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**Thursday 5/1/2025**

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

**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  
Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
A 5X, B21

**Serger Bags 101: Let's Do Zippers!  
LuAnn Hartley  
Juki Serger**

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

A 7X, B23

### **Time for a Test Drive with Handi Quilter**

**Handi Quilter Educator**

*In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by Sewing In Carolina*

Join national educator and longarm expert, Iris Noitalay, for a morning drive in the Handi Quilter Studio. If you have ever thought about purchasing a longarm or simply want to review the basics, Iris will navigate you through this fun and interactive course. Quilt with confidence as you learn the machine features for beginners and professionals to determine which machine is right for you. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

Sessions: 3

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A 8X, B24

### **Free Motion Quilting Steps to Success (BYOF)**

**Catherine Redford**

*Husqvarna Viking Sewing*

Discover the magic of free-motion quilting. We will start with putting pens to paper to learn how to combine basic shapes to create a variety of interesting quilting designs. Once you are comfortable with drawing the shapes on paper, we will put the feed dogs down and learn how to translate these designs onto fabric using pre-made quilt sandwiches. You will have the opportunity to try lots of different designs to find

your personal favorites in this relaxed, no-criticism-allowed setting. You will leave with a variety of samples to practice at home and the confidence to do so.

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$9.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A 9X, B25

### **Twisted Knot: A Woven Rope Bowl Creation**

**Tamara Evans**

*Pfaff Embroidery*

Rope bowls are easy to make and a welcome gift for everyone on your list for any occasion! While they have become quite popular in retail environments, do not overlook the unlimited creative opportunities they afford when you make them yourself. In this hands-on class, we will explore diverse types of suitable cording and learn the techniques for coiling and stitching in different shapes and sizes. We will also explore many embellishment options including decorative stitches and threads, fabric wrapping, dyeing and even machine embroidery! You will leave class with three finished projects and the desire to create sew many more!

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$22.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A10X, B26

### **Spiral Piecing Table Runner**

**Linda McGehee**

Discover how simple it is to do spiral piecing. In this easy-going class, there are no points to match! All straight stitching, this project is fundamental and looks more involved than it is.

Stitch the strips into a tube to form the angle. Quilt the layers and finish by binding them around the edge. Fast, fun project, and leave with a finished table runner ready for the table! Use small, corded piping for additional detail. Kits use fabric from Linda, Fabric Collection, Queen of the Night.

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$37.00

Hands-On

Thursday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

A11X, B27

### **Fitting a Dress Form to You**

**Joe Vecchiarelli**

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

Sessions: 2

Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

A 1, B17

### **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, and the meaning 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 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

A 3

### **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

### **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 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

B18

### **Fashion, Fit, and Fabric Jill McCloy**

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

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

Sessions: 1

Thursday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

B19

### **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

Thursday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

B20

### **Create a Custom Bodice Using a Dress Form**

**Joe Vecchiarelli**

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

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Thursday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

C33X, D49

### **Making the Cut: Rotary Cutter Confidence (BYOF)**

**Chelsea Swindle**

With so many brands, styles and sizes (not to mention really sharp blades), the idea of using a rotary cutter may have your head spinning. This fantastic interactive workshop with Chelsea Swindle, from She Sews Seams, is the confidence boost you need. Chelsea will share her comparison research, show how to properly hold the cutter, and even teach you how to change the blade along with other clever solutions. Practice cutting a basic churn dash block with precise lines and angles that will make piecing at home a cinch.

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

Sessions: 2

Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

C34X

### **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

Thursday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

C35

## **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

## **Hand Beading on Fabric for Quilts and Fashion** **Catherine Redford**

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

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$24.00  
Hands-On  
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
C37, D53XY

## **Serger Frenzy Techniques**

LuAnn Hartley

*Juki Serger*

Come explore all the things you can do with a serger besides just finishing the edges of fabric. This is mainly a notebook class, but you can use the techniques created for the pillow pattern shown. You will receive this pillow pattern as part of the kit fee.

Learn how to perfect the flatlock stitch, including a reverse flatlock, gathering with the gathering foot, roll hems and a wave stitch using decorative threads, plus inserting zippers, piping, and applying beads. Join me and let's have fun working with different threads and feet and learning how to apply the new techniques to your projects.

