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About "More the Days Before"

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

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

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

Tuesday 3/4/2025

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

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the art of precision garment fitting in the immersive all-day workshop led by expert designer to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli. Learn draping fundamentals, taking you beyond the limitations of flat paper patterns, and tailoring techniques as you design a Box Pleat Jacket that perfectly complements your beautifully unique shape and style.

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

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

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

Sessions: 7
Materials: \$77.00
Hands-On
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB200X, MDB260X

Blue Jay Mini - Foundation Paper Piecing

Deb Atchison

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

If you can sew a straight line, you can complete this mini Foundation Paper Piecing kit by Legit Kits. It is a perfect 4-block kit no matter your experience level with Foundation Paper Piecing!

This class will help you organize your kit, walk you through the steps in piecing your blocks, and teach you how to assemble them into a 15 X 20 beautiful work of art. Your Certified Legit Kits Instructor will give you all the tips and tricks needed to complete this or any other Legit Kits FPP Pattern. You will learn to create this beautiful work of art and have a blast doing so in this fun and stress-free class!

In this class, we will create Mini Blue Jay, made up of 40 shades of Robert Kaufman Kona Cotton Solids. If you have considered purchasing a Legit Kits quilt kit before, but have been too intimidated, this is the place for you. Your Certified Instructor will walk you through a simple method for completing this kit that is easy to remember and not difficult to complete! Once you leave this class, you will walk away with the skills and confidence to tackle any Legit Kits quilt pattern!

Sessions: 7
Materials: \$61.00
Hands-On
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB207X, MDB267X

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MDB207X, MDB367X

Wednesday 3/5/2025

Free Motion Quilter's Playbook: Materials, Machines, and Design Mastery (MDB)

Lauren Jackson

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydid's Quilting

Ever struggled with selecting the right materials or felt let down by your finished quilt? Whether it's a wall hanging, a cherished gift, or a cozy bed quilt, every choice you make impacts the final look and feel. Join this beginner-friendly class to master material selection: batting, thread, fabrics, needles,

and design density. Ensuring you set yourself up for success before you take your first stitch.

Get hands on time on the longarms as we navigate 10+ foundational free-motion fillers, designed to build your skills, elevate your quilting game and hide a multitude of sins! It's not just the designs you know that make your quilts amazing, but how you choose to stitch them that matters. Lauren is excited to share this class with you. This class is great for beginner longarm quilters or for those looking at the possibility of adding a longarm to their sewing studios.

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$37.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB305X, MDB365X

Scrappy Applique: Create a Quilt Mosaic (BYOF) (MDB)

Deb Atchison

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

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

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

Sessions: 8

Materials: \$21.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB302X, MDB362X

The Cross-Over Sling Bag (MDB)

Pam Damour

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Join us for a dynamic class where you'll create a stylish and functional crossbody bag designed to keep all your essentials within easy reach. This compact yet roomy bag features both front and back outside pockets, offering additional storage space and convenient access to frequently used items.

Throughout the workshop, you'll learn how to construct this versatile bag, which boasts a wide crossbody strap for maximum comfort and support. The design allows you to adjust the strap so the bag can comfortably sit on either shoulder, providing flexibility and making it perfect for any activity, from daily errands to casual outings.

We'll guide you through each step of the process, from assembling the bag to adding finishing touches. You'll gain practical skills in sewing techniques and learn how to create a bag that's both functional and stylish.

This class is ideal for those looking to enhance their sewing skills while crafting a unique accessory that suits their personal style. By the end of the workshop, you'll walk away with a beautifully crafted crossbody bag that combines practicality with elegance, ready to accompany you on your daily adventures.

Sessions: 8
Materials: \$52.00
Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB308X, MDB368X

Date Night Dress

Salty Sews

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Need a perfect date night dress? Or just want to look fab any day of the week? We got you! Join us to learn how to make this subtly sexy, super comfortable knit dress. Whether you have never touched a serger before or you are an old pro, we will walk you through

making this universally flattering, short sleeved corset style dress with equal amounts humor and patience.

Your dress will be precut and ready to sew for you, so please make sure to communicate your measurements and fabric choice well in advance so we can get it ready!

Taught by the Salty Sews creative duo Sara Robitaille and Debbie Love.

Sessions: 7
Materials: \$87.00
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Hands-On
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MDB309X, MDB369X

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

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the art of pattern making with expert designer to the stars, Joe Vecchiarelli. For Day 2 of

the Custom Cox Pleat Jacket, Joe will guide you through each step as you take the muslin drape from the body form and transfer it to paper. Learn the technical terms and annotations for marking each piece of the jacket on dressmaking paper to create your own gorgeous custom pattern.

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

Sessions: 7

Materials: \$57.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB300X, MDB360X

Let's Make the Nyla Jacket with Amazing African Prints (MDB)

Tisha Thorne

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Let's create a charming and stylish jacket using an array of African print fabrics. The pattern is super easy and wearable. The jacket has a hood that makes it suitable for all kinds of weather, plus pockets in the perfect size for carrying essentials.

While we sew, you'll hear the stories and significance of the amazing Ankara fabrics included in your kit. Gain the confidence to incorporate African Print Fabrics creatively into more clothing and project inspiration.

<https://www.facebook.com/sewcreativelounge/videos/447501749647464>

Sessions: 7

Materials: \$152.00

Hands-On

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MDB307X, MDB367X

Thursday 3/6/2025

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: 2

Thursday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

A 5X

Mark It, Quilt It: Ruler Skills for Custom Quilting

Lauren Jackson

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydid's Quilting Studio

Excited to dive into the world of ruler work but not sure where to start? This class is your guide to selecting the right rulers, understanding their markings, and handling curves even if they're not a "perfect" fit for your project. Learn how to quilt stunning designs without marking your quilt, using just one straight and one curved ruler. We'll begin with foundational techniques and progress to advanced combinations to elevate your skills and get those custom juices flowing! Get ready for a fun, info-packed session. Have rulers already and not sure how to use them? Grab your rulers and join us!

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$42.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A13X, B29

Demystifying Stabilizers for All Sewers

Nancy Sapin

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

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 6X, B22

Hardware for Handbags

Pam Damour

Learn from talented designer Pam Damour in this fantastic workshop that demystifies the use of decorative bag hardware. Gain confidence as you master an array of techniques from expertly installing bag feet, rivets, and zippers, to creating adjustable bag straps and perfect boxed bag bottoms.

The comprehensive class kit includes all the necessary hardware, along with meticulously written instructions in sheet protectors. Develop technical skills for making bags of all styles, while exploring your creative potential through elegant embellishments and professional finishing techniques.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 3X, B19

Spiral Piecing Table Runner

Linda McGehee

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Discover how simple it is to do spiral piecing. In this easy going class, there are no points to match! All straight stitching, this project is very basic and looks more involved than it really is. Stitch the strips into a tube to form the angle. Quilt the layers and finish with binding round the edge. Fast, fun project and leave with a finished table runner ready for the table! Use small corded piping for additional detail. Kits use

fabric from Linda, Fabric Collection, Queen of the Night.

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 9X, B25

Serger Bags 101: Let's Do Zippers!

