

Sew Contempo / Clear Lake
Class Schedule – January thru April 2012
Call to register 281-333-5322

Please register for class as early as possible. Payment is due at the time of registration and may be made in person or by calling the shop.

SEWING CLASSES

Learn to Sew with Ruth **Ruth Droll**

In this five week course we will be making several items such as a placemat, napkin, coaster, apron, and a tote bag. Each project introduces a new technique. Some techniques include rotary cutting, using a pattern, putting on a pocket and how to use interfacing. This class is for beginners who have never sewn before or have very little sewing experience. Come have fun and learn to sew! Five 3-hour classes. \$75

Tuesday, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 6 6:00 – 9:00pm

Beginning Smocking **Cathy Tiemann**

Learn the basic smocking stitches on a pleated sample and apply what you learn to a cute little sundress. We will cover how to read smocking plates and designs and apply the information to this first project. You will receive a pleated sample, practice floss and your dress will be pleated for free. Two 2-1/2 hour classes. \$65

*Friday, Jan 13, 20 9:30am – Noon or
Monday, Jan 30, Feb 6 5:30 – 8:00pm*

Adding Smocking **Cathy Tiemann**

Description and cost coming soon! Two 2-1/2 hour classes.

Friday, Feb 10, 17 9:30am – Noon

The Smocked Bishop **Cathy Tiemann**

Description and cost coming soon! Two 2-1/2 hour classes.

Friday, Mar 9, 16 9:30am – Noon

Picture Smocking **Cathy Tiemann**

Description and cost coming soon! Two 2-1/2 hour classes.

Friday, Apr 13, 20 9:30am – Noon

Beginning Heirloom **Ninette Cormier**

In beginning heirloom, we will discuss the notions and materials used in heirloom sewing and learn the basic French sewing techniques. These techniques will be used in making a sweet lacy baby bonnet. One 3-hour class. \$40 (supply kits will be available, cost TBD)

*Friday, Feb 3 10:00am – 1:00pm or
Friday, Apr 13 12:30 – 3:30pm*

Heirloom Sewing **Ninette Cormier**

In this class, we will review the basic French sewing techniques and apply them in making a fancy burb cloth. One 3-hour class. \$40

Monday, Mar 19 10:00am – 1:00pm

A Little Something Jacket **Barbara Cruse**

Need a jacket? This one is great for Houston weather; light, easy to make and wear, and Oh so stylish. Come and learn a few quick tips and make several to go with your entire wardrobe. Batiks are a great choice for this pattern; you also can easily do a little embellishing for that extra bling. Skill level: confident beginners. One 5-hour class. \$35

Saturday, Nov 12 10:00am – 3:00pm

Easy Zippers (Islander Sewing Systems™) **Barbara Cruse**

Put the zip in zippers with these fast and easy methods to insert any machine stitched zipper. Barbara will take you step by step through 5 different zipper techniques, all without pins or basting. One 6-hour class. \$35 + \$7 kit fee.

Saturday, Mar 31 10:00am – 4:00pm

Industrial Shortcuts (Islander Sewing Systems™) Barbara Cruse

Come and learn the secrets of professional, industry sewers. The Islander System is designed from the sewing industry for the home sewers. Whether you make garments or are a quilter, these techniques will greatly help you. Techniques include: Simple and accurate marking. Sewing pinless with perfect results. Matching intersections and fabric patterns, strips, plaids, etc. Zippers in correctly the 1st time without pinning or basting. Waistbands, cuffs, collars, etc. finished without pokies. Beautiful mitered corners. And many more time saving techniques with better results. It's fast, it's fabulous, IT'S FINISHED!!! Two 5-hour classes. \$68 + \$7 kit fee

Saturday, Feb 25, Mar 10 10:00am – 3:00pm

Sit & Sew with Barbara Barbara Cruse

A class for everyone, all skill levels (starting with confident beginner), whatever project. Sound interesting? This class is to help you with what it is you need help on. Bring in your project with your supplies and Barbara is here to help you. This can be a beginning project, i.e. tote; to special occasion, tailoring, embroidery. Do you need help with fitting, pattern adjustment, alterations, or techniques? Barbara is here to help you. \$20 per class. There is a minimum of 4 students for this class so please register early to ensure the class makes.

