-see supply list

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$17.00
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 Quilters HQ

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: \$10.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A11X, B27

Denim Jacket Makeover with Sashiko (BYOF)

Sandra Chandler

In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn the beautiful Japanese art of Sashiko while transforming your own denim jacket into a custom, story-filled piece of wearable art. Sashiko, which means "little stabs," began as a practical running-stitch technique used to repair and strengthen clothing. Over time, it has evolved into a stunning form of embroidery known for its bold geometric patterns, symbolism, and meditative rhythm. You'll start by planning a sashiko design for your jacket—choosing from simple pre-drawn patterns or tracing your own layout with easy templates. Then you'll learn how to stitch directly through denim using traditional sashiko threads, long needles, and simple running stitches. Step by step, you'll map out and stitch a meaningful section on the

back, sleeves, or pockets of your jacket. By the end of class, you'll leave with a beautifully stitched denim jacket in progress (or a finished feature panel), plus the confidence to keep adding sashiko to more areas of clothing.

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)- see supply list

Material fee includes: Thread, Needles, ruler, use of the following during class: marking tools (chalk pencils, water-erasable pens)

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$28.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A 5X, B21

Your Body Double: Fitting a Dress Form to You

Joe Vecchiarelli

Do you have a problem buying off-the-rack clothes that fit? Fashion designer and draper to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli, will take you step by step through the process of making your own body-double, complete with your individual contours. The stars have body-doubles designed to mirror their unique silhouettes and Joe will show you how, just like the stars, using a body-double dress form, your clothes will fit perfectly. You will be measured in class and shown how a simple dress form can seamlessly transform into personalized body double. On the customized body form, learn techniques for couture shaping to the dynamic contours of your own body. Whether you lose weight or gain, unlike other dress forms on the market, the French European custom designed body-double dress form can be adjusted to your new body contours.

This class is a 'can't miss' if you have experienced difficulty in purchasing ready-made clothes or using a paper pattern that still had difficulties. A body-double dress form will enhance your sewing experience and eliminate the problem of ill-fitting clothes.

Sessions: 3

Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A 1, B17

An Eye for Fit

Susan Luaces

In an era of casual, oversized fashion, many of us have lost the "eye" for what a truly well-fitted garment looks like. This one-hour foundational class is designed to reset your perspective, acting as both an essential primer for beginners and a vital refresher for experienced sewists who want to achieve professional results.

- **The Anatomy of a Seam:** Learn the professional standards for seam placement. We'll discuss proper placement of seams and how they should "hang" on the body to create a balanced, comfortable garment.
- **The Language of Grain & Balance:** Understand how the direction of the fabric grain affects how a garment drapes and why "balance" is the secret ingredient to a professional look.
- **Decoding Wrinkles:** Not all wrinkles are created equal. You'll learn to distinguish between "tight" and "loose" wrinkles—and more importantly, what they are telling you about your fit issues.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

A 3

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

Thursday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

A 4

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 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
A 2

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
Thursday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
B19X

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
Thursday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
B20X

Hawaiian Quilting: History, Tradition, and Aloha in Every Stitch

Karen Barry

Discover the rich history and unique artistry of Hawaiian-style quilting in this engaging lecture. We'll explore how this distinctive form of applique quilting emerged in the 19th century, blending Western influences with deep Hawaiian cultural roots. Learn about the symbolism behind the bold, symmetrical designs, the traditions of hand-quilting, and the stories these quilts continue to tell.

This presentation features a PowerPoint with historical images and design evolution, plus a close-up look at several Hawaiian quilts, including vintage examples. You'll gain insight into the cultural significance of these quilts and the techniques that make them so enduring and meaningful.

Whether you're curious about trying Hawaiian applique yourself or simply want to deepen your appreciation for its beauty and legacy, this lecture offers a heartfelt introduction to the tradition infused with plenty of aloha.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
B18

Create a Custom Bodice Using a Dress Form

Joe Vecchiarelli

Bring a blouse that doesn't fit and learn how to drape a perfect bodice using the French European's customized body-double dress form. Joe Vecchiarelli, master draper and fitter to celebrities, will show you how to make a master pattern that will ensure that it fits your own body contours. Joe will demonstrate basic intermediate techniques through a variety of flattering drapes from a cowl and cascading top to a plunging neckline. Practice draping, with muslin, on a custom built body-double dress form provided in class, or bring your own. You will seamlessly transpose the draped muslin into a refined paper pattern while learning dart manipulation that will create the perfect fit.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$30.00
Hands-On
Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
C33X, D49

Designing Handbags with Structure and Style

Jessica VanDenburgh

What makes a designer handbag so special? Is it really the brand name? Or is style and function more important? If you are new to bag making or just looking to improve your skills, this lecture is for you! Pattern designer and cork expert, Jessica VanDenburgh will share her creative process as she teaches about:

- Interfacing and stability - What gives the bag structure?
- Beautiful topstitching - Using the right stitch length, thread and machine feet.
- Lining basics - Why do I love waterproof canvas so much?
- Adding pockets, piping, and other unique options.
- Zipper basics - nylon vs. metal .
- Handles and straps - Are rivets or sewing better?
- What about hardware options?

Be sure to bring your questions too!

Material fee includes: Binder with notes, fabric samples, and zipper by the yard

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$23.00
Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
C35X

Iron On Crystal Designs and Embellishments (BYOF)

Amy Regal

Bring an item and make it sparkle! In this class, you'll learn how to apply crystals to fabric and create your own custom blinged-out piece. Ideas for items to bring include a jean jacket, denim button-down shirt, tote bag, table runner, or anything else that would look fabulous with a little sparkle. See a variety of

samples for inspiration, plus learn how you can even embellish quilt blocks with crystals.

This fun and relaxing class is perfect for everyone. Bring a friend or a whole group of friends and enjoy an afternoon of crafting, chatting, and creativity together!

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)-see customer supply list

Material fee includes: your choice of crystal sheets, individual crystals or crystal transfer

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$38.00
Hands-On
Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
C36X

Embroidered Peasant Blouse

Jim Suzio

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Have you ever seen a ready-made garment and thought, "I could make that!" That's what designer Jim Suzio does with his incredible dress series we call Knock Offs to Knockouts. Inspired by an embroidered blouse found in an online catalog, Jim will share his process for selecting fabric, adapting patterns, and best of all the embroidery! In this fabulous class, students will learn how to prepare fabric for fashion embroidery. What fabric and thread are best? Pros and cons for pre-washing, plus specific stabilizers and hooping tips; then embroider Jim's exclusive floral design in your favorite color for a lovely square-neck yoke. **Plan to embroider and sew the yoke, attach the front and back pieces of the blouse in class. As you sew, Jim will share a unique technique for gathers, plus other designer tips for making beautiful clothes. (Additional embroidery and puffed sleeves may be finished at home.)**

Material fee includes: Embroidery Design files on USB Blouse Pattern and instructions (includes plus sizes) 2 yard Linen or Cotton Voile Fabric (55" wide) Embroidery Thread

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$75.00

Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C38, D54, E70

Bloomin' Simple Quilt Block

Christine Harlan
In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Find out how "Bloomin' Simple" foundation paper piecing (FPP) can be with the right tools, tips and teacher. In this class, Christine will introduce this bright and cheerful design along with unique methods that will make the process easier and fun for you. Fussy fabric placement, working with directional fabrics, and learning how to work with angled seams is reason enough to sign up! This class will also introduce and apply a new cutting technique designed to speed up cutting for this block as well as larger FPP patterns. Additional pattern designs and samples will be on display. This custom block, by Larkspur Lane Designs, was revised just for you and this studio class by FPP Designer, Susan Cook. No FPP experience is required, only basic sewing knowledge.