LuAnn Hartley

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Come explore how easy it is to use a serger and add zippers to your projects. In this class we will make three different lined bags. To kick things off, we'll start by embellishing the fabric for one of the bags using specialty threads and stitches, adding texture and visual interest to your creation. We will then go through adding the zippers and even adding pockets. By the end of the class, you'll leave with a wealth of knowledge on creating your own bags, utilizing specialty threads to enhance your projects, and confidently inserting zippers using the serger.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$24.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A10X, B26

Meet Me at the Drawing Board: Designing for Rulerwork

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: \$10.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 2X, B18

Knit Tee-Top: Serging for Rookies

Kathy McMakin

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

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

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

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A11X, B27

Dogwood Blossom Quilt (BYOF)

HollyAnne Knight

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

Ready to make a lovely throw pillow while practicing accurate cutting and piecing techniques? Join HollyAnne Knight to make her Dogwood Blossoms

block, then turn it into a pillow! Inside this class, we'll practice piecing half square triangles, square in a square units, and tri-recs (triangle in a square) units. Skills practiced will include accurate cutting, quarter inch seam, pressing, and webbing, plus a bit of walking foot quilting for the pillow. Enjoy a fun and inspiring class environment. Class includes a copy of the Dogwood Blossoms Quilt Pattern. **Bring your own fabric; see the supply list for details.**

Note: Students will have the opportunity to make this into a pillow or turn this into a quilt.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A12X, B28

Quick-Change Seasonal Pillow Cover and Wrap

Alicia Welcher

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Small touches -- like this cleverly designed pillow cover -- keep the seasons fresh inside your home as mother nature handles the out-of-doors. Created with a versatile neutral linen/cotton blend fabric, the 18-inch square pillow cover provides a quick-change pallet for an outer wrap and drift of interchangeable blossoms. Make yours in class, picking up tips for decorator corners and construction options. Your 10-inch wide wrap, embroidered with delicate foliage, becomes the base for your dimensional seasonal bouquet. Includes all materials for pillow cover, wrap and summer flowers (3), plus complete directions for creating 3 more blossoms for each season: autumn, winter and spring, easily swapped out with the use of magnets. Clever and beautiful, too! *(18-inch square pillow form to be purchased separately.)*

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$28.00
Hands-On
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
A 7X, B23

Little Hollies Miniature Quilt

Jill McCloy

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Start with a perfectly paper pieced background, right up to the final border. Apply the stem. Create dimensional leaves. Raw edged hollyhocks may be gathered by machine or by hand. The tiny green buds are little green buttons. Choose yellow or black buttons to enhance the pink flower center. Buttons may be stitched on by machine or by hand.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$34.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A 8X, B24

Fitting a Dress Form to You

Joe Vecchiarelli

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

Sessions: 2

Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A 1, B17

An Eye for Fit

Susan Luaces

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

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

Sessions: 1

Thursday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

A 4

The Stories that African Print Fabrics Tell

Tisha Thorne

African Print Fabrics, also known as Ankara fabrics are colorful, vibrant and culturally rich textiles that originate from various African countries. This class aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the cultural significance, how to use these prints, the mean and versatile usage of African Print Fabrics. In this class, participants will learn:

1. Types and Patterns: Discover the diverse array of African Print Fabrics available, from traditional wax prints to contemporary interpretations. Learn about popular patterns, motifs, and their symbolic meanings.
2. Fabric Selection: Gain insights into selecting the right fabric for specific projects or occasions, considering factors such as fabric weight, print or motif size, and intended use.
3. Usage in Fashion: Explore various ways to incorporate African Print Fabrics into fashion designs, including clothing, accessories, and footwear. Learn about traditional garment styles as well as modern fashion trends.
4. Home Decor and Crafts: Explore creative ways to use African Print Fabrics in home decor projects such as pillows, curtains, table linens, and wall hangings. Discover how to integrate these fabrics into craft projects like quilting, upholstery, and bag making.
5. Care and Maintenance: Understand the best practices for washing, drying, and storing African Print Fabrics to preserve their vibrancy and longevity. Learn how to handle delicate fabrics and prevent color fading or bleeding.
6. Cultural Appropriation and Respect: Discuss the importance of cultural sensitivity and respect when using African Print Fabrics, addressing issues of appropriation versus appreciation and ways to honor the cultural heritage behind these textiles. By the end of this class, participants will have gained the knowledge and confidence to creatively incorporate African Print Fabrics into their fashion

designs, home decor projects, and crafts while respecting their cultural significance and heritage. Whether you're a fashion designer, DIY enthusiast, or cultural enthusiast, this class offers valuable insights and inspiration for working with African Print Fabrics

Included in your class kit will be:

- Twenty authentic fat quarter African Print Fabrics. This will be equivalent to a total of five yards of fabric. These prints can be used as a reference guide or swatch booklet. You can also make a medium size project such as the Sew Creative Lounge Patchwork Skirt.
- African Print Guide Sheet (approximately twenty pages).
- Sew Creative Lounge Patchwork Skirt instruction sheet.

Sessions: 1

Materials: \$57.00

Thursday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

B21

PDF Patterns 101

Salty Sews

Welcome to PDF Patterns 101 where we turn digital confusion into sewing perfection. Whether you're a total newbie or a seasoned stitcher looking to level up, this class will take you by the hand and lead you through the murky waters of PDF patterns from downloading and printing to cutting and sewing. Prepare to transform those intimidating digital files into fabulous, envy-inducing garments and accessories.

Taught by the Salty Sews creative duo Sara Robitaille and Debbie Love.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

B20

Unconventional Sewing on a Shoestring Budget

Chelsea Swindle

Join us as we explore how to transform unexpected and inexpensive everyday products into beautiful, functional creations. Our goal is to make sewing accessible to everyone, regardless of budget constraints.

In this innovative lecture-demo, you'll learn how to repurpose and reimagine different inexpensive finds into sewing materials. We'll discuss how to create practical items such as a sunglasses case and a vehicle trash bag using unconventional materials that are affordable and readily available.

Perfect for sewists at any stage of their journey, this class offers valuable insights:

-For Beginners: Gain confidence on how to work with budget-friendly materials. Learn foundational techniques and practical tips for creating useful items without spending a fortune.

-For Experienced Sewists: Discover creative ways to utilize everyday items in your sewing projects. Whether you're teaching a friend or family member or looking to expand your own creative horizons, this class will inspire you to think outside the box.

Chelsea will walk you through different ideas of what you can use and how you might be able to use them in your future projects. You'll leave with practical knowledge, newfound creativity, and ideas of how to look at everyday products in different lights.

Join us for a fun and enlightening class where creativity meets affordability. Embrace the challenge of creating something extraordinary from ordinary materials, and discover the joy of sewing without breaking the bank.

Sessions: 2

Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

C37X

Collars and Cuffs

Jim Suzio

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

Give your garments a more professional finish with crisp collars and cuffs. Sew along with expert designer, Jim Suzio, in this hands-on class. Make a reference sample as you learn about interfacing types and weights. Plus you'll be inspired by Jim's detailed construction method and creative finishing details. Your class kit includes everything you need: precut fabric, interfacing, and patterns.

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$25.00

Hands-On

Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

C44X

Create a Custom Bodice Using a Dress Form

Joe Vecchiarelli

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

C33X, D49

Divide & Conquer: Mastering Borders and Blocks

Lauren Jackson

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydid's Quilting Studio

Learn to make designs fit evenly in borders and sashing. Learn which motifs work best for your quilt blocks. This class will teach you game-changing techniques to divide and conquer any quilt top. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or new to free-motion quilting, you will leave with renewed confidence and skills in your quilting toolbox.