Thursday, Jan 12, 19, 26 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday, Feb 2, 16, 23 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 10:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00am – 1:00pm

QUILTING CLASSES

Learn to Quilt

This very popular beginning level quilt-making class is for those just learning to quilt or refreshing their skills. Almost every facet of quilt-making is explored including color, fabric selection, quilt history, rotary cutting, machine piecing, binding, quilt care and more. During this six week course you will make a nine block sampler lap quilt; however, instructions are provided for those who wish to enlarge their quilt. Six 3-hour classes. \$85 (includes pattern book)

Linda Wells



*Tuesdays, Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30 – 9:30pm or
Thursdays, Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 1 9:30am – 12:30pm or*

Advanced Machine Quilting on Domestic Sewing Machine

Liza Harrison

Let's take your machine quilting skills to the next level – all on your own conventional sewing machine! You will learn several simple free motion designs that build upon each other to create a beautiful custom look for your quilts. You will gain more confidence in your quilting abilities so you can quilt all those unfinished quilt tops. This class will be most beneficial to those who have already taken a beginning machine quilting class. One 5-hour class. \$55

Saturday, Apr 21 10:00am – 3:00pm

One Block Wonders

Liza Harrison

“One fabric, One shape, One-of-a-kind Quilt”...This is a very FUN quilt to make...and it is so much easier to sew than it looks – especially when you have someone to guide you through the process. You will learn how to choose your fabric, how to prepare your fabric for cutting, how to cut 60 degree triangles, how to easily sew your triangles into hexagon blocks, and how to arrange your blocks into a totally unique and wonderful quilt! One 6-hour class. \$65

Saturday, Feb 25 10:00am – 4:00pm

SERGER CLASSES

Serger Workbook

Barbara Cruse

This is a workbook class and designed for the person who wants to know more about how to use their serger. IT IS NOT DESIGNED to take the place of your dealer's guide class which gives you specific information about your model of serger. We will cover thread, tensions, and common problems (cause and affect, and how to correct them). Will show additional feet that are available and set up your own reference guides. 2nd class will be on decorative threads. 3rd class will be on construction. Supply list will be given in first class. Three 3-hour classes. \$98 (includes workbook)

Saturday, Jan 28, Feb 4, 11 10:00am – 1:00pm

MACHINE EMBROIDERY CLASSES

Splitting and Alignment in Embroidery Software

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

In this class Penny shows how to create embroidery designs that are too big for your hoop, so that they sew out perfectly! First you will see how the stitch out goes - that's when you really get it! Next Penny shows how to create the whole thing, and then how to split it and add in the alignment lines to help it go back together. Penny uses PE-Design to show this, but this technique can be used in most embroidery/digitizing software. This is not a hands-on class but samples will be provided for you to try this at home. One 4-hour class. \$40

Saturday, Feb 18 1:00 – 5:00pm

BES Embroidery Lettering System

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

Come and learn how to use your BES Embroidery Lettering System. You will be amazed at what this system can do! You will learn how to bring in existing designs (any format) as well as learn how to use the many features of the BES software. This is more than just a lettering

system – you get lots of free built in designs that can be used in a variety of ways. This is a hands-on class, so bring your laptop with your system preloaded. One 4-hour class. \$40

Friday, Jan 27 10:00am – 2:00pm

Appliqué the Penny Way!

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

This is a hands-on software class, showing you how to create appliqué designs in PE-Design software. Several different approaches will be shown, also how to convert an existing design to incorporate appliqué. You will need to bring your laptop with your PE-Design loaded and working, your reader/writer box, and a mouse if you prefer to use one. One 4-hour class. \$40

Tuesday, Mar 13 10:00am - 2:00pm

Cutwork Embroidery

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

Learn how to create your own cutwork designs. Many great ideas for doing other digitized designs. Learn how to create a plan and then follow it. Learn how to add Richlieu bars and other accents to make your cutwork spectacular. You will also get a free cutwork design in this class. Also, how to use the new cutwork blades now available for many sewing machines. This is a hands-on software class. You will need to bring your laptop with your PE-Design loaded and working, your reader/writer box, and a mouse if you prefer to use one. (Since this runs over the lunch period you may want to bring something to eat as well!) One 4-hour class. \$40