Material fee includes: fabric plus instructions

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$33.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C39, D55, E71

Quilter's Cuddle® Piecing on Point

Cuddle® Ambassador
In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Turn 16 simple squares into a striking on-point pillow, no complicated piecing required Learn directly from Shannon Fabrics' Cuddle® Ambassadors and their insider techniques Start with a 4x4 grid of Cuddle® squares and transform it into a dynamic on-point design Discover the clever folding and diagonal construction method that creates this eye-catching effect Confidently manage nap direction, alignment, and accuracy while working with plush fabrics Sew with control while reducing bulk and maintaining clean, consistent seams Enhance your project with thoughtful fabric placement, texture, and color

mixing Finish your pillow with professional techniques for turning, shaping, and clean closure.

Skill Level: Beginner friendly; perfect for building confidence with piecing and construction Outcome: Leave with a finished pillow and a unique construction technique you can apply to future quilts and projects

Material fee includes: Quilting Cuddle® Fat Quarter Pack: 9 Fat Quarters in a pack 14x14 pillow insert (Fabric may vary)

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$92.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C40, D56XY

Knit Tee-Top: Serging for Rookies

Kathy McMakin
In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Learn all the tricks for constructing a professional looking t-shirt! Whether you have serged for years or are just beginning your serging career, you can craft a whole knit t-shirt with several hemming options in minutes - no kidding! But you gotta' know the tricks!! 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. The best part? All the techniques you will learn can be applied to make stylish tops for older kids and adults, too.

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 M (size 7/8) will be created in class**, and your materials fee includes the pattern for children's XS – XL (sizes 1-12). Join us for a fun and productive session and leave with the skills to create stylish t-shirt for everyone in the family!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$23.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C41, D57XY

Two Bags, Five Zippers, One Serger

LuAnn Hartley
In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ
Ready to move on to something more challenging with zippers and sergers? In this class you will make 2 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, it measures 10" x 10". The second bag will be constructed with a specialty fabric and traditional cotton and is a crossbody style, it has 3 zippered pockets and is also completely lined.

Join LuAnn for this informative serger bag construction class and most of all take your serger skills to the next level.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$30.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C42, D58XY

Sewing Machine Essentials

Kris Vierra
In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ
If you're new to sewing and feeling a bit overwhelmed, join Kris in this beginner-friendly class where the sewing machine becomes your new creative friend. Learn to navigate your machine with confidence as we delve into thread and needle selections, tackle various fabric types, troubleshoot common mistakes, and unlock the potential of your machine's feet and stitches, from the fundamental to the fancy. Bonus: you will leave class with a hot pad/oven mit set.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$23.00

Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C43, D59XY

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: \$25.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C37, D53XY

Dimensional Elements in Quilting

Jill McCloy
Sometimes it's flowers, sometimes leaves and other times it's tucks, wing-needle work, shark's teeth, or even a bit of couching. Maybe you'd like to try colored pencil or free-motion shading to add dimension. Add buttons, beads, trims, or found objects for even more personality. There are countless ways to embellish, and Jill is excited to share her techniques with you. You'll see plenty of inspiring samples, and please feel free to ask questions, Jill loves them!

Sessions: 1
Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
C34

Measuring for a Custom Fit

Susan Luaces
Using the innovative Two Easy measuring system, we take the guesswork out of measuring yourself, giving you the professional-grade accuracy needed for the Seam Method.

- The Two Easy System: Learn to utilize the Zero Center Tape and Inseam Tape to get consistent, accurate numbers—even when measuring solo.

- **Additional Tools:** Learn to map key measurement points on the body for accuracy.
- **The "Hidden" Essentials:** We'll cover the critical measurements that make or break a tailored look, including Shoulder Tip-to-Tip and Shoulder Slope, ensuring your garments sit perfectly on your frame.
- **Accounting for Asymmetry:** No body is perfectly symmetrical. We'll discuss how to identify and measure figure variations so your patterns can be adjusted for your real-life shape.
- **Capturing the Curve:** Learn the professional secret to a perfect pant fit: using a flex curve ruler to accurately record your unique crotch curve shape. Learn to create an accurate and personalized measurement profile.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
D51

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!

Material fee includes: Zipper and Zipper handout with instructions for various zipper techniques

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$8.00
Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
D52

Quilting by the Foot

Jill McCloy

How would you like to speed up your quilting and improve accuracy at the same time? Accessory feet can make that a reality. How about step-by-step tips to improve your free-motion stitching? Learn the differences between free-motion feet, the easiest techniques for using them, and how to decide what works best for you.

We don't always need to follow the manufacturer's advice for foot use, we can adapt a variety of feet for our quilting pleasure. Some may already know; others may surprise you. Samples will demonstrate practical adaptations. A three-page class handout, with both pictures and descriptions, will help you select feet no matter the brand of your machine.

Join us and ask questions, Jill loves questions!

Sessions: 1
Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
D50

Sew Like a Pro

Joe Vecchiarelli

Are you baffled by the numerous gadgets offered for sewers whether quilters or fashion sewers? Joe Vecchiarelli, fashion consultant to numerous studios and tv programs, including ABC, Dancing with the Stars and Project Runway, will share the items that are 'musts' in the studio sewing rooms. Joe will take you through which notions, needles and gadgets will make your sewing experience easier and save you time, money and frustration. Gain knowledge and answers to your sewing questions from someone with years of experience in the industry.

You will see and handle gadgets that the studios use and learn firsthand how they will enhance your sewing experience whether beginner or expert.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E65

The Curve Clinic: Strategic Fitting for Real Figures

Susan Luaces

Whether your curves are fuller or smaller than the pattern's draft, the secret to a professional fit lies in knowing exactly where to add or remove volume. In

this class, you will learn to identify your specific figure variations and develop a targeted plan to alter your patterns.

- **The Vocabulary of Curves:** Learn the critical distinction between "full" and "prominent" curves. Understanding this difference is the "Aha!" moment that ensures you're moving the fabric in the right direction.
- **Targeted Zone Analysis:** We'll explore specific strategies for common fit areas, including the bust, the backside (fuller or flatter), and the abdomen (prominent or less pronounced).
- **The Seam Method Advantage:** Watch live demonstrations of how the Seam Method allows you to isolate these "curvy" areas. You'll see how to make significant changes in one zone without causing a "ripple effect" that distorts the rest of the pattern.