Bring your questions and creativity; we'll discuss design ideas for your finished top. Leave inspired and ready to expand your quilting repertoire. Transform your quilting skills with Lauren Jackson's easy to understand method.

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$42.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C45, D61, E77

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 overdyed 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: \$27.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

C38, D54XY

You Want to Hoop THAT?

Alicia Welcher

Feel like you're missing out on something? Like knowing how to hoop things that just don't look hoop-able? Those days are over, as Alicia shares easy ways to tame those seemingly impossible items and get them under your embroidery needle without a struggle. As with all her courses, she starts with the most basic process and builds, in clear, easy-to-follow steps, to the most sophisticated techniques. Share the journey as she works with a variety of totes, a hat, a cosmetic bag, and more delicate items, including a one-piece baby bodysuit, organza patches and a double-layered knit blanket – seven very different types of items, seven different approaches. From tough and sturdy to small and tricky to dainty and fine, the projects represent many of the challenges we come upon in our everyday embroidery practice.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

C35

Pyramid Shuffle Pieced Quilt

LuAnn Hartley

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

This modern Pyramid pattern uses different size triangles to create the Pyramids. Triangles are hard to create but this class uses a specialty ruler to create the units (ruler included in class fee) that will be put together to create the blocks. You can use scrap fabrics or color coordinated fabrics to create the pyramids. Shuffle the colors around to get stunning shadow effects seen in the sample quilt.

If you worried about creating the perfect points, this block is made oversized and then trimmed down using a specialty ruler. Join us for this new modern take on how to create blocks using triangles and leave with a new appreciation for these type of patterns.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$42.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

C41, D57XY

Date Night Dress

Salty Sews

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Need a perfect date night dress? Or just want to look fab any day of the week? We got you! Join us to learn how to make this subtly sexy, super comfortable knit dress. Whether you have never touched a serger before or you are an old pro, we will walk you through making this universally flattering, short sleeved corset style dress with equal amounts humor and patience.

Your dress will be precut and ready to sew for you, so please make sure to communicate your measurements and fabric choice well in advance so we can get it ready!

Taught by the Salty Sews creative duo Sara Robitaille and Debbie Love.

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$87.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C42, D58, E74

Lounge Pants with Pockets!

Salty Sews

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Join the creative duo from Salty Sews, Sara Robitaille and Debbie Love, to make your new favorite pair of pants! Slightly flared and super comfortable, we modified the pockets so they incredibly easy to make. We can't wait to teach you the best new skill for sewing pockets, because who doesn't love pockets?! We're sure you'll love stitching with bamboo French terry too.'

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$80.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

C42, D58XY

Know Your Knit Fabrics

Pattie Otto

The alphabet has taken over the world of modern knit fabrics! ITY, DBP, DTY and more all add to the confusion. Names like Ponte de Roma, Performance,

Liverpool and Scuba can cause your head to spin. Get to know the fiber, feel and properties of these hi-tech knits and how to sew with them. Pattie will share the best pattern choices as well as needle and threads to use. As always, she has an extensive collection of garments that showcases these beautiful fabrics.

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$17.00
Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
C34

Inspiring Serger Confidence

Kathy McMakin

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$15.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
C43, D59XY

Two Easy: How to Measure Yourself for the Perfect Fit

Susan Luaces

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

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

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

Black Tie Embroidered Wristlet

Pam Damour

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

The quest for the perfect little black bag is a timeless endeavor, and our wristlet bag is the ultimate solution for both casual outings and sophisticated evenings. Thoughtfully designed with six card pockets and two deep compartments to accommodate essentials like currency, lipstick, and phone, this stylish accessory is as practical as it is chic. The secure zippered pocket is perfect for stashing loose change or keys, ensuring you have everything you need at your fingertips.

The pre-cut kit includes all the materials necessary for you to create this beautiful piece, making the sewing process a delightful experience for bag enthusiasts of all skill levels.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
C39, D55, E71

Foot Feats III: 3 Needles, 5 Feet

Jill McCloy

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Small in size, Big on technique, this elegant yet practical box corner bag is designed to encourage you to play with stitches, fibers and feet. You'll receive good information on standard, twin and wing needles, then put that knowledge to use by embellishing your fabric with numerous procedures. You'll use a twin needle where a wing needle stitch is suggested, then try it with a wing needle and a standard needle. Use some matching threads and some contrasting threads. See how playing?

stretches your imagination. Add some decorative couching. Learn a simple box corner technique and create a hands lining. Make a twisted cord and bar tack it in place for a simple closure. And, ta-da, you have a perfect little gift bag and lots of new knowledge.

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$34.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C40, D56, E72

Quilt Geometry

HollyAnne Knight

Whether you loved or dreaded geometry in school, it's making a comeback in the world of quilt math and pattern design. Join HollyAnne Knight of String & Story for an enlightening class that bridges the gap between those school lessons and the quilting projects you adore.

In this engaging workshop, HollyAnne will explore the connections between geometry principles and quilt pattern design, helping you see how those school concepts apply to your sewing projects. We'll demystify the basics of quilt pattern math, including how to accurately calculate fabric requirements for your quilts.

Through detailed demonstration, you'll gain a clear understanding of how to use quilt math to your advantage, transforming what may seem like complex calculations into straightforward, practical steps. By the end of the class, you'll not only develop a newfound appreciation for geometry and pattern designers but also be inspired to create your own quilt blocks with confidence.

Join us to turn geometric challenges into creative opportunities and enhance your quilting skills with a fresh perspective on pattern design and fabric calculations.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D53

You're Embroidering on WHAT?

Alicia Welcher

Have you been looking for ways to create more amazing projects with your embroidery machine? Maybe you want to stitch on some non-traditional surfaces maybe even non-fabric materials! Join Alicia as she blazes a trail of stunning embroidery options from the not-your-average-fabric category, including cardstock, Kraft Tex, cork, netting, tulle, pet screen, the thickest terrycloth ever, balsa wood, leather and marine vinyl. Along the way she'll share her approach to each, and all the tips that keep things easy and successful.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D51

It Fits You to a Tee

Pattie Otto

Knit pullovers and dresses are the staple of many wardrobes and come in a wide variety of styles. Whether you relax in your favorite cotton tee, pull on a fitted knit tunic over leggings or slip into your best knit dress for a dinner date, there are a few fitting techniques that will help customize the fit of your favorite style. Consider how hem length flatters your figure, whether narrow shoulders need some attention, where hip curves fall and how to add a bust dart without adding a *traditional* dart. You will have your knits fitting and flattering in no time!

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D50

It Has Pockets NOW!

Jim Suzio

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$20.00

Hands-On
Thursday 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
E76, D60XY

Fitting Curvy Figures: Pattern Alterations for Fuller and Smaller Curves

Susan Luaces

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

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

Sessions: 1
Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
D52

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
E69

Sewing & Quilt Journal Workshop

Chelsea Swindle

Join influencer Chelsea Swindle of She Sews Seams as she shares her self published Sewing Journal

technique and teaches you how to document your creations. In this workshop - we will discuss the importance of documentation in sewing for both utilitarian and record keeping purposes.

Through creative writing prompts and discussion - we will open our minds to the world of properly tracking your sewing projects. Class participants will receive their own journal copy and a special archival pen.