*Tuesday, Jan 24 10:00am – 2:00pm **or***

Tuesday, Apr 3 10:00am – 2:00pm

Working with Graphics

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

In this class, you will learn how to get the best results from your graphic files. Tips for scanning and set up, how to manipulate the files using Adobe Photoshop elements and Paint using the different graphic effects. One 4-hour class. \$40

Saturday, Apr 21 1:00 – 5:00pm

Advanced Digitizing

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

This is a hands-on software class, showing you how to digitize a design. Tips on planning the digitizing and what tools to use. Great ideas on how to avoid jump stitches and how to get really great outlines. You must be familiar with your PE Design software to attend this class – this is not a beginner class. You will need to bring your laptop with your PE-Design loaded and working, your reader/writer box, and a mouse if you prefer to use one. One 4-hour class. \$40

Friday, Feb 24 10:00am - 2:00pm

OTHER

Beginner Computing

Penny Muncaster-Jewell

This is a new class focused on how to use your computer. If you have computer embroidery software (such as Artista, PE-Design, BES, or Viking software) this is the class for you. Please take this before attending the embroidery software class. You will learn how to find designs, load them onto your computer and write them to a USB stick to take designs to your machines or how to write design to the reader/writer box. You will also learn how to organize your designs and pictures using the Windows Explorer, create folders, and dragging and dropping files as well as how to create shortcuts for your favorite software and how to scan images and save them for use with your embroidery software. This is a hands-on class. You will bring your laptop and a mouse if you use one. One 3-hour class. \$30

*Saturday, Jan 14 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***

*Saturday, Feb 11 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***

Saturday, Mar 10 1:00 – 5:00pm

BEES

The following bees meet at Sew Contempo once a month. Some require you to be a member of the Quilt Guild. Please check with the Guild for more information.

LVQG = Lakeview Quilt Guild

Lakeview Bee (LVQG) - first Monday each month

Mondays, Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2 10:00am – 1:00pm

Block Swap Bee (LVQG) – fourth Thursday each month

Thursdays, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 26 6:00 – 8:00pm

CLUBS

Our clubs are a great way to learn a new technique or pattern as well as join other sewers for a few hours of fellowship! Bring your projects to show off and see what others are working on...lots of great ideas and inspiration! Clubs are not machine specific unless otherwise noted.



Bernina Software Sampler Club

If you have Bernina Embroidery Software V6, this class is for you. From beginner on up, this is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of the software at any skill level. This *hands-on* class will meet once a month. You will receive a CD of the lesson with the project information. \$10/session or \$55/year

Friday, Jan 13 10:00am – 12:00pm

Friday, Feb 3 10:00am – 12:00pm

Friday, Mar 9 10:00am – 12:00pm

Friday, Apr 13 10:00am – 12:00pm

PE Design Club

This club is a lecture/demo of new techniques/ideas for using your PE Design software to its fullest! \$35/year

Saturdays, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 21 10:00am – 12:00pm

Serger Club

This is a lecture/demo club showing techniques or patterns related to using a serger \$20/year

Saturdays, Jan 7, Mar 3 10:00am - 12:00pm

Sew Club

This is a lecture/demo club showing techniques or patterns related to quilting, garments and anything sewing-related! \$20/year

Saturdays, Jan 14, Mar 10 10:00am - 12:00pm

Embroidery Club

This is a lecture/demo club showing techniques or designs for machine embroidery. \$20/year

Saturdays, Feb 11, Apr 14 10:00am - 12:00pm

***Join both Sew Club and Embroidery Club for \$35
per year!***

MACHINE GUIDE CLASSES

In these classes you will learn everything about how to use your new machine or software to its fullest potential! (Free with machine purchased at Sew Contempo, otherwise \$20 per hour, unless noted differently)