Sessions: 1
Hands-On
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E67

Corded Piping for Fine Finishing Detail

Linda McGehee

Sometimes a garment or project needs a little zing to add a spark or complete the look. Corded piping in the right color & size is the solution. Learn how to make corded piping using the correct tools & feet on your sewing machine to make the task easier, quicker & more precise. Use corded piping to build the block, finish the binding or accent the embroidery. Whether finishing a quilt or working on garments, bags & other crafts, corded piping is a solution to fine detail.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E68

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.

Material fee: Booklet

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$13.00
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E66

Sewing Machine Notebook Cover

Stephanie Folsom

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

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: \$33.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F86XX

Wing Needle Wonders Workshop

Pattie Otto

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Transform ordinary stitches into something extraordinary with a Wing Needle. This uniquely shaped needle manipulates fibers in a way you never thought possible. Pattie will share tips on fabric selection, proper stabilizing methods and identifying the best stitches to use with the wing needle. After exploring some decorative stitches on the machine, we'll turn our sampler into an elegant needle case or handy eye glass holder. Pattie will share her extensive collection of linens, heirloom garments and simple yet elegant everyday fashions with this fun-filled class.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$28.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F87XX

Zipporium Crossbody Bag

Lynn Gerard

Create the Zipporium: She's a sleek 7" x 9" crossbody bag featuring two smooth front zippers, a clean modern silhouette, and a ready-to-wear strap. This project fits comfortably into a 3-hour class and is perfect for confident beginners and seasoned sewists alike. Students will learn easy zipper installation, clean lining techniques, and how to work with cork fabric for crisp, professional results. Each student receives a pre-cut, pre-labeled kit and will leave with a finished bag ready to wear.

Material fee includes: All Cork, cotton, zippers, zipper pulls, Strap already with hardware. All pieces will be labeled for easy assembly

Sessions: 10
Materials: \$51.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
F88X, G104

Creative Serging: Unzip the Mystery

Linda McGehee

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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: \$43.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
F89X, G105

Sewing Machine Maintenance Tips & 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 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
F83X

Sip & Sew: An Evening of Hand Quilting & Slow Stitching

Sandra Chandler

Enjoy an evening where creativity, conversation, and relaxing hand stitching come together with designer Sandra Chandler. In this inspirational workshop we will focus on the art of slow sewing and mindful making as we explore four beautiful hand quilting techniques: Contour Quilting, Echo Quilting, Sashiko, and All-Over Quilting. Learn how stitching can add texture, movement, and personality to quilts, garments, and textile art.

Whether you are new to hand quilting or looking to deepen your stitching practice, this class offers a welcoming space to slow down and appreciate the process our grandmother's used. Bring a favorite drink for yourself, or choose from our selection of teas while you stitch. Each student will leave with a completed quilting sampler featuring all four quilting techniques to use as a future reference and inspiration piece.

Material fee includes: Pre-layered quilting sampler fabric sandwich, Printed quilting stitch guide, Practice fabric swatches, Basic Sashiko design sheets

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$38.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F85XX

Friday 8/7/2026

Cuddle® Buddies Machine Embroidery Applique

Cuddle® Ambassador

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Create the adorable Kimberbear appliqué from the Kimberbell collection in this hands-on embroidery class! You'll learn how to hoop, stabilize, and stitch the design perfectly on Cuddle® fabric. Take home the rest of the kit, including fabric and pattern, to finish the matching blanket and bear at home. Perfect for beginners and experienced sewists alike!

Material fee includes: Cuddle® fabric (pink/blue fabric) to make the blanket and stuffed animal, as well as the pattern for each. Machine applique fabric and instructions are also included. Kimberbear applique download included.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$87.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H118X, J134

Foot Feats: Accessory Feet for Piecing & Quilting (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Wouldn't it be lovely to have a simple place to gather and keep all the needs for planned and, perhaps, unfinished projects? Something with a little pocket to hold a label of contents? Something pretty and practical and lightly padded to keep everything safe and together. What if it was simple and quick to make while teaching a variety of quilting techniques? For instance: piecing, channel quilting, quilt in the ditch, applique, maybe some free motion (only if you wish)? The class will feature the ¼" Piecing Foot, using Dual Feed, Edge Joining (center guide), Edge Stitching (side guide), Open Toe (applique and top stitching) and for those that wish Free Motion. Class will include the pattern with three different label pocket designs, a choice between embellishment techniques, a three-page handout on Jill's favorite feet for quilting, placement options for embellishments and a discussion about the various feet and techniques for free motion/stippling. You won't want to miss this class. (folded size is approximately 9" x 16"). Jill will show/demo other uses for the feet in class.

Students Bring Your Own Fabric- see student supply list

Material fee includes: Directions/Pattern, 3 pages of illustrated foot information, Clear "window" materials, batting and neutral thread.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$19.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H119X, J135

Secrets for Quilting with Metallics

Eric Drexler

In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

You will learn some Beginner Free Motion Quilting skills that Eric is so well known for teaching. You also get to explore the diverse effects of round, twisted, and flat Sulky metallic threads as you make this fun,

colorful practice exercise. His treasure trove of great tips makes sewing and quilting with metallic threads a smoother, trouble-free experience. Whether you are a seasoned enthusiast or a beginner, Eric's knowledge-packed class promises to enrich your skills and transform your creations into shimmering masterpieces. You will also have his watchful eye over your shoulder and guiding you as you practice free motion.

Material fee includes: Directions, all fabric, stabilizer, 3 types of Metallic and needle

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H120X, J136

Heirloom Sewing on a Serger

Kathy McMakin

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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 or serged 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 serger. 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!

Material fee includes: embroidered insertion, lace insertion, beading, embroidered edging, fabric

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$23.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H121X, J137

Serger Savvy

LuAnn Hartley

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

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.

Bonus - We have added a surprise zippered pouch project to the class.

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$28.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H122X, J138

Starflowers (BYOF)

Deonn Stott

In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

Discover simple, timesaving "Insta-Block" techniques that make creating a quilt you'll treasure easier than ever! Practice Deonn's top tips for accurate piecing and efficient construction, then learn her simple approach to adding perfectly mitered borders. Class wraps up with a demonstration on achieving graceful, curved edges for a polished finish.

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)-see customer supply list

Material fee includes: pattern

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$15.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H123X, J139

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

Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

H113X

Architecture of the Upper Bodice: Solving Arm & Posture Variations

Susan Luaces

This class explores the detailed relationship between your arms, posture, and the structure of your bodice. Using the supportive Seam Method, you'll learn to recognize and adjust for upper back, neck, shoulder, and arm variations.

- **The Anatomy of the Armhole:** Learn to identify when a fit issue requires a change to the sleeve, the bodice, or a combination of both. You'll gain a clear understanding of how these two pieces work together for comfort and mobility.
- **Postural Precision:** Learn how to use Seam Method techniques to thoughtfully accommodate common figure variations, such as forward shoulders, a rounded upper back, or forward head alignment.
- **The Goal:** To understand the most complex area of the bodice. You'll leave knowing key measurements and understanding upper body figure variations. You will see how the Seam Method enables you to alter patterns accurately for these variations.