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$27.00  
Hands-On  
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
C39, D55XY

## **Your Free-Motion Quilting Adventure** **Handi Quilter Educator**

***In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by Sewing In Carolina***

Quilters everywhere LOVE the excitement and fun of free-motion quilting—and it's easier than you think! Create flowing designs by connecting simple elements with continuous lines that travel across the quilt or fill a specific area. Learn how drawing and muscle memory contribute to beautiful quilting with skill-building techniques. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

*This class will be taught by Handi Quilter National Educator, Iris Noitalay, in Raleigh, NC.*

Sessions: 3  
Hands-On  
Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
C40, D56XY

### **Foot Feats III: 3 Needles, 5 Feet**

**Jill McCloy**

***Husqvarna Viking Sewing***

Small in size, and big on technique, this elegant yet practical box corner bag is designed to encourage you to play with stitches, fibers and feet. You'll receive good information on standard, twin and wing needles, then put that knowledge to use by embellishing your fabric with numerous procedures. You'll use a twin needle where a wing needle stitch is suggested, then try it with a wing needle and a standard needle. Use some matching threads and some contrasting threads. See how playing<sup>2</sup> 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

C41, D57, E73

### **Authentic African Print Skirt**

**Tisha Thorne**

***JANOME Sewing***

Create a patchwork skirt that is as unique and charming as you are using an array of African print fabrics. The skirt pattern is designed fit a range of sizes and will be easy to follow with direction from Tisha Thorne, owner of the Sew Creative Lounge in Washington, D.C. 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.

Materials fee: all fabric, elastic, and instruction sheet

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$202.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

C43, D59XY

### **Embroidered Market Tote**

**Jessica VanDenburgh**

***PFAFF Embroidery***

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

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

Sessions: 4

Materials: \$52.00

Hands-On

Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

C42, D58, E74

### **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 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D50

## **Embroidery SOS**

**Tamara Evans**

Join us as we discuss real-life examples of *embroidery gone bad*, unraveling the contributing culprits and exploring proactive solutions to avoid future mistakes. Engage in a lively session of *Can this stitch-out be saved?* Beginners and seasoned embroiderers alike will learn the ins and outs of troubleshooting embroidery issues, what to blame and how to prevent them. We will explore common problems related to hooping, needles, threads, tensions, speed, digitizing, and stabilizing. We might even bust a myth or two along the way! Walk away armed with a class handout featuring expert tips and tricks to ensure future embroidery success.

Note: If you have an *embroidery emergency*, feel free to bring it in to class for Tamara's expert advice.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D51

## **Fitting Curvy Figures: Pattern Alterations for Fuller and Smaller Curves**

**Susan Luaces**

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

Through demonstrations of the Seam Method of Pattern Alteration, we'll learn how to make changes in the areas that require a better fit, without affecting other parts of the pattern. This

approach ensures that the overall style and integrity of the design are maintained.

Sessions: 1

Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

D52

## **Specialty Notions used by Professional Studios**

**Joe Vecchiarelli**

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

Sessions: 1

Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

E65

## **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 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

E66



Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
F87X, G103

### 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  
E67

### Four Techniques for Serging Knits

Pattie Otto

**JUKI SERGER**

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

### Of Course You Can Quilt! Carrie Philpott *Husqvarna Viking Sewing*

A Beginners Guide To Making Your First (and probably not your last) Quilt!

Have you ever been to a quilt show and wondered how does someone create that? Here's your chance to not just discover the 6 different techniques that make up most quilt designs, but actually make a basic quilt top to take home. Join Carrie - the reluctant quilter-who never thought that quilting could ever become the passion of her lifetime as she guides you through the steps to a successful first project!

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$27.00

Hands-On

Thursday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
F89X, G105

### Cork Notebook Cover Stephanie Folsom *Pfaff Embroidery*

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

Sessions: 2  
Materials: \$32.00  
Hands-On  
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
F90XX

**Peek-A-Boo Beauty Bag**  
**Lauren Mormino**  
**Janome Sewing**

In this class we will be making the Peek-A-Boo Beauty Bag by More Me Know. We will learn bulk reduction techniques as well as zipper installation.