Have you ever sewn a pattern up and made changes as you went? Or created a beautiful quilt only to forget what the fabric line or pattern was called? What is your FAVORITE thing that you have ever made? Have you been searching for a place to document your beautiful creations? You've come to the right place

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$23.00
Hands-On
Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
E67

Embroidering Knits

Alicia Welcher

Knits can confound even the most seasoned embroiderer from time to time. Alicia has had plenty of experience working with a wide range of knits over the years, and has collected all her favorite, tried and true techniques for you. Join her as she shares her collection of top tips and easy tricks for getting the best embroidery possible -- even on the stretchiest knits.

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

Specialty Notions used by Professional Studios

Joe Vecchiarelli

Discover the secrets of the fashion industry with this comprehensive class on specialty notions used daily by professionals. Watch Joe demonstrate a variety of tools designed to help you work with precision and more efficiently. This is not just a class about seam rippers, go with Joe beyond the basics, exploring essential fashion rulers, marking tools, and products like Sewer's aid and magic thread. Everyone in class

will receive one of these fabulous notions that will make you wonder how you ever sewed without it!

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

Floriani Symposium

Floriani Educator

This one-of-a-kind software class promises an exciting interactive lecture-demo experience where everyone will be successful, and there's no tech knowledge required! Attendees will work together with a team to create new embroidery designs right in class; and will learn to use Floriani FTCU and Fusion software that works with all machine formats and types. This class covers the benefits of editing in software versus editing in your machine, and how to get professional quality results for existing and new embroidery designs. Each attendee will also take home educational materials to continue learning even after class ends!

This class will be taught by Ashley Dell

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

The Art of Negative Space: Quilting Beyond the Blocks

Lauren Jackson

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydid's Quilting

Today's quilts often feature bold negative spaces, offering endless opportunities for creative quilting. But how do you enhance these areas with designs that add texture and interest without overwhelming the top? In this class, you'll learn how to dissect, design, and implement motifs that elevate your quilt's aesthetic. See real examples, spark new ideas, and gain the confidence to combine patterns like a pro. Transform empty spaces into stunning features! Secure your spot today and take your quilting to the next level.

Sessions: 1
Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
F93X

Four Techniques for Serging Knits

Pattie Otto

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

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

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

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
F90X, G106

Hem on a Serger, Oh My!

Alba Fekete

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

This is an easy fun way to learn to go beyond the basic serger use. This is a class if you are thinking of buying a serger or if you have used a serger for years. This is a hands on class to show how to use your serger to hem and add a decorative touch to your garments and crafts.

This class will explore blind hemming and flatlock hemming on a serger, and is appropriate for all skill levels. The kit will be a variety of knits and woven fabrics to create samples

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$7.00
Hands-On
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
F91XX

Cork Notebook Cover

Stephanie Folsom

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

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" x7" notebook will fit inside your finished notebook cover.

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$32.00

Hands-On

Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

F87XX

Friday 3/7/2025

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: 2

Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

H117X

Feather Play: Creative Variations and Combinations

Lauren Jackson

APQS Longarm Bold Notion Quilting

Ready to elevate your quilting artistry? Whether you're new to feathers or a seasoned pro looking for fresh ideas, this class is your gateway to mastering fancier feathers. Discover unique feather variations and combinations tailored for masculine and feminine quilt designs, while learning efficient quilting paths to minimize thread overlap. Get hands-on practice with printable guides and hands on Longarm stitching time. This session is packed with creative insights to inspire your quilting journey. Don't miss out, secure your spot today!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H125X, J141

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: \$27.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H118X, J134

Sewing Machine Essentials

Kris Vierra

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

If you're new to sewing and feeling a bit overwhelmed, join Kris in this beginner-friendly class where she demystifies the sewing machine. 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. As a bonus, you'll leave the class with a stylish hot pad set—a tangible reminder of your newfound sewing prowess!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$22.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H121X, J137

Structured Fabric Basket

Alicia Welcher

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Learn how easy it can be to whip up a structured fabric basket using your serger! These baskets are very popular for organizing just about anything around your home and they make really great gifts, especially when filled with favorite things. A cute, gathered fabric flower tops the basket off nicely and can be created in just minutes.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$44.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H122X, J138

Circles Upon Circles

Donelle McAdams

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

Discover the art of sewing circles with unparalleled precision in our latest class led by Donelle! Using the innovative Circles & Straights Tool by Sew Steady, you'll learn how to create beautiful, accurate circles and straight lines effortlessly, opening up a world of creative possibilities for your sewing projects.

In this comprehensive workshop, Donelle will guide you through the process of using this versatile tool to craft circles of various sizes. You'll explore how to incorporate decorative stitches and vibrant threads to add texture and flair to your projects. From intricate patterns to bold statements, this class will show you how to transform simple circles into eye-catching designs.

This class is designed for all skill levels and promises a fun, creative experience. Whether you're a seasoned sewer or a beginner, you'll appreciate the ease and accuracy that the Circles & Straights Tool brings to your sewing practice.

Join us for a experience filled with creativity, precision, and inspiration. You'll leave with not only new skills but also a project that showcases your newfound skill. Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your sewing projects with ease and style!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H124X, J140

Embrilliance Software Essentials-Laptop Required

Libby Ashcraft

Learn the basics of this versatile embroidery software. We will explore the most useful features of this software. What are BX fonts and how do you use them? Learn how to use color sort, edit text, merge designs, resize design and more! There is something for users of all. **Laptop required!**

Sessions: 3

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H114X, J130

Ladies Leggings: Fun, Fast & FABULOUS

Kathy McMakin

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Sewing World of Grapevine Inc.

Serge up a pair of black leggings you will love in just three hours! Pair this versatile, slimming piece of clothing with a T-shirt or your favorite tunic. In this class we will discuss the particulars of serging with

knits, how to adjust your serger to create perfect seams with no waffling or puckering, three ways to serge an elastic waistband and three ways to hem with and without a serger coverstitch. The leggings pattern is sized XS (2-4) to XXL (18-20). If you have a most-loved pair of leggings, bring them to help with sizing.

Please note: Those in Fredericksburg will have their choice of black or navy fabric.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$30.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H123X, J139

Create Your Own Pattern for Custom-fit Pants

Joe Vecchiarelli

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
H113X, J129X

Introduction to Digitizing with Floriani Software

Floriani Educator

Are you an embroidery designer at heart? If you like to personalize embroidery designs through editing, then digitizing is your next creative step. This one-of-a-kind Introduction to Digitizing class promises an exciting interactive lecture-demo with Floriani FTCU and Fusion software. Learn how to select and connect basic stitches, explore fill patterns, and what to expect from your first test stitchout. In class you will work with a team to digitize an original embroidery design which will be saved in all file formats for all machine brands. Each attendee will receive

educational materials to continue learning how to digitize at home.

This class will be taught by Ashley Dell

Sessions: 1
Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
H116X

Crafting Elegance: In-the-Hoop Embroidered Scissor Case (BYOF)

Deb Atchison

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Explore the world of intricate in-the-hoop embroidery designs with our engaging class! Deb will guide you through the creation of a charming scissor case using a complimentary in-the-hoop pattern. This hands-on session empowers you to infuse your personal flair by selecting fabrics and threads that resonate with your style. **Bring your own fabric; see supply list for details.**

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
H119X, J135

Intro to Quilting with Rulers

HollyAnne Knight

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Unlock the potential of your quilting projects with the art of ruler quilting! Rulers are indispensable tools for adding precise and intricate textures to quilts, complementing techniques like Free-Motion Quilting. Whether you're new to ruler quilting or looking to refine your skills, this class is designed to empower you with the knowledge and confidence to use rulers effectively.