Sessions: 1

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

H115X

Dive into Color: Shibori Magic with Fiber Reactive Dyes (BYOF)

Jessica Kaufman

Break out of the indigo-only box and immerse yourself in the world of Shibori dyeing! In this hands-on class, you will learn how to clamp, bind, fold, or

twist fabric to create a myriad of variations on traditional Shibori patterns. The best part? We are using easy, effective, low-impact fiber-reactive dyes, allowing you to unleash your creativity with an array of colors.

This immersion-bath class goes beyond the basics. We will submerge our projects in an activated dye bath, and you will take them home in bags to wash out 24 to 48 hours - about 2 days - later. Whether you are keen on traditional one-color effects or ready to go wild with multicolor projects, this class offers the freedom to experiment.

Note: *The process works wonders on plant fibers like cotton, linen, rayon, bamboo, hemp, and more. We provide everything you need for the class, **except for what you want to dye.** You will have time to create multiple smaller projects like napkins and fat quarters or dive into 1-2 larger projects like yardage, aprons, or garments. Dyeable t-shirts, assorted garments, and fabrics will be available for purchase.*

Take your projects home to cure and washout, armed with detailed instructions for future creations. For added convenience, Jessica offers an optional service to launder your pieces and ship them to you, ready to use or wear.

Join us in this Shibori adventure and turn fabric into a canvas for your imagination!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$31.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H116X, J132

Flower Power Wool Pincushion

Donna Jensen

What makes stitching with wool so wonderful? Wool is loved for appliqué because it adds beautiful texture and the edges won't fray. Join talented wool designer, Donna Jensen, in this introductory slow stitching course with even more fantastic features of wool. You'll see how to transfer appliqué designs to wool, plus learn traditional stitchwork. Your project kit includes everything you need to finish the pincushion including the pattern, printed and solid wool pieces, hand embroidery needle and thread, plus stuffing.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$21.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
H116X

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: \$15.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H117X, J133

Better Borders: Preventing Wonky, Rippled, and Stretched Quilt Tops

Kris Vierra

If your quilts wave, ripple, won't lay flat, or mysteriously grow as you sew, this class is for you! Expert quilter, Kris Vierra, has a trunk full of samples and simple techniques for measuring and attaching borders correctly. Learn how to identify the most common piecing and border problems, then fix those issues before they ruin the final look of your quilt. Discover how to avoid stretched edges, correct fullness, and improve accuracy, creating quilts that stay square.

Kris will also share the little piecing habits that make a big difference, plus troubleshooting tips so you can quilt with confidence. As a bonus, we will explore creative edge treatments and finishes including prairie points, scallops, flanges, decorative bindings,

and other fun alternatives to give your quilts personality and polish.

Your class kit includes Kris's fantastic book **Stress Free Quilting® Borders, Binding, and More**.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$28.00
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H114X, J130

Quilt Walk with Catherine Redford

Catherine Redford

Step into our incredible gallery of quilts with Catherine Redford before the Expo opens Friday morning! As a fiber artist and designer, Catherine is a keen observer of the unique details and craftsmanship that go into quilt making. You'll find creative inspiration as Catherine shares her love of quilting and commentary on several pieces throughout the display. See examples of intricate applique, traditional piecing, and modern textile art, plus learn what elements judges look for in a juried quilt show.

Students will receive the mini grid-paper Expo Notebook & Pen Set for taking notes throughout the Quilt Walk. Please meet at the Exhibit Hall Entrance five minutes before class starts.

Sessions: 0
Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
\$0.00

Tailor's Tips for Formalwear: Fabric, Lace, Beads, and Sequins

Jim Suzio

You deserve a fancy dress! In this fantastic new class, designer Jim Suzio will share both technical skills and sewing secrets for making couture gowns and formalwear. Learn the specific care for working with luxurious fabrics like silk, satin, chiffon, and velvet. From Jim's dress collection you will see what fabrics create shimmer and dimension, layering with lace and adding volume with tulle. Jim will demonstrate key elements for constructing a gown, plus share his own embroidered lace designs, then finish with a sparkle of crystal beads and sequins.

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
J129

Pants Fitting Nuances: The Deep Dive into Comfort and Style

Susan Luaces

Whether you have a curvy or straight silhouette, this class provides a thorough roadmap for achieving a fit that is as comfortable as it is flattering.

- **The Flex Curve Breakthrough:** Learn how to translate your detailed measurements into reality. We'll demonstrate how to use a flexible curve ruler to accurately assess and adjust the crotch curve—the most critical factor in how your pants feel when you move.
- **Seam Method Solutions:** Watch detailed demonstrations of the Seam Method applied specifically to pants. You'll see how to address common challenges like swayback, flat or full seats, and prominent abdomens without distorting the leg's grainline.

The Goal: To replace the frustration of "good enough" with the confidence of "perfectly tailored." You'll leave confident that well-fitting pants are possible using a flex curve and the Seam Method of pattern alteration.

Sessions: 1
Hands-On
Friday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
J131X

Understanding Thread, Needles, and More

Angie Lamoree

Do you ever wish you better understood how to get the right tension on your machine? Are you unsure which needle works best with different types of thread and fabric or when to use each one? If these questions sound familiar, this lecture is for you! We'll break down tension, needles, and thread choices in a clear, practical way so you can sew with more confidence and better results.

Sessions: 1
Friday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
J132X

Create Your Own Pattern for Custom-fit Pants

Joe Vecchiarelli

When you see a photo of the back of yourself, do your pants look as if they were made for someone else with too much fabric and wrinkled - or made for you? If the answer is "made for someone else" this class is a must. Joe Vecchiarelli, fashion advisor and draper to the stars, film and tv studios including such shows as Dancing with the Stars and Project Runway, can show you how to make pants that fit your different body contours.

In this class, Joe will personally measure each class attendee giving them the accurate measurements that will enable them to make a pattern on muslin and transpose on to paper. He will personally fit the muslin to your body. You will be shown how adapt your pattern for a tailored look, a Palazzo pant, a skinny leg or a wide leg. You will be provided with all the supplies you need to draft the pattern on muslin and transpose it to paper which you will take home. This pattern will enable you to make a pair of pants that will fit your unique figure. Body forms will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Material fee includes: Muslin and pattern drafting materials.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$48.00
Hands-On
Friday 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
K145X, L161XY

Discover the World of Cuddle® Fabrics

Cuddle® Ambassador

Join us for an engaging lecture style class where you'll explore the wide variety of plush fabrics from Shannon Fabrics, from classic solids and prints to Luxe Cuddle® with embossed textures and beautiful digital designs. You'll enjoy a trunk show of finished projects that showcase how this special fabric works for quilts, home decor, garments and gifts. We'll also dive into our favorite tools, notions and techniques to help you handle Cuddle® fabric with confidence—whether you're a beginner or already familiar with plush fabrics. Leave ready to pick the perfect Cuddle® fabric for your next project and apply the insider pro tips you'll learn in class.