A printed pattern will be provided and all materials will be pre-cut.

Sessions: 2  
Materials: \$67.00  
Hands-On  
Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
F91XX

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**Friday 5/2/2025**

**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 - 11:30 AM  
H113X, J129

**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  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H114X, J130

**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 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
H115X

### **Let's Project! Using a Projector to Enhance Your Sewing** **Tamara Evans**

Projecting patterns onto fabric for cutting is the newest buzz in sewing. In this class, you will learn the money and time-saving benefits of using a projector over traditional paper patterns or PDF downloads. Explore affordable equipment options and learn how easy it is to set up a projector in this class. We will dive into the process of setting up and calibrating your equipment, based on your studio constraints. We will also explore different pattern types, how to use them, and the free software tools available. In short, explore the process to see if a projector is a beneficial option for your sewing studio. This class includes a printed handout with references and other valuable information.

Sessions: 1  
Friday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
H117X

### **Unzip the Mystery: Creative Serging** **Linda McGehee** *Juki Serger*

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

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

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

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$42.00  
Hands-On  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H119X, J135

### **The ABC's of Rulers for Longarm Quilting** **Handi Quilter Educator** *In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by Sewing In Carolina*

If you adore precision and consistency in your quilting, then you will love using design rulers and templates. These handy tools assist in placing designs accurately and stitching them out precisely. Learn to handle rulers and templates safely with the ruler base and Sure Foot, plus how to achieve accuracy with the markings. The spectacular variety of Handi Quilter rulers are sure to inspire your creativity. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

*This class will be taught by Handi Quilter National Educator, Iris Noitalay, in Raleigh, NC.*

Sessions: 3  
Hands-On  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H120X, J136

### **Walking Foot Quilting: Get out of the Ditch (BYOF)**

**Catherine Redford**  
**Husqvarna Viking Sewing**

An introductory class in walking foot quilting. Learn how to finish your quilts on a domestic machine while enjoying all the control of your walking foot. We will begin with a brief discussion of preparing your tops for quilting, including pressing technique and basting. Then, we will make stitched samples of different styles including matchstick quilting, grids, combined stitches, and serpentine. Find out how Catherine adds hand stitching to her quilts. Be inspired to go home and turn your tops into quilts.

*Bring your own fabric, see supply list for details.*

*Check out our other Walking Foot Quilting class for more skill-building techniques: Walking Foot Quilting: Organic Curves and Super Spirals (BYOF)*

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$14.00  
Hands-On  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H121X, J137

### **Mylar Embroidery Buzz Mini Quilt**

**LuAnn Hartley**  
**Pfaff Embroidery**

Dazzle without the drama in our Mylar Embroidery Workshop. You will discover the secret to achieving stunning metallic effects without the hassle. If you have ever been frustrated by the challenges of working with metallic thread - shredding, breaking, and general difficulty - then this class is your ultimate

solution. Learn how to incorporate Mylar into your embroidery projects for a shimmering finish. Explore using batting as stabilizer, fussy cutting using a specialty ruler, how to edit embroidery designs, how to add quilting behind your embroidery, plus you will add 3-D embellishments for a true one of a kind design. The embroidery designs are included in the price of the kit.

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$39.00  
Hands-On  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H122X, J138

### **Free Motion Quilting with Rulers for Beginners**

**Carrie Philpott**  
**Janome Sewing**

Ready to uncover your hidden quilting talent? It turns out the secret to more precise free motion quilting on your sewing machine is using rulers. Experience how “practice becomes pretty” in this hands-on introduction to ruler work with national educator, Carrie Philpott.

You will be guided through each step from marking a sample quilt top, preparing the quilt sandwich, then on to machine settings. Carrie will also share tips to determine proper quilting tension where the top and bobbin thread meet. Experiment with different rulers to create quilted motifs on a sampler block.

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$32.00  
Hands-On  
Friday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
H123X, J139

### **The No-Pattern Jacket Wardrobe**

**Jill McCloy**

Yes, you can design your jacket wardrobe and do so without any unpleasant measurements. We only need shoulders, neck, and desired length.