Investing in rulers can enhance your quilting repertoire, but mastering their use is key to maximizing their potential. Led by our experienced instructor, you'll delve into the foundational techniques of handling and quilting with rulers. Learn essential tips for selecting the right rulers, understanding their markings, and safely maneuvering them on your quilting projects.

Throughout the class, you'll practice fundamental ruler quilting designs that can be applied to various quilt blocks and patterns. From straight lines and geometric shapes to versatile motifs, you'll discover how rulers can elevate the precision and professional finish of your quilts.

This workshop is ideal for quilters of all levels who are eager to expand their skill set and achieve stunning results with ruler quilting. Gain hands-on experience, troubleshoot common challenges, and leave equipped with the confidence to embark on ruler quilting projects with ease.

Join us for an inspiring journey into the world of ruler quilting and unlock endless possibilities for creativity and craftsmanship in your quilting projects!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$51.00

Hands-On

Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

H120X, J136

Serging Explained and Simplified

Jim Suzio

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

Sessions: 1

Hands-On

Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

H115

Start and Grow Your Own Embroidery Business

Hope Yoder

Join Hope Yoder, embroidery expert and successful entrepreneur, to learn actionable steps for starting and growing your embroidery business. From choosing the right equipment to getting your resale license, this class is your guide to turning your craft into cash whether you're a mom, dad, or anyone ready to start their embroidery journey!

Sessions: 2

Friday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

J133X

Fitting Sleeves for Appearance, Comfort, and Movement

Susan Luaces

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

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

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

J131

Fashion, Fit, and Fabric

Jill McCloy

Accurate measurements and how to take them, a realistic assessment of your figure and determination of your personal style are a must. Especially with fitting being the number one frustration in garment sewing. This frustration can be alleviated by choosing the correct pattern in the correct size, which reflects back on how to measure. There is much to be learned from the pattern envelope. Two or three patterns may look the same in the illustrations, but vary widely in construction. Knowing how to read the pattern envelope will guide you in deciding which pattern is best for you, your body type and skill level. Fitting ease and design ease are both instrumental in choosing fabrics. Pay attention to the pattern envelope. All these issues will be discussed in detail. Questions are welcome.

Sessions: 1

Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

J132

Making Batik Fabrics by Hand: Woodblocks & Beeswax

Jessica Kaufman

Embark on a journey with American textile artist, Jessica Kaufman, into the intricate world of batiks. After studying with a 5th generation woodblock batik master in Gujarat, India, Jessica has unique insights for creating batik fabric. Learn how the woodblocks are made; then watch a demonstration as she uses the blocks to print repeated designs in beeswax on cotton fabric. Students will also get an introduction to immersion dyeing with fiber reactive dyes. This colorful, culturally rich lecture will surely inspire you to try your own fabric art! After class shop the instructor's trunk show for one-of-a-kind fabrics dyed by hand.

Jessica Kaufman, owner of WAXON Batik & Dye Studio in Asheville, NC, specializes in classes & workshops in fabric dyeing. She teaches batik classes in her studio year-round.

Sessions: 1

Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

K149X

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

Susan Luaces

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

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

Sessions: 1

Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

K147X

A Million Little Tips for Garment Sewing

Pattie Otto

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

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

Sessions: 2

Friday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

K146X

Introduction to Longarm Quilting

Kris Vierra

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydid's Quilting Studio

New to longarm quilting and not sure where to start? This class will take the fear out of your machine. It's easy to be overwhelmed with the thought of buying a longarm and learning how to use your new, but terrifying and expensive machine.

If you're scared to touch your machine, or just unsure where to start, join Kris for a hands-on introduction to longarming that will have you up and quilting in no time. Kris will take the fear out of using your machine, starting with the basics. She will teach you how to load the machine and the importance of a square backing. She'll cover thread choices, batting, needle size, common tension issues and more.

Kris' stress-free approach will have you feeling confident and excited to start playing.

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$42.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

K157, L173, M189

Barn Quilt Painting

Carol Mitchell

Join us for a hands-on experience where you'll learn to design, paint, and finish your very own 2x2 ft outdoor barn quilt in just 4 hours.

Led by our skilled instructor, this workshop provides everything you need to create a stunning barn quilt. Choose from 9 different sample designs, each offering a unique pattern to suit your style. Learn the complete method of drawing out your design on the quilt board and applying paint in your chosen colors to bring your vision to life.

All supplies, including the quilt board, paints, brushes, and finishing materials, are provided by the instructor. Whether you're a beginner or seasoned crafter, you'll receive step-by-step guidance to ensure your barn quilt turns out beautifully.

Take home not only a personalized outdoor barn quilt but also the knowledge and skills to continue creating these charming pieces of art. Join us for a fun and fulfilling workshop that combines creativity, craftsmanship, and the joy of making something uniquely yours!

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$82.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
K150, L166, M182

"Everything But The Sewing Machine" Tote

Salty Sews

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

"Everything but the Sewing Machine" Tote is the perfect solution to organize all your sewing needs! This case is a must-have if you take sewing classes, like to sew and travel or attend expos where you need to bring everything, because who would not bring their whole dang sewing room along if they could? Now you can!!! All your stuff can now be tucked away in an organized (or not so organized) fashion in the 5-drawer case with an adjustable strap so you can carry it in your hand, on your shoulder or not carry it at all by using the trolley sleeve! Between all that and the super handy mesh pockets, I think we have thought of everything!!! Well, everything but the machine!

Taught by the Salty Sews creative duo Sara Robitaille and Debbie Love.

Note: There will be a class break from 5pm to 6pm.

Sessions: 5
Materials: \$117.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 7:30 PM
K153, L169, M185, N201

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

Jim Suzio

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

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

Sessions: 3
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K154, L170XY

Heirloom Sewing Techniques on a Serger

Kathy McMakin

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Sewing World of Grapevine Inc.

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00

Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K155, L171XY

Unconventional Sewing: The Dollar Dishmat Tote (BYOF)

Chelsea Swindle

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

Join us as we turn everyday dish drying mats into a beautiful tote! Our goal is to make sewing accessible to everyone, regardless of budget constraints. This is a hands on class that will teach you basic bag construction while discussing the use of unconventional items that can be used for sewing.

The goal is for each student to walk away with a fully completed, functional bag that they can take to the exhibit floor and show off while stuffing it with all sorts of newly purchased goodies! Perfect for sewists at any stage of their journey, this class offers valuable insights:

-For Beginners: Gain confidence on how to work with budget-friendly materials. Learn foundational techniques and practical tips for creating useful items without spending a fortune.

-For Experienced Sewists: Discover creative ways to utilize everyday items in your sewing projects. Whether you're teaching a friend or family member or looking to expand your own creative horizons, this class will inspire you.

Sessions: 3
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K156, L172XY

Fun, Fit, and Flatter

Joe Vecchiarelli

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

his invaluable feedback, you will have the confidence to redesign patterns that will flatter your body shape for better fitting garments.

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

Portrait Quilting

Deb Atchison

Do you have a favorite photo that you'd love to turn into a treasured quilt? If so, join Deb, Certified Teacher to learn how to do this. She will share examples and walk you through the process in this lecture designed to get you started on your own Portrait Quilt Journey.