Sessions: 1

Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
K147X

Mehndi Magic Quilting Motifs

Kris Vierra

Unlock the art of quilting stunning, freehand Mehndi designs that are perfect for both domestic and longarm quilters! Inspired by traditional Indian henna tattoos, these intricate and elegant motifs will add a vibrant, spicy touch to your quilt backgrounds. Best of all; they're quick, easy, and surprisingly addictive to quilt! Say goodbye to complicated markings, these beautiful patterns flow effortlessly under your needle, creating a look that's both sophisticated and fun. Join us and discover how to bring a touch of timeless beauty to your quilts with these unique, free-hand designs. Get ready to fall in love with quilting all over again!

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

Over the Rainbow: Color Confidence for Machine Embroidery

Floriani Educator

Embroidery gold is at the end of this Rainbow! You have fabric and a design, but what thread colors will make it sing? What if you could quickly preview your design in various colorways? Or add color stops to a single-color design? Trying to convert a design to a specific brand of thread? What about resizing, combining designs, or adding personalization with unique text?

Floriani Rainbow takes you beyond the color wheel to a treasure chest full of solutions to the most often asked embroidery questions. Learn with a Floriani National Educator, in this introduction to editing and design customizing software. See how easy it is to spin embroidery into gold with Ashley and Deb's pro tips and simple tricks for making the most of your embroidery designs! Don't forget to pick up what's at the end of this embroidery gold—a goodie bag from Floriani.

Sessions: 1
Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
K146X

Embroidered Lola Purse

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

In class, we will embroider our cork panel and then transform it into a gorgeous cork bag with a zip-top! We'll be creating a modified version of my Lola Crossbody bag, one I'm sure you're going to love. An assortment of kits will be available to pick from in class.

Material fee includes: Precut & prepped cork for outside, lining fabric, zipper, hardware & pattern

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$58.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
K150, L161, M182

Creative Bindings (BYOF)

LuAnn Hartley

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

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 mentioned below.

Techniques taught:

- Perfecting corners
- Hand sewn vs Machine sewn
- Connecting/ending binding
- Mini Piping
- Double Mini Piping
- Flange
- Bias Binding - do I really need to cut on the bias
- Creating continuous binding using a fat quarter
- Scallop edges (this will be a demo)
- Prairie points for decorative finishes (this will be a demo)

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: 3
Materials: \$18.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K151, L167XY

Cardinal Mini Foundation Paper Piecing

Legit Kits Ambassador

In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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

Valerie Collins will be teaching this class in Dallas-Irving, TX

Mary Ellen Winter will be teaching this class in Overland Park, KS

Deb Atchison will be teaching this class in Fredericksburg, VA

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$92.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K152, L168XY

Hems and Borders on a Serger

Kathy McMakin

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

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, 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.

Material fee includes: fabrics of different kinds, piping cord, ribbon

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$18.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K153, L169XY

Four Techniques for Serging Knits

Pattie Otto

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

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: \$28.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K154, L170XY

Fancy Phone Wallet with Threadwork and Couching

Linda McGehee

In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

This mini messenger bag is designed to hold the basics for today's world. There are 2 zipper pockets—1 for cellphone & 1 for credit cards, ID & cash. RFID Cloth is used for extra security. A loop of webbing with a swivel hook makes a secure closure to hang on a belt or carry as a wristlet. A quick, easy project, but the fun is decorating the fabric with threadwork to make a one of a kind!

Material fee includes: Fabric fused to foam, RFID Cloth, 2 zippers, bias binding, webbing, swivel hook, decorative thread for couching, thread for the needle, pattern

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$48.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K155, L171XY

Incredible Ice Dye: Beginner's Workshop (BYOF)

Jessica Kaufman

Have you experienced the captivating world of ice dyeing? Prepare to be positively addicted as you witness the magic unfold! Ice dyeing involves applying safe, easy-to-use fiber-reactive dye powders over ice, resulting in ethereal, intricate, and completely unique color effects that are never the same twice.

As the colors split and fissure due to the slow melting water, your fabric will transform, showcasing watercolor-like effects ranging from subtle to psychedelic. Whether you choose to overdye colored fabric or start with a clean white canvas, the results will leave you breathless. Every square inch tells a different story!

This class is an exploration of creativity. Work with knits or wovens to create multiple smaller projects like napkins and fat quarters or delve into larger projects such as yardage, aprons, or garments. The process works wonders on plant fibers like cotton, linen, rayon, bamboo, hemp, and more. We provide everything you need for the class, except for what you want to dye. Dyeable t-shirts, assorted garments, and fabrics will be available for purchase.

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Take your projects home to cure and washout, armed with detailed instructions for future creations. For added convenience, Jessica offers an optional service to launder your pieces and ship them to you, ready to use or wear.

Join us in this enchanting class and unlock the secrets of ice dyeing—where every creation is a masterpiece!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$31.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K148, L164XY

Floristry: Dimensional Flowers from Fabric and Ribbon (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

Learn the art of making dimensional flowers—from Big and Bold to small and delicate. What will you embellish? A quilt? A hat? A garment? wristband? Demonstrations and directions for each step will help you create in and out of the classroom. Learn how to make both attached flowers and free-standing flowers. And, leaves, we love leaves, folded, stitched and turned, bonded and double sided. You will also receive samples of ready-made leaves of different types. And, let's not forget what a bit of colored pencil enhancement can do for both petals and leaves. Let's see how many we can complete in class. Oh, you didn't completely finish everything in the class handout, but you saw the demos for each one? Finish up at home, send Jill a picture and she'll send you a bonus pattern.

This class is hands-on, no machine

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)- see supply list

Material fee includes: 2 velvet leaves, 1 sheer leaf, 2 embossed paper leaves, 2 pin backs, stamens, 1 alligator clip

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$17.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K149, L175XY

Think Like a Pattern Designer: Making Quilts Your Canvas

Angela Davis

Have you ever wondered how quilt pattern designers come up with their ideas? How they combine shapes, colors, and layouts to create stunning designs? In this inspiring lecture, young pattern designer Angela Davis shares how she approaches creativity and design when developing her whimsical patchwork patterns. Known for her fruit and animal-inspired designs, Angela transforms fabric pieces into playful patchwork rather than traditional quilts. Beginning her sewing journey at just eight years old and

designing her first patterns as a teenager, Angela transforms inspiration into vibrant quilts and smaller sewing projects such as pillows, pincushions, tote bags, and table runners. In this lecture, you will learn how to start thinking like a designer, from the first spark of inspiration to bringing playful images to life in patchwork. Whether you follow patterns or dream of designing your own quilts, this lecture will give you tools to make your projects more creative and uniquely yours.

Sessions: 1

Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

L163

Rulerwork Feathers: Meet Me at the Drawing Board

Donelle McAdams

Feathers are the quintessential quilting motif. Dating back centuries, the soft plums and petals were a mark of a quilter's skill. Every master needs a solid beginning and the best place to start is at the drawing board.

Join rulerwork expert and Sew Steady educator, Donelle McAdams, as she guides you through the structure of the feather motif. Rulerwork templates and stitching line discs will simplify and refine your technique as you learn to create feather fills, feather crowns, feather borders, and more.