Bernina

Bernina 200, 300, 400, 500 series (excludes 580) (Two 4-hour classes, One extra class for Emb. units)
*Thursday, Jan 26, Feb 2 3:00 – 7:00pm **or***
Thursday, Apr 5, 12 5:00 – 9:00pm
(Embroidery Units Only) *Thursday, Feb 16 3:00 – 7:00pm **or***
(Embroidery Units Only) *Thursday, Apr 19 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Bernina 580/630/635/640/730 Sewing Guide (Two 4-hour classes)
Thursday, Feb 23, Mar 1 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Bernina 580/630/635/640/730 Embroidery Guide (One 4-hour class)
*Thursday, Mar 8 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
(730 embroidery units only) *Thursday, Mar 15 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Bernina 820/830 (Three 4-hour classes or Two 6-hour classes)
Friday, Mar 23 & Saturday, Mar 24 10:00am – 5:00pm

Bernina Artista Software (Five 4-hour classes)
Tuesday, Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10 10:00am – 2:00pm

Bernina Cutwork Tool (Two 4-hour classes)
Tuesday, Jan 24, 31 5:00 – 9:00pm

Sergers

Bernina 1300D/Elna 745, 945 (Two 3-hour classes)
Tuesday, Jan 17, 24 10:00am – 1:00pm

Bernina (expect for 1300D)/ Brother Sergers (Two 3-hour classes)
Thursday, Jan 19, 26 10:00am – 1:00pm

Brother

Brother PR 650/1000 (One 5-hour class)
Friday, Feb 24 10:00am – 2:00pm

Brother 6000/6700 (Three 4-hour classes)
*Wednesday, Jan 11, 18, 25 11:30am – 3:30pm **or***
*Wednesday, Feb 1, 8, 15 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
*Wednesday, Mar 7, 14, 28 11:30am – 3:30pm **or***
Wednesday, Apr 18, 25, May 2 5:00 – 9:00pm

Brother 1500/2800/4500/5000 (Three 4-hour classes)
*Wednesday, Jan 11, 18, 25 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
*Wednesday, Feb 1, 8, 15 11:30am – 3:30pm **or***
*Wednesday, Mar 7, 14, 28 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
Wednesday, Apr 18, 25, May 2 11:30am – 3:30pm

Brother QC 1000/ Innovis 2000 (One 4-hour class)
*Thursday, Jan 26 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
*Friday, Mar 16 9:30am – 1:30pm **or***
Tuesday, Apr 24 5:00 – 9:00pm

Brother 780/950/1250/350/400/LB6770/LB6800 (Two 3-hour classes)
*Friday, Jan 20, 27 9:30am – 12:30pm **or***
*Tuesday, Mar 20, 27 5:00 – 8:00pm **or***
Friday, Apr 20, 27 9:30am – 12:30pm

Brother NX series (One 4-hour class)
*Wednesday, Jan 25 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***
*Tuesday, Mar 6 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***
Wednesday, Apr 25 5:00 – 9:00pm

SOFTWARE GUIDE CLASSES

Brother PED NEXT Software **Penny Muncaster-Jewell**

Come and learn how to use your PE Design Next software in these hands-on classes. In the first session we will focus on reusing and manipulating existing designs by adding text, resizing, rotating, flipping, etc. In the second session we will explore the auto digitizing aspects of PE Design (autopunch, photostitch and design center) and the tools available for creating designs from scratch. Great tips for better results. This class will help jump start you in using your PED Next! NOTE: It is strongly recommended if you have difficulty using your computer, such as navigating to find a design, that you attend the Beginning Computer Class before attending this class. Free if software was purchased at Sew Contempo. Two 4-hour classes.

*Saturday, Jan 21, 28 1:00 - 5:00pm **or***
*Tuesday, Feb 14, 21 10:00am – 2:00pm **or***
*Saturday, Mar 17, 24 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***
Tuesday, Apr 10, 17 10:00am – 2:00pm

Brother PED Plus Software **Penny Muncaster-Jewell**

Come and learn how to use your PE Design Plus software in this hands-on class. This class will focus on reusing and manipulating existing designs by adding text, resizing, rotating, flipping, etc. We will explore the auto digitizing aspects of PE Design Plus (autopunch and photostitch). This class will help jump start you in using your PED Plus! NOTE: It is strongly recommended if you have difficulty using your computer, such as navigating to find a design, that you attend the Beginning Computer Class before attending this class. Free if software was purchased at Sew Contempo. One 4-hour classes.

*Friday, Feb 10 10:00am – 2:00p, **or***
Saturday, Apr 14 1:00 – 5:00pm