Sessions: 1
Friday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
K148

Mylar Embroidery Buzz Mini Quilt

LuAnn Hartley

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$34.00
Hands-On
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
K151, L167XY

Play Date with Template Quilting

Donelle McAdams

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Join us for a Play Date using templates for quilting. No free motion or template quilting experience needed. You will walk through the basics and then play with the templates to experience the ease of quilting with them. You will also be shown how to use the templates and accessories (all provided for use in class) to make designs for quilt blocks, borders and more. Do not miss this opportunity to get your hands on quilting templates. Learn from a National Educator who loves teaching the basics of template quilting! Take the opportunity to try it before you buy.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$17.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K152, L168XY

Give it a Zip!

Linda McGehee

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

Sessions: 1

Materials: \$7.00

Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

L165

Pattern Alterations for Posture Issues: Fitting Forward, Rounded Shoulders

Susan Luaces

In this class, you'll see demonstrations of how to identify posture issues and alter patterns using the Seam Method to accommodate a variety of common posture issues, ensuring your garments fit and flatter your unique body shape. Whether you're dealing with

forward shoulders, a rounded upper back, or a sway back, this class will teach you the techniques you need to create custom-fit patterns that work with your posture, not against it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sessions: 1

Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

L163

Sewing Elastic Waistbands Like a Pro

Pattie Otto

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

Sessions: 1
Materials: \$12.00
Friday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L162

The No-Pattern Jacket Wardrobe

Jill McCloy

Yes, you can design your own jacket wardrobe and do so without any unpleasant measurements. We only need shoulders, neck and desired length. We'll start with a basic kimono style. Then discuss a few possible tweaks while fitting and onward to changes and additions in other words Style². Perhaps add a back yoke or a front band, or tapered sleeves, add vents or cuffs, decorative panels, a variety of collar styles. Leave off the sleeves and create a vest. Face the fronts for a fold back collar. Make a vee or rounded neckline, add a tie or button closure. Simply play your way to a great jacket wardrobe. Questions are welcome. Includes Trunk show to inspire. Work sheet.

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

Trivets, Bowls, Coasters and More

Nancy Sapin

See clothesline projects galore.....explore Nancy's journey from creating wrapped clothesline bowls and hats, to designing square-center based trivets, coasters, purses, boxes and much, much more. Don't miss this awesome trunk show as Nancy explains her secrets and how different Sulky products solved her design issues.

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

Quilty Inspiration: How Joy & Sadness Fuel Our Creativity

HollyAnne Knight

We all remember our first quilt—the initial reason that inspired us to cut fabric and sew it back together. Whether driven by a joyful occasion like a birth or

wedding, or a more somber reason such as a loss or personal change, that first quilt often marked a significant moment in our lives.

Our quilting journeys are deeply intertwined with both joy and sadness, as we use this craft to navigate life's ups and downs. Sometimes, quilting provides solace in solitary moments, while other times, it fosters a sense of connection within a community.

Join HollyAnne for a reflective and heartfelt exploration of her own quilting journey. In this thoughtful session, HollyAnne will delve into the profound reasons behind why we quilt and the significance it holds in our lives. Through her reflections, you'll find a mirror for your own quilting experiences, gaining inspiration and renewed appreciation for the craft that helps us process and celebrate life's moments.

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

The Secret to Making Great Bags

Pam Damour

The secret is out! A great bag does not just happen, it takes research, engineering, and planning to succeed. Pam has done all the research and is going to share her discoveries with you. She will help you determine the best stabilizers, zippers, and hardware for your bag, as well as demonstrate different ways to finish the bag bottom. See how various pockets and zipper insertions are used to create your own unique bag.

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

What Needle Do I Use? the Lecture

Rhonda Pierce

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

sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ!

Sessions: 1

Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

M177

The No-Pattern Skirt: Be Your Own Designer

Jill McCloy

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

Sessions: 1

Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

M180

Machine Embroidered Applique: Recipes for Success

Alicia Welcher

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

There's a very good reason machine embroidered applique is such a favorite with embroiderers. In fact, there are many reasons, including the ability to work creatively with not only thread, but with fabric, too, as you create your design. With limitless options, it's also one of the most versatile and fun ways to use your embroidery machine. Discover techniques, designs, threads, fabrics, stabilizers and even a notion or two as you see Alicia's progression from the simplest and most traditional methods to more sophisticated techniques and forms.

You'll explore special effects, and see the impact simple changes – like different fabric – can make in your finished project. Learn to add depth to your

embroideries with texture, execute beautiful shadow work and develop the 3D effect of applied applique as you pick up dozens of helpful tips and techniques you'll use over and over again in your embroidery projects. You'll begin making more confident decisions about your applique choices right away, and use your embroidery machine's talents alongside your own to create more beautiful projects.

Sessions: 1

Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

M183

Fabric Art with Tsukineko Inks

Kris Vierra

Learn how to enhance your fabric and make it uniquely yours with the use of Tsukineko inks. In this class you will learn how to marble fabric, create new designs using stencils, paint directly on your fabric and use different forms of resists to achieve unique one of a kind fabrics. You don't need to be an artist to spice up your fabrics with these acid free, water based inks. (ink is permanent)

Material fee includes: 6 different bottles of ink, color mixing chart, palette, eye droppers, tone on tone fabric, and a canvas tote for painting.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$37.00

Hands-On

Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

N198X, P214

Great Fitting Pants with Great Copy Patterns

Pattie Otto

Frustrated by pants fit? Do you want to Try Before You Buy or sew? Join Pattie from Great Copy Patterns as she brings try-ons for her popular pants patterns. Her Maui Pants are for light to mid-weight woven fabrics from challis and cotton to flannel and feature a straight leg. The Long Island Pant is designed for knit fabric and has a slimmer leg that's not too tight. Both have an elastic waist and optional slash or cargo pockets. Once you have tried on the sample pants, Pattie will aid you in the fitting adjustments needed on the paper pattern. She will also show her techniques on how to stitch the pocket and elastic applications. Sizes Hip: 32" to 56"

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$37.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
N194X, P210

Unzip the Mystery: Creative Serging

Linda McGehee

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

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

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

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$42.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
N203X, P219

Free-Motion Made Easy—A Technique Page

Nancy Sapin

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

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

you can apply this technique to any future quilting project. Nancy will also show you ways to enhance the design by thread painting and coloring. We will explore a variety of techniques and finish your page with several different binding methods. Can't forget to add buttonholes so you can place your finished work into your future technique notebook.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
N204X, P220

In-the-Hoop Vinyl Zipper Pouch Set

GlitterBugFairy

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Zippers can be installed flawlessly on an embroidery machine. It's like Magic! Designer Shanna Neylon, of GlitterBugFairy, has made the process incredibly simple and completely fun. You will love having this skill - and you'll want to add zippers to everything.

In this class you will choose from a selection of exclusive prints to stitch a 6x9" bag, with coordinating key chain and lip balm holder. Your kit includes 53" of printed vinyl, embroidery design files, plus zippers and hardware (eyelets, hook and rings) to finish even more pouches at home. This special class is one you won't want to miss.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$62.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
N199XX

Quilted Tablet Cover

Pam Damour

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

In today's digital age, electronics are not just devices; they have become our lifeline, our hub for creativity, and connection to our best friends! That's why it's important to protect them with style and flair. Introducing our fabulous, quilted tablet cover, designed with a plush padding and a charming micro welt trim that not only keeps your tablet safe but also adds a touch of elegance. The thoughtfully designed

flap features hidden magnets to ensure your device stays snug and secure.