Your class kit will include a new feather template.

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$31.00

Hands-On

Friday 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

L164XY

Troubleshooting Common Longarm Issues

Kris Vierra

Nothing ruins the joy of quilting faster than thread breaks, skipped stitches, or tension disasters. The good news? Most of these issues are easier to fix than you think, once you know what to look for.

In this information-packed class, award-winning quilter, Kris Vierra, will help you decode the mystery behind the most common quilting problems. What causes looping, knotting, thread shredding,

eyelashes or railroad tracks, uneven stitches, and tension trouble? Learn how to quickly identify, diagnose, and fix each one.

Whether your longarm is brand new or you've been quilting for a while now, every quilter needs Kris's practical, real-world solutions. From choosing needles and thread to machine setup, maintenance, and quilting techniques, Kris shares her tips, tricks, and troubleshooting methods developed through years of professional quilting experience.

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

Stabilizers and Solutions for Beautiful Machine Embroidery

Floriani Educator
Stabilizers are the key to embroidery success and the experts from Floriani are the resource you need. In class we'll compare before and after stitch samples, examine projects gone wrong to detect common embroidery mistakes, then discuss how to prevent them. You'll see hooping techniques that will diminish puckering in every project and learn how to use file size, stitch count, and fabric choice to select the right stabilizer. Plus, every student will receive a goodie bag from Floriani!

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

Apparel Zippers: Hidden and Exposed

Jim Suzio
Zippers are a common feature of our everyday clothing, but when it comes to sewing, we're all afraid those zipper teeth might actually bite. In this fun and fascinating lecture, designer Jim Suzio will take you beyond the zipper foot. Whether you are making a fancy dress or handbag with pockets, zippers can be used for function and as a design element. Starting with common zipper types, you will see a variety of methods for zipper installation, including an invisible zipper for evening wear and industrial zippers in sportswear. Learn essential skills such as why it may be better to use a longer zipper and how to adjust its length with a professional finish.

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

My First Embroidery Project: Quilted Scissor Case OSQE Instructor

Could you sew faster with a cute scissor stasher? Absolutely, yes! Join master teacher, Jaymi Horne to learn the basics of machine embroidery while creating this darling scissor pouch. In-the-Hoop (ITH) indicates the entire piece is embroidered, quilted, and sewn together within your embroidery machine's hoop—no traditional sewing or piecing needed! The attached ribbon allows you to wear the case around your neck like a lanyard to keep your snips easily accessible while sewing. No more stopping to look for scissors. Designed to fit a small pair of snips or scissors up to 4" long, commonly used for handwork, it makes the perfect gift for your sewing friends too.

Your class kit includes all fabric, thread, and stabilizer to make the scissor case, plus project instructions and design files in all machine formats. (scissors not included)

This class will be taught by Jaymi Horne in Dallas

Sessions: 10
Materials: \$18.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
N198XX

English Paper Piecing by Machine (BYOF)

Angie Lamoree
*In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio
sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.*

The hexagon or honeycomb pattern for quilts dates back to the 18th century where paper templates were used for forming perfect patchwork. More than 200 years later, we are still fascinated by English Paper Piecing. Shop owner and master quilter, Angie Lamoree, will teach the time-honored basics for preparing the fabric and paper forms. See how fabric color placement can accentuate the original flower or change the hexagon pattern into something completely new. Practice Angie's modern method for piecing the tiny hexagons on a sewing machine, plus

learn to applique the design on a background quilt block.

Materials fee: pattern

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$11.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
N198X, P214

Vinyl Countdown 3-2-1! Three projects, two hours, one class!

Shanna Pappas

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Enjoy an evening of sewing and fun! In this 2 hour class you will make 3 different vinyl projects- a small zipper bag, a unique triangle shape zipper bag, and a notebook cover for the cutest little notepad! All projects are made from durable vinyl, and dozens of prints will be available. Most people will finish all 3 designs in class.

Material fee includes: material for all three projects

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$43.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
N199XX

Fabric Inking 101: Dreamy Flower Field (BYOF)

Joyce Teng

Inspire the artist within you! Learn to create wildly colorful flower fields on white fabric. Explore six techniques to create a colorful harmony using Tsukineko inks. In this hands-on workshop, your confidence will grow as you learn how to produce fabulous surface designs, from the soft shading of a summer sky to dramatic rainbow effects of grasses and little Poppy flowers in your dream flower field. This process is so easy and fun, you will be pleasantly amazed!

Material fee includes: An assortment of fabric blocks, lace, ink, stencil to use in class

Students Bring Your Own Fabric (BYOF)-see supply list below

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$33.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
N196XX

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Piecing and Quilting Blocks In-the-Hoop

Stephanie Folsom

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Learn how to create two classic quilt blocks using your embroidery machine and the flip-and-fold method. This technique helps you achieve precise points and perfectly aligned seams every time. Once the blocks are pieced, they'll be fully quilted right in the hoop. At home, you can assemble your finished blocks into the included bag pattern or transform them into a charming mini quilt.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$53.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q230X, R246

Alice Colorblock Crossbody Bag

Jessica VanDenburgh

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Colorblocking is a fashion term for pairing bold sections of color to get big style energy, and this fun-size crossbody certainly has that! Join bag designer, Jessica VanDenburgh, to create your own crossbody bag with strips of cork. You'll learn techniques for sewing cork, installing zippers, including a vertical zipper front pocket, plus Jessica's pro tips for top-stitching. The Alice Crossbody pattern comes with two sizes. We'll make the small size in class which measures 7" wide x 9" high x 2" deep.

Your class kit will have everything you need to finish: cork fabric, lining, interfacing, zippers, hardware, and pattern.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$53.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q231X, R247

Shimmering Leaves

Ilene Bartos
In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Learn how to create these stunning silk fusible appliqué leaves with rich color, texture, and dimension. In this class, you'll discover techniques for working with delicate silk fabrics and using fusible appliqué. Set against a matte black wool background, the vibrant silks truly come alive, creating dramatic contrast and an elegant finished design that beautifully showcases every detail.

Material fee includes: pattern, black wool for background, silk leaf packets, fusible web

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$93.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q232X, R248

Boxy Bag on a Serger

Kathy McMakin
In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Boxy Bags are all the rage and once you make one, you'll understand why! In this fun, technique-filled serger class, you'll create a structured, lined zippered bag complete with crisp mitered corners, a loop tab on one end, and a handle on the other for easy carrying. These bags are perfect for toiletries, cosmetics, sewing supplies, travel essentials, gifts, and so much more. Just change the fabrics and they're great for guys too! We will be warming up your serger skills with a small companion hidden-zipper bag while learning valuable construction tips and techniques that make bag-making easy and professional-looking. Along the way, you'll gain

confidence working with zippers, linings, fusible batting or fleece, and precision finishing techniques all on your serger.

The construction tips alone are worth the class! Once you learn these methods, you'll want to make boxy bags in every size, shape, and fabric combination imaginable. Stylish, practical, and addictive to make, these bags are guaranteed to become a favorite!