We'll start with a basic kimono style. Then, discuss a few possible tweaks while fitting and onward to changes and additions, in other words, Style. Perhaps add a back yoke or a front band, tapered sleeves, vents or cuffs, decorative panels, and various collar styles. Leave off the sleeves and create a vest. Face the fronts for a fold-back collar. Make a vee or rounded neckline and add a tie or button closure. Play your way to a great jacket wardrobe. Questions are welcome. Includes a Trunk show to inspire—plus a worksheet.

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

### **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 (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

### **The No-Pattern Skirt: Be Your Own Designer** **Jill McCloy**

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

Sessions: 1  
Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
J132

### **Hoop It Up!** **Tamara Evans**

Let's face it - hooping is not at the top of anyone's list of why they embroider. However, proper hooping is vital to successful embroidery outcomes! The perfect combination of stabilizer and fabric for the design is pointless if not hooped correctly. Hooping does not have to be tedious and time-consuming, it just needs to be done correctly. Let's make hooping simple, straightforward, and quick! Advanced machine features, stabilizer tricks, and tools dramatically improve the precision and success of hooping today. Discover the secrets for stitching pucker-free projects, how to secure hard-to-hoop items, and tips for those stitch-intensive designs. Learn when to hoop, when to float, and when to baste in place. Perfect design placement is easy to achieve even when stitching multiples with a few simple tips. Your kit includes a variety of substrates and stabilizers to master the techniques. This hands-on hooping class is not

machine-specific but will discuss some helpful machine features. All skill levels are welcome to get the scoop on how to hoop! Bring your own hoop!

Sessions: 1  
Materials: \$22.00  
Hands-On  
Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
J133

### **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

### **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 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
K147X

### **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 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  
K148X

### **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: \$87.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

K150, L166, M182

### **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

### **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

Friday 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

K149

### **Waterfall Serger Jacket (BYOF)** **Jill McCloy** *Juki Serger*

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](http://sewbatik.com). These fabrics are beautiful with beautiful quality and are always on grain.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$14.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K151, L167XY

## **Pro-Stitcher Principles**

### **Handi Quilter Educator**

***In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by  
Sewing In Carolina***

Pro-Stitcher is an intuitive computer-guided quilting system designed especially for use with Handi Quilter longarm quilting machines.

Whether finishing your own quilts or considering business opportunities, come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish with this incredible program. Learn from national educator, Iris Noitalay, who will guide you step-by-step through each function. Pro-Stitcher's user-friendly interface simplifies both edge-to-edge and custom block design. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

Sessions: 3

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K152, L168XY

## **Walking Foot Quilting: Organic Curves and Super Spirals (BYOF)**

**Catherine Redford**

***Husqvarna Viking Sewing***

Take your Walking Foot Quilting to the next level with organic curves and super spirals. Elevate your technique with beautiful organic curves. Learn how to execute sharp turns and make accurate straight line polygon spirals. Have fun with designs inspired by string art before rounding out the workshop with circular spirals.

*Bring your own fabric, see supply list for details*

*Check out our other Walking Foot Quilting class for more skill-building techniques: Walking Foot Quilting: Get out of the Ditch (BYOF)*

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$13.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K153, L169XY

## **Fancy That! Split Seam Embroidered Bow Sweatshirt**

**Tamara Evans**

***Pfaff Embroidery***

If you are curious about machine embroidery, you have to try this popular trend. Give a regular sweatshirt a bit of flair with an applique bow that creatively opens the side seams, fitting perfectly at your hips. Expert Tamara Evans will begin with the basics of machine embroidery. Learn about stabilizer, hooping, and techniques for placement and stitching. Class kits will include the Applique Bow design file (in all formats) and instructions from OESD so you can make more fancy sweatshirts at home.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$7.00

Hands-On

Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

K154, L170XY

## **Unconventional Sewing: The Dollar Dishmat Tote (BYOF)**

**Chelsea Swindle**

***Janome Sewing***

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  
K155, L171XY

### **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

### **Serger Surprises Pam Damour**

Do you want a serger but are afraid of choosing the wrong one? Or is the serger you already purchased still waiting in the box? Take heart because you are about to fall in love with this amazing machine. Designer and author, Pam Damour, knows all the Serger Secrets!