While your kit is prepped to fit a standard iPad, we understand that tablets come in multiple sizes. You are welcome to bring your smaller device along to class, and we'll help you create a perfectly tailored cover just right for you!

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$24.00
Hands-On
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
N200X, P216

Saturday 3/8/2025

Stabilizer Pairing: The Secret to Pucker-Free Embroidery

Hope Yoder

Have you heard of *wine pairing*? In this enlightening course, Hope will teach you the formula she uses to pair various fabric types with the perfect stabilizer based on design density and stitch count.

If you have ever wondered why something looked good until you un-hooped it, this class is for you! Hope will be your expert guide to help you navigate through the intricacies of embroidery, ensuring that your creations not only look good but stay impeccable even after the final stitch. Do not miss this opportunity to elevate your embroidery skills and bring a new level of precision to your projects!

Sessions: 2
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q229X

Confident FMQ (BYOF)

HollyAnne Knight

In the APQS Longarm Studio sponsored by Katydids Quilting Studio

Join HollyAnne Knight of String & Story for an empowering class designed to boost your free motion quilting (FMQ) confidence while crafting a delightful set of placemats. This engaging workshop is perfect

for quilters who have tried free motion quilting but have faced challenges with achieving consistent, beautiful stitches or felt anxious about quilting a real project.

In this class, we'll start by reviewing the fundamentals of free motion quilting, including tension and posture, to ensure you have a solid foundation. You'll practice several essential free motion quilting motifs that will enhance your skills and build your confidence. HollyAnne will guide you through creating a comprehensive quilting plan, explaining how and why to map out your designs for the best results.

We'll then put theory into practice by drawing quilting plans for your placemats and bringing those designs to life on your fabric. By the end of the class, you'll have a set of beautifully quilted placemats and a newfound ease with free motion quilting. This class will help you move beyond any quilting anxieties and embrace your inner Quilting Rockstar with flair and confidence.

Sessions: 3
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q237X, R253

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: \$27.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q230X, R246

Boot Camp: The Seam Method of Alteration

Susan Luaces

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

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$24.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q227X, R243

Creative Bindings (BYOF)

LuAnn Hartley

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

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

Techniques taught:

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

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

Bring your own fabric; see supply list for details.

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$17.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q233X, R249

Waterfall Serger Jacket (BYOF)

Jill McCloy

In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

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

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

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$14.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q234X, R250

Continuous Line Custom Quilting

Kris Vierra

Love the look of custom quilting but concerned about the time or skills involved? Don't like to start and stop, but still want that personalized quilting design for your quilt? Yes, you can do custom quilting quickly and affordably. Kris will cover how to get from one side of you quilt to the other with minimal stops and starts, little or no marking, all while totally customizing your quilt. **Note:** *Two students will share a machine, so sign-up with a friend or make a new one in class when you join the fun! You'll be surprised at how much you'll learn between turns at the machine.*

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$55.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q226X

THROW BACK Serger Quilt

Chelsea Swindle

In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

THROW BACK is a beginner friendly quilt pattern, meant to teach you the basics of quilting while also building on your serger skills!

The quilt is made entirely out of quilt backing - which I realize is a little crazy, but also super fun! Quilt backings or "wideback" fabrics are typically 105" - 120" wide. We will be cutting these wide fabrics into long strips that you will then run through your serger, creating super long strips to be cut down into your quilt blocks. The reason for choosing this type of fabric is two fold.

For those of you new to serging, this is an excellent opportunity to get comfortable using this type of machine by sewing in long stretches. Second, I wanted those of you who are new to quilting to get experience working with backing fabrics and seeing

all the wonderful prints that exist and can be used for more than just quilt backing.

Join us for an afternoon of creativity and fun as we create the beautiful THROW BACK quilt.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$15.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Q235X, R251

The Secret to Mastering your Machine's Stitches

Jim Suzio

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

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

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$12.00
Hands-On
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Q236X

Your Custom-fit Sleeve Pattern: Balancing the Armhole

Joe Vecchiarelli

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$41.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q225X, R241

EmbroiderLee: Where Embroidery Meets Rulerwork

Donelle McAdams

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

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

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$22.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q231X, R247

Crossbody Bag with Raw Edge Applique & Threadwork

Linda McGehee

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Discover the art of crafting a stylish Crossbody Style Bag using double-faced quilted fabric in this hands-on workshop. This versatile bag is designed to be the perfect everyday carryall, with a long strap that crosses the body from shoulder to hip for added security and convenience.

In this class, you'll learn how to create a functional and fashionable bag featuring three pockets with zipper closures. We'll teach you the technique to make two zippers from one.

Add a personal touch with embellishments, combining threadwork such as decorative stitches and couching with raw edge applique to create a truly unique handbag. This project is fat quarter friendly, allowing you to experiment with different fabric patterns and colors.

Each student will complete a one-of-a-kind bag, using Linda's favorite techniques and discovering new possibilities for thread embellishment. You'll have the chance to explore various thread weights and familiarize yourself with additional buttons and feet on your sewing machine. We'll guide you through inserting zippers quickly and efficiently, making this a fun and rewarding adventure with thread, fabric, and machine.

By the end of the class, you'll walk away with a beautifully crafted bag, ideal for carrying your Kindle, iPad, or everyday essentials. Join us for an enjoyable and creative experience as you enhance your sewing skills and create a standout accessory that's both functional and fashionable.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$47.00

Hands-On

Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Q232X, R248

Trapunto with Dimensional Thread Work

Nancy Sapin

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

Sessions: 1

Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Q228

Knits for the Absolutely Terrified

Pattie Otto

Racks are filled with them, as are your closets and drawers. Knits are everywhere, so why aren't you

sewing with them? A little hesitant or palms a bit sweaty? Admit it - you're secretly terrified of sewing with knits. Pattie's class will all your fears to rest during this confidence-building class filled with must-know information.

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

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$22.00

Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

R245X

How to Work with Your Sewing Machine, Not Against It

Kris Vierra

Sewing machines are incredibly simple to use. Place the fabric under the presser foot, push down on the pedal, and you are off. No problem, until something goes wrong. Whether you are brand new to sewing or have been at it for a while, this class will help improve your skills by helping you understand your machine. We will cover common tension problems, why thread type and needle size matter, and how to avoid thread breakage, skipped stitches and more.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

R242

What Needle Do I Use? Piecing and Quilting

Rhonda Pierce

In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio

Stitch exercises demonstrate how sewing machine needles, thread, technique, and you, the quilter, control stitch quality. Experience stitching with a variety of needles and fabrics, along with a few surprises. Gain respect for the needle and elevate confidence in your needle selection. This is a fun, hands-on educational class. Sew SCHMETZ!

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$22.00

Hands-On

Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

R252X

Wonderful World of Water Soluble Stabilizers

Nancy Sapin

Water soluble stabilizers can be useful in many ways! Explore a variety of applications, including free-motion quilting, 3-D applique, machine embroidery, paper piecing, making designer scarves and much, much more. Learn the "ins and outs" of proper storage, printing on a stabilizer and wash-away tips. Find inspiration with the many ways these magical, disappearing stabilizers will enhance your creativity.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

R244

Hobby to Payday: 5 Secrets to Embroidered Apparel Profits

Hope Yoder

Join Hope Yoder, a leading expert in the home and commercial embroidery space, as she reveals the top 5 secrets to turning embroidered apparel into a profitable business. Learn which products sell for the highest margins, how to price effectively, where to source quality apparel blanks, and more. These insider tips will set you up for success and help you avoid common mistakes on your journey to embroidery profits!

