

**Sew Contempo / Clear Lake**  
**Class Schedule – September thru December 2011**  
**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, Sep 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 6:00 – 9:00pm*

**Pants & Shorts**

**Barbara Cruse**

Tired of those skimpy pants and shorts from the stores? Come and learn how to make your own with proper interfacings. For the advanced student, challenge yourself by lining your pants. Once you have basic pattern fitted properly you can make many changes to create different styles. Skill Level: Confident Beginner . Two 5-hour classes. \$96

*Thursday, Oct 6, 13 4:00 – 9:00pm*

**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*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Oct 15, 22 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, Sep 24 10:00am – 4:00pm*

**Sit & Sewing 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, Sep 1, 8, 22, 29 10:00am – 1:00pm*

*Thursday, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00am – 1:00pm*

*Thursday, Nov 10, 17 10:00am – 1:00pm*

*Thursday, Dec 1, 8, 15, 29 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, Sep 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 6:30 – 9:30pm or  
Thursdays, Sep 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 9:30am – 12:30pm or*

### Yellow Brick Road

**Sharon Smith**



Only 6 fat quarters? That's all you need to make this baby or lap size quilt! Can be enlarged with more fat quarters. Great quilt for beginners or an easy go-to pattern for a quick gift. Must know how to use rotary cutter. One 6-hour class. \$40

*Saturday, Dec 3 10:00am – 4:00pm*

### French Braid Christmas Tree Skirt

**Lee Wilkinson**



If you have admired the French Braid quilts but thought the technique might be too difficult or intimidating this class is for you. This Christmas tree skirt is a show stopper and you'll be surprised how easy and addictive it can be! In this class you will learn how to construct the basic French Braid with a non-traditional twist. *Class Level – Intermediate.* Three 4-hour classes. \$50

*Friday, Nov 18, Dec 2, 16 10:00am-2:00pm*

### Machine Quilting

**Marian Kush**

Learn machine quilting techniques to quickly finish your quilts. Explore various quilting techniques from walking foot to free motion. You will learn basting, selecting the right batting, binding and many tips and tricks to make it easy and fun. One 4-hour class. \$40

*Saturday, Nov 19 10:00am – 2:00pm*

### T-Shirt Quilt

**Marian Kush**

Ever wonder what to do with all those t-shirts you have collected? Why not learn the techniques to assemble them into a unique quilt? Learn how to prepare the shirts, trim away the excess, select fabric and puzzle them into a one-of-a-kind quilt that you will treasure more than that old pile of shirts. What a wonderful way to capture your child's youth, your vacations, high school or college days. Two classes. \$40

*Thursday, Oct 20 7:00 – 7:30 pm and*

*Saturday, Oct 29 10:00am – 2:00pm*

## 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, Oct 8 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! Penny will show you how to get the best out of its capabilities. This is a hands-on class, so bring your laptop with your system preloaded. One 4-hour class. \$40

*Saturday, Sep 10 1:00 – 5:00pm*

**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

*Friday, Nov 11 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

*Monday, Nov 14 10:00am - 2:00pm*

**OTHER**

**Kids' Classes**

**Ruth Droll**

*Potted Pincushions*

Bring some sunshine into your sewing room with this adorable daisy pincushion. It is so quick and easy to make with a little fabric, stuffing and plastic pot. It is then ready to store your pins. Pre-Requisites: Bobbin Winders or Beginning Sewing. One 3-1/2 hour class. \$35

*Saturday, Oct 8 1:30pm – 5:00pm*

**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, Oct 8 9:30am – 12:30pm **or***

*Saturday, Nov 12 9:30am – 12:30pm*

## 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, Sep 12, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5 10:00am – 1:00pm*

Long Arm Bee – first Monday each month

*Mondays, Sep 12, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5 6:00 – 8:00pm*

Block Swap Bee (LVQG) – fourth Thursday each month

*Thursdays, Sep 22, Oct 27 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 V5 or 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, Sep 9 10:00am – 12:00pm*

*Friday, Oct 7 10:00am – 12:00pm*

*Friday, Nov 11 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, Sep 10, Oct 15, Nov 19 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, Sep 10, Oct 8 10:00am - 12:00pm*

### Embroidery Club

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

*Saturdays, Oct 8 10:00am - 12:00pm*

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



**All Clubs Christmas Party**  
*Saturday, Dec 10 10:00am - 12:00pm*

## MACHINE/SOFTWARE 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, Sep 22, 29 1:30 – 5:30pm **or***  
*Monday, Nov 21, 28 5:00 – 9:00pm*  
(Embroidery Units Only) *Thursday, Oct 6 1:30 – 5:30pm **or***  
(Embroidery Units Only) *Monday, Dec 5 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Bernina 580/630/635/640/730 Sewing Guide (Two 4-hour classes)  
*Tuesday, Nov 22, 29 5:00 - 9:00pm*

Bernina 580/630/635/640/730 Embroidery Guide (One 4-hour class)  
(730 embroidery units only) *Tuesday, Sept 6 5:00 - 9:00pm **or***  
(730 embroidery units only) *Tuesday, Dec 13 5:00-9:00pm*  
*Tuesday, Dec 6 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Bernina 820/830 (Three 4-hour classes or Two 6-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Sep 28, Oct 5, 12 9:30am – 1:30pm **or***  
*Friday, Dec 2 & Saturday, Dec 3 10:00am – 4:00pm*

Bernina Artista Software (Five 4-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Nov 10, 17, Dec 1, 8, 15 5:00 - 9:00pm*

Bernina/Brother/Elna Sergers (Two 3-hour classes)  
*Thursday, Oct 13, 20 1:30 – 4:30pm*

### Brother

Brother PR 650/1000 (One 5-hour class)  
*Saturday, Sep 17 11:00am – 4:00pm*

Brother 6000/4500/4000 (Three 4-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Aug 31, Sep 7, Friday Sep 23 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Brother 6000/6700 (Three 4-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Oct 12, 19, 26 11:00am – 3:00pm **or***  
*Wednesday, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 5:00 – 9:00pm*

Brother 2800/2500/1500 (Three 3-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Aug 31, Sept