Although sergers are complex machines, Pam will teach how the mechanics work and help you understand the serger settings and stitches. More than just seam finishing, sergers are great

embellishers and can even be used for piecing quilts and bag making. Learn the basics of piping, zipper insertions, pleated trims and more in this technique-packed lecture.

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

### **Hallmarks of Beautiful Machine Embroidery Floriani Educator**

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

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

### **Trivets, Bowls, Coasters and More Nancy Sapin**

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

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

### **Serger Accessories** **LuAnn Hartley**

You've figured out how to use the stitches on your overlock but what about all those accessory feet that are available for the machine? Join us for this lecture/demo where we will talk about all of the different feet and show you how to use them. Many of them have multiple techniques you can do with just the one foot. There will also be a mini trunk show with projects that were created using the serger and the accessory feet. Accessories we will demo include the blindstitch, elasticator, cording, beading, curved beading, piping, gathering, taping and more. Don't miss this informative lecture/demo to see how these accessories can be applied to your projects.

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

### **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 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
M179

### **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 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
M180

### **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  
Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
M181

### **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

### **In-the-Hoop Vinyl Zipper Pouch Set GlitterBugFairy Pfaff Embroidery**

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  
N202XX

### **Pyramid Shuffle Pieced Quilt LuAnn Hartley Janome Sewing**

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 as seen in the sample quilt.

If you're 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  
Friday 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
N203X, P219

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## **Saturday 5/3/2025**

### **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

**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  
Q226X, R242

### **ScanNCut with Confidence** **Libby Ashcraft**

ScanNCut allows you to turn scanned images into extraordinary one-of-a-kind cut designs.

Learn the differences between Direct Cut and Scan to Cut data, and how to fine tune your settings to get the best possible scans.

Sessions: 2  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Q227X

### **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  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Q228X

### **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  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q229X, R245

### **Six Serger Techniques You Need To Know** **Pam Damour** *Juki Serger*

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 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q231X, R247

### **Time for a Test Drive with Handi Quilter** **Handi Quilter Educator** *In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by Sewing In Carolina*

Join national educator and longarm expert, Iris Noitalay, for a morning drive in the Handi Quilter Studio. If you have ever thought about purchasing a longarm or simply want to review the basics, Iris will navigate you through this fun and interactive course. Quilt with confidence as you learn the machine features for beginners and professionals to determine which machine is right for you. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

Sessions: 3  
Hands-On  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q232X, R248

**Little Hollies Miniature Quilt**  
**Jill McCloy**

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  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q233X, R249

**Pantograph Quilting with an Embroidery Machine**

**LuAnn Hartley**  
*In the PFAFF Embroidery Classroom*  
*Sponsored by SVP Worldwide*

Did you know you could use your embroidery machine as a quilting machine? Come join us and we will discuss where to get designs and how to size them to fit your project. Then you will create a small wall hanging/placemat and learn how to hoop and connect the quilting patterns. We will also quilt the borders using a different quilt design.

We will begin by creating a wall hanging using a panel/all over fabric for the main block and then add borders. I will discuss how to create templates for placement, plus go over some of the features of the embroidery machines that make continuous quilting fast and easy! Even if you have a long arm, this is a great way to do smaller projects. Plus, quilting borders are so

easy with the embroidery machine, you won't want to do borders any other way.

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$38.00  
Hands-On  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q234X, R250

**Christy Crossbody Bag**  
**Jessica VanDenburgh**  
*Janome Sewing*

This fun and versatile crossbody bag is the perfect everyday purse. The outside features two corks to showcase your style and a large, zippered pocket for easy access to keys or your phone. Inside is a cool single welt pocket. It stays closed, keeping your belongings safe with a recessed zipper. This bag was named after my BFF so grab your BFF and come make it with me! I'll bring a variety of kits to choose from so there's something for everyone. Several styles to choose from: Sweet & Feminine, Sassy & Bold or Classic.

Materials fee: Kits are precut and ready for sewing, plus they include everything you need - Cork for the outside & handle, lining fabric and all hardware and zippers plus a paper copy of the pattern.