Have you never used a serger before? NO Problem!
Are you a serger whiz – You will love it!

Material fee includes: fabric, zippers, fusible fleece and ribbon for two bags

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$21.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q233X, R249

Luxury Milan Blanket

Cuddle® Ambassador
In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ
Treat yourself to a high-end look at a fraction of the cost in this hands-on class featuring the luxurious Milan Cuddle® by Shannon Fabrics. Using the serger, you'll discover how easily this elegant, textured fabric comes together into a stunning throw that rivals high-end boutiques. This class is perfect if you want to gain confidence with the serger while creating a gift-worthy blanket. You'll learn how to work with Milan Cuddle®, use the right serger techniques, and walk away with a luxurious finished piece you'll be proud to show off.

Material fee includes: 5 yards of Luxe Cuddle Milan in Eggshell

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$130.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q234X, R250

Mastering Your Stripology Ruler

Karen Paquette

In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ

Take your cutting accuracy and efficiency to the next level! Learn to use that Stripology ruler for more than just cutting strips. You will learn how to cut accurate 1/4 inch cuts, perfect half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles and flying geese units.

Material fee includes: Fabrics for cutting and understanding the various Stripology Cutting Methods

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$28.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q235X, R251

Your Custom-fit Sleeve Pattern: Balancing the Armhole

Joe Vecchiarelli

Do you want your blouses and jackets to have the Chanel look or are you satisfied with the shoulder seams being in the wrong place, the arm holes too large and you can't stretch your arm? Joe Vecchiarelli, expert draper and fitter to the stars and consultant to tv studios, will show you how to have your sleeve fit perfectly every time - not only for the Chanel look but for other styles and designs.

In this comprehensive class, each attendee's arm will be personally measured by Joe who will then show you how to transpose those measurements on to paper that will create the perfectly fitting sleeve for your body. You will discuss the importance of the arm cap and as well as the intricacies of inserting the different sleeve styles into a garment. You will learn how to make adjustments that will balance the armhole for a beautiful fitting and functional sleeve. Joe will challenge the conventional notion of a symmetrical armhole answering the question as to whether your body is truly the same back and front. He will discuss how a custom-made body double dress form can alleviate many of the problems when making a garment for someone that is a-symmetrical, has a Dowager hump, different shoulder heights or another challenging measurement.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$32.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q225X, R241

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: 1

Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Q227X

Ice Dye Next Level: Fancy Folds & Advanced Results (BYOF)

Jessica Kaufman

This class is a Level Two, Ice Dye Class for those who have dabbled with ice dyeing before. I'll teach more advanced folds to those who have already learned the basic scrunch & spiral, and we'll get into the nitty gritty details of what makes truly knock out, stunning ice dyed fabrics! Whether you want to make one giant mandala or 16-pointed star, or you just want to master those repeating geometric parallel folds. This class will surely get you on your way to making professional-level, one of a kind dyed fabric. Taught by a professional dyer with 20+ years, and experience helping others get their best work yet!

For this session, students will not be provided with a take-home container for washing projects out, Please bring your own flat-bottomed, clear plastic container or small bin, shoe-box or printer paper sizes work great. Bring multiple containers if you plan to do multiple projects. Please bring regular weight quilters cotton fabric, nothing too heavy.

44" to 60" wide works great! You can also bring garments (old t-shirts, cotton aprons or napkins) to dye if you prefer.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$31.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q228X, R244

The Color Wheel in Wool

Donna Jensen
Perhaps you've admired the rich colors and texture of wool in your local quilt shop and wondered what you might create. Donna Jensen, owner at Prairie Woolens, is the expert you need. In this introduction to wool, Donna will share an inspiring trunk show while teaching about the properties of wool, what makes it ideal for applique, plus how to care for quilts and other projects made with wool. You will also discover what makes this natural fiber ideal for dyeing and the basic supplies needed to start.

Sessions: 1
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q228X

Boot Camp: The Seam Method of Pattern Alteration

Susan Luaces
This workshop introduces you to the Seam Method, a systematic and thoughtful approach to pattern alteration that starts with a basic fitting pattern. You'll learn how to identify exactly where a pattern needs to change, making deliberate adjustments that solve fit issues without creating new ones. In addition to this overview, you'll get hands on experience with the techniques.

- **The Magic of the Hinge:** Master the core of the Seam Method. You'll practice the "hinge" technique—releasing seam allowances to adjust a measurement exactly where you need it, without creating bubble, wrinkles or other distortions in the pattern.
- **Step-by-Step Practice:** Using half-scale patterns, you'll work through a variety of common figure variations.
- **Building Confidence:** Apply these techniques in a supportive environment,

gaining the skills to handle a full-scale fitting pattern with ease.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$25.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q229X, R245

Machine Quilting Made Simple

Kris Vierra
Machine quilting doesn't have to mean custom heirloom motifs, perfectly straight lines, or hours of daily practice to achieve beautiful results. In this fun and encouraging class, expert teacher, Kris Vierra, will share practical ways to improve your quilting skills. Build control and smoother movement both on and off the machine through smart practice techniques for both domestic and longarm machines. Learn the basics for selecting quilting styles that enhance the piecing and why stitch-in-the-ditch is often harder than it looks. Perfect for quilters who want more confidence, less stress, and realistic approaches that actually work.

Your class kit includes clear practice sheet and set of quilting designs to follow along.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$10.00
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q226X

Don't Panic, It's Just Fabric: 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? Are your palms a bit sweaty? Admit it. You're terrified of sewing with knits. Put these fears to rest with this fun and exciting class. Pattie has over 50 years sewing a wide variety of knits and will share advice on how to select the right knit for your tees, tanks, twin sets, cardigans, pullovers and pants. You'll also receive layout and cutting pointers and super quick construction tips. You'll be amazed at how easy knits really are to work with.

Material fee includes: Booklet

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$23.00
Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
R243X

Fussy Cutting with Confidence

Angie Lamoree

Ready to make your next quilt extra special? It's time to try fussy cutting! Join award-winning quilter, Angie Lamoree, in this fun, hands-on class where you learn how to highlight the fabric features that will sweeten every block.

Rather than just cutting strips, see what rulers and templates are needed to center a motif or image as well as repeat symmetrical patterns. Angie will demonstrate multiple shapes, then it will be your turn practice precise cutting, with just a bit of quilt math to account for seam allowance. Be inspired by the beautiful samples that include fussy cuts for English Paper Piecing and a Dresden Plate.

Your class kit will include a variety of fabrics swatches, plus one of Angie's favorite rulers.

Please bring a rotary cutter with a new blade. Cutting mats will be provided, however if you have a rotating mat, you may find it easier to use for the fussy cutting techniques.

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$35.00
Hands-On
Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
R244X

Quilting for Show

Kris Vierra

Ever wonder what makes one quilt a winner over another? Interested in competing with quilts of your own, but unsure where to begin? Join Kris as she shares numerous tricks of the trade to help you produce a competition worthy quilt. We will cover everything from what the judges look for; to how to take the best pictures to help your quilt get juried into a show. We will also discuss how to decide which quilts are suitable for different shows and how to wade through the paperwork involved in entering each show. Actual judging sheets from shows and

Virtual Trunk Show of award-winning quilts will be included.