Sessions: 2

Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

S261X

Embroidered Temari Chrysanthemum

Jill McCloy

In Japan, Temari means hand ball. What an understatement. Temari are beautiful, creative hand embroideries in the round and are treasured as special gifts of friendship and respect. The traditional rice hull ball and rattle will first be created. You will learn to divide the ball into sections using a narrow strip of paper and (yippee!) no math. The sections are highlighted with metallic thread such as Cresta d'Oro and the lovely Chrysanthemum design stitched, then highlighted with a pretty wrapped and couched obi. Many samples will be on display to inspire. Jill began

temari in 1985, studying under Kazuko Yamamoto, a respected temari master from Tokyo, Japan.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$28.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM
S259X, T275X

Tools, Tips and Tricks Every Sewer Needs

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

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

Sessions: 2
Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S258X

What Needle Do I Use? Knits and Specialty Fabrics

Rhonda Pierce
In the Janome Sewing Studio sponsored by Sew Sew Studio
Stitch exercises demonstrate how sewing machine needles, thread, technique, and you, the sewist, control stitch quality. Experience stitching with a variety of needles and fabrics, along with a few surprises. Gain respect for the needle and elevate confidence in your needle selection. This is a fun, hands-on educational class. Sew SCHMETZ!

Sessions: 2
Materials: \$22.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S268X

Fast & Easy Projects to Finish in Under 1 Hour!

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

Sessions: 2
Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
S260X

White on Whites: Transformed!

Jessica Kaufman
Do you love the look of hand-dyed fabrics? Would you like to take all those puzzling white-on-whites in your stash (or on sale at your local fabric store) and transform them into gorgeous hues and hand dyed effects? You will be blown away by the ease of this technique!

Using fiber reactive dyes and soda ash, you will learn to create saturated, permanent, wash-proof background colors and bring those printed white designs popping out to meet the eye. It truly is transformational-- lots of "oohs" and "ahhs" will be heard from our classroom!

Please bring any and all white-on-white cotton fabric you want to transform. Fat Quarters, 1/2 yards, and whole yards are welcome! No guarantees that you'll be able to dye every piece you bring, but we will try. Must be cotton base.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S262, T278X

Appliqued Coasters: A Clever Clothesline Project

Nancy Sapin

In the Bernina Sewing Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Learn Nancy's secrets to creating a center applique using Sulky stabilizers that will showcase any design: embroidery, free-motion design, photo, fabric panel, or just a favorite fabric print. Just think of the possibilities to use your imagination. Sew in a bead to finish off your coasters. This set of six coasters is a great gift idea you can finish in an afternoon. Nancy will have a trunk show of clothesline project ideas for more inspiration.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$27.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S265, T281X

Serger Bags 102: Let's Do Zippers Again!

LuAnn Hartley
In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

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

One bag is a Vinyl Pouch. One bag has 2 lined zippered pockets and constructed with cotton fabrics. The last bag will be constructed with faux leather/vinyl and cotton fabrics and has 3 zippered pockets in the front and one in the back. All are completely lined. Join us for this fun and informative class and take your serger bag skills to the next level.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$29.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
S266, T282XY

Serger & Coverhem Accessories

LuAnn Hartley
In the Baby Lock Serger Studio sponsored by Atlanta & Augusta Sewing Center

Both of these machines have accessories available to help you with your projects. In this lecture/demo we will talk about all of the different feet and show you how to use them. Some of the accessories for the

serger include: blindstitch, elasticator, cording, beading, curved beading, piping, gathering, and taping. See how easy these are to use and when to use them. What is a Coverstitch? We will talk about why you would want a Coverstitch machine and what they do. See a demo of the accessories available including the belt loop foot, clear chain stitch foot, coverhem guide (2 different options), and the double fold bias binder attachment. A mini trunk show is also included.

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

Six Serger Techniques You Need To Know

Pam Damour
In the Juki Serger Studio sponsored by Southeast Sewing - SewingMachine.com

Join this comprehensive workbook class where you will explore six essential serger techniques. Gain a deeper understanding of your serger and acquire valuable skills that will enhance your overall sewing proficiency. Master the art of using your serger to:

- Insert zippers the easy way
- Make piping fun & fast
- Achieve various hemming techniques
- Flawless Flatlocking
- Rolled Hems
- Learn the secret to creating a beautiful blanket binding on a 4-thread serger.

Throughout the class, you will gain insights into the inner workings of your serger. Conclude the class by celebrating your serger success. You will leave possessing a toolkit of valuable techniques that will not only enhance your serging capabilities but also contribute to your overall sewing proficiency.

Sessions: 4
Materials: \$42.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S267, T283X

Sew Like a Pro

Joe Vecchiarelli
While you may have started sewing as a hobby, repeating rookie mistakes ruins all the fun. Spend one hour with expert designer, Joe Vecchiarelli, who

will have you stitching like the pros. Learn innovative techniques and special tricks to build your sewing skills. Have you ever inserted a sleeve in backward or matched the wrong sides together? Avoid common mistakes by following Joe's system so you will never make mistakes like this again.

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

Sessions: 1
Saturday 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
S257

The Holiday Amaryllis

Jim Suzio

In the Pfaff Embroidery Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

A continuation of Jim's "blooming in the hoop series," the Holiday Amaryllis is the second entry in the series where you will not only create a three-dimensional floral design but assemble it in the hoop as well! Once created, it will bloom open for a unique tea light accessory for your holiday enjoyment. As an interactive embroidery design, you will learn that your machine can do more than just embroider a towel.

Attendees will learn Jim's layering technique to create the double-sided petals that will be layered in the hoop to construct the three-dimensional embroidery design that when stored, can collapse and stored flat when not on display.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$32.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S263, T279X

Sweet Tea Towel Gift Set

Libby Ashcraft

In the Husqvarna Viking Sewing Studio sponsored by S R Sewing Vacuum Center

Decorating kitchen towels has never been quicker or easier! We'll add a decorative fabric border to two premade towels and then use decorative stitches to "dress them up". Specially curated fabrics and towels take all the guess work out of this project!

Your class kit will include two premium tea towels from All About Blanks, plus coordinating fabric.

Sessions: 3
Materials: \$20.00
Hands-On
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
S264, T280X

Sewing with Specialty Knits

Pattie Otto

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

Sessions: 2
Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
T277X

Quick Points to the Rescue!

Susan Miller

Hoping to find just the right trim, so you can finish that quilt? Expert sewist, Susan Miller, will show how Quick Points Rulers are the answer for quilts and a variety of sewing projects. **Every student will receive their own ruler with class registration, so you can follow along as Susan demonstrates each step with her own unique tips.** See how Susan has used Quick Points for quilt borders and binding, plus trim for towels, pillows, even bags, including fabric ricrac. Imagine your projects finished to perfection with Quick Points!

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

Addicted to Bags

Linda McGehee

We've used some sort of bag, tote, or pocket to carry all our 'stuff' for ages. Explore new styles as you see how to incorporate some of the new, trendy shapes

and details to make a bag uniquely your own. Learn to use the hardware that makes your bag look like it came straight from an expensive boutique and find ideas for making bags that are creative, fun and fast!

Sessions: 2

Saturday 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

T276X