Sessions: 4  
Materials: \$62.00  
Hands-On  
Saturday 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Q235X, R251

**Tools for Template Quilting**  
**Carrie Philpott**

When friends talk about quilting on their sewing machine, have you wondered if you could do it? Chances are their precise stitches are the result of rulerwork also known as template quilting. In this new lecture, Sew Steady national educator, Carrie Philpott, will answer questions like: Do I need a special sewing foot? and, Which

templates are best for beginners? Learn about must-have accessories like the spacing gauge, plus see how easily a sewing table can expand your work area. Carrie will inspire you with her knowledge and beautiful samples.

Sessions: 1

Saturday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

R243

### **Fast & Easy Projects to Finish in Under 1 Hour!**

**Linda McGehee**

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

Sessions: 1

Saturday 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

R244X

### **Knits for the Absolutely Terrified**

**Pattie Otto**

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

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

Sessions: 2

Materials: \$22.00

Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

S259X

### **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 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

S260X

### **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

## **Design a Custom Window Treatment**

**Pam Damour**

Making a custom window treatment is easier than you think... when you are taught by The Decorating Diva, Pam Damour, of course! See how fun and exciting it is to create a one-of-a-kind window treatment as you learn the fundamentals professionals use in design and fabrication.

Your kit will include enough quality home decor fabric to make a single window top valance. Pam will guide you through the important steps of designing and cutting, with additional instructions for sewing and finishing at home, including tips for board mounting and installation. Makeover every room in the house with your own custom window designs.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$47.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S258, T274X

## **Temari: A Special Gift of Friendship**

**Jill McCloy**

Embark on a creative journey with Temari, where the name itself, *meaning hand ball*, encapsulates the simplicity and beauty of this traditional art form. Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Temari as you witness the allure of numerous artistic variations. Guided by Jill, you will craft a timeless masterpiece using a traditional base of rice hulls (provided), intertwined with yarn and thread.

In this hands-on experience, precision takes the lead as metallic thread effortlessly divides your creation into sections, later adorned with the elegant touch of pearl cotton. The magic lies in the simplicity of the technique, yielding results that are nothing short of lovely.

While stitching, unravel the fascinating history of Temari, adding depth and context to each careful stitch. As your masterpiece takes shape, Jill will share several display ideas to showcase your beautiful work.

Join us for an afternoon of relaxation and productivity, where inspiration meets the art of stitching. And here is a little secret – the joy of Temari extends beyond the final stitch, leaving you with a sense of accomplishment and a timeless piece of art to cherish.

Sessions: 3

Materials: \$17.00

Hands-On

Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S261, T277X

## **THROW BACK Serger Quilt (BYOF)**

**Chelsea Swindle**

*Juki Serger*

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 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
S263, T279X

**Pro-Stitcher Principles**  
**Handi Quilter Educator**  
*In the HANDI QUILTER Studio sponsored by*  
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Pro-Stitcher is an intuitive computer-guided quilting system designed especially for use with Handi Quilter longarm quilting machines. Whether finishing your own quilts or considering business opportunities, come see the elegant and precise quilting you can accomplish with this incredible program. Learn from national educator, Iris Noitalay, who will guide you step-by-step through each function. Pro-Stitcher's user-friendly interface simplifies both edge-to-edge and custom block design. All class materials including fabric, batting, and thread will be provided.

Sessions: 3  
Hands-On  
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
S264, T280X

**Free-Motion Made Easy — A Technique Page**  
**Nancy Sapin**  
***Husqvarna Viking Sewing***

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

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

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

**Embroidee Starter Sampler**  
**Carrie Philpott**  
***Pfaff Embroidery***

Sew Steady's fabulous Embroidee in-the-hoop quilting technique is a favorite method for people who want to finish quilts fast and easy. In this class, you will create a stunning quilt top entirely using programmed embroidery designs.

You will be amazed at how fast and precisely you will finish your quilts on your Embroidery machine without having to send them out to a longarmer. Instant Gratification! Whether you are a seasoned machine embroiderer or a newbie, Carrie will guide you through this must-know technique.

Sessions: 3  
Materials: \$32.00  
Hands-On  
Saturday 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
S266, T282X

**Creative Bindings (BYOF)**  
**LuAnn Hartley**  
***Janome Sewing***

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 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

S267, T283X

## **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

T275X