Sessions: 1
Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
R242X

How to Make Custom Embroidery Patches & Postcards

Floriani Educator

Custom Embroidery Patches and Postcards are fun to make and an easy way to leave a mark on a special occasion. The Floriani Educator will show you four ways to make a patch with any embroidery machine and they are quick and easy to make. Learn to design a patch and how to make patches from the designs you already own. Best of all, you can make these patches iron on, so they're easy for anyone to attach!

But wait there's even more...Learn about embroidery on paper and how to make a postcard that you can actually send in the mail! These are fun and easy embroidery projects that can be made with any machine with very little supplies needed.

We will discuss and demonstrate embroidery tips and tricks that will improve your projects all around!

Sessions: 1
Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S259X

Rope Bowls and Baskets

Cindy Peck

In the HUSQVARNA VIKING Embroidery Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Learn the basics of stitching a round basket using cotton clothesline in this hands-on, beginner-friendly class. You'll use variegated thread to add color and visual interest while practicing essential techniques such as starting a flat base, shaping the sides, and finishing the rim neatly. The class will include step-by-step demonstrations and personalized support to help you build confidence with the sewing process.

Material fee includes: 100 % cotton clothesline

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$18.00

Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S262, T278X

Beautiful Bargello Table Runner

Karen Barry

In the PFAFF Sewing Studio sponsored by Harper's Fabric & Quilt Co.

Bargello quilts may look complex, but they're surprisingly easy—and a lot of fun—to make! In this hands-on class, you'll learn time-saving strip-piecing techniques to create a striking Bargello-style wall hanging. Instead of completing just one block, students will work through many of the Bargello columns in class, giving you strong momentum and a clear path to finishing your project at home. We'll also take a few minutes during class to explore a brief history of the Bargello technique, adding context and appreciation for this classic quilt style. You'll have your choice of colorways to make your wall hanging uniquely yours—and you'll leave with the skills and confidence to tackle future Bargello projects with ease.

Material fee includes: pattern and fabric

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$48.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S263, T279X

Sewing in Circles with Sew Steady

Donelle McAdams

In the JANOME Sewing Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

Start with 4 Circles and you can always add more. In class, we will be making 8 or 9 Circles with the option to make a table runner, table mat or wall-hanging. Want to make a quilt like this for a King Size bed? YES, You can! And better yet - it is Oh Sew Easy. Start with squares, use the Universal Circle Sewing Tool from Sew Steady and the Template that comes in the pattern and you will quickly be addicted to weaving circles. It's so easy, kids can do it! Join Donelle for a fun-filled class. You will be able to choose your kit so the fabrics 'speak' to you.

Materials fee: Pre-cut fabrics, fusible fleece, thread, pattern

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$42.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S264, T280X

Quick Serger Gifts

Linda McGehee

In the BABY LOCK Serger Studio sponsored by Missouri Sewing Machine Co.

What better way to learn a new machine than by creating quick, small projects? Enjoy the instant gratification of mastering new skills while completing gift-worthy items. This class features several easy projects made on the serger, along with helpful tips for stitching with fleece, working with curves using decorative thread, and constructing a shoe tote with an elastic band (it's the introduction to making a one-seam pair of pants), a tissue case with an added pocket for hand sanitizer or other small essentials, and a zipper pouch with an easy box corner instruction. Come enjoy the adventure of playing with the serger while learning many new techniques.

Material fee includes: fleece fabric, decorative and basic threads for all projects, precut fabric for tissue cases, fabric and zipper for pouch, elastic and instructions.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$33.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S265, T281X

Serger School

Jim Suzio

In the JUKI Serger Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ
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, and cotton. 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: \$26.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S266, T282X

Free Motion Thread Painting

Eric Drexler
In the BERNINA Sewing Studio sponsored by Quilters HQ
Come learn how Eric "Paints with Thread". His award-winning Free Motion has inspired and impressed sewers across the country. Thread Painting is a doorway to many other Free Motion techniques like Stippling, Monogramming, Thread Sketching, Embellish printed fabric. Turn your workhorse into a paintbrush. It is way easier than it looks using some of his helpful tips and techniques. He always brings a jaw dropping trunk show full of inspirational works of art drawn with a sewing machine.

Material fee includes: Sulky 40 wt Rayon Thread 8" – 10" Wooden Embroidery hoop (for use in class) 80/12 Metallic or Topstitch Stabilizers: Sulky Cut Away Soft N Sheer, Cut away Soft N Sheer Extra Sulky Tear Easy

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$25.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S267, T283X

Fabric Art with Tsukineko Inks

Kris Vierra
Transform fabric into a masterpiece with the magic of Tsukineko inks! In this fun hands-on class you'll create stunning designs with stencils and learn how to paint directly on fabric. Explore the possibilities of using different resists to make one-of-a-kind prints. No artistic experience is required, just bring your creativity and excitement! These acid-free, water-based inks are permanent, when heat set.

Your class kit includes: six ink bottles in different colors, canvas tote for painting, color mixing chart, palette, and pipettes.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$38.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S257, T273X

Indigo Inks

Joyce Teng
Did you know blue is the world's most favorite color? Indigo dye was first imported from India to Europe in the late 1400s and has been popular ever since. If you are intrigued by the history of this rich color and want to learn basic dyeing techniques this is a can't miss class.

Color expert, Joyce Teng, has developed her own indigo formula using Tsukineko inks. Learn how to prepare fabric for dyeing by pleating and twisting, to create indigo prints that reflect your personal style. From bold geometric angles to soft organic patterns, each piece will be unique. As a bonus, Joyce will share one or two basic Shibori techniques. No prior experience is needed—just a sense of curiosity and a willingness to get your hands a little blue.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$33.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S260, T276X

Beginning Hand Smocking

Kathy McMakin

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$18.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S261, T277X

Knitwear Necklines: Beyond the Basic Crew

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
Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
S258

Binding & Alternate Endings

Deonn Stott

Join Deonn for a lively look at 16 creative ways to finish the edges of quilts and sewn projects, inspired by her book *Ultimate Binding & Edge-Finishing Guide for Quilting & Sewing*. Through lecture, demonstration and discussion she'll share practical, budget-friendly tips and clever solutions to common binding challenges so you can achieve polished, professional results. A colorful trunk show of quilts and samples highlights everything from simple, reliable finishes to more decorative techniques. Whether you're new to quilting or a seasoned maker, you'll leave with fresh ideas and inspiration for the perfect finishing touch.

Material fee includes: Book, "Ultimate Binding & Edge Finishing Guide for Quilting & Sewing" by Deonn Stott, small packet of samples and notions.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$23.00
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
T275X

Knit Fabric Fundamentals: Understanding Stretch, Weight & Drape

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 to showcase these beautiful fabrics.

Material fee includes: Knit Swatch Set, over a wide variety of knits

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$18.00
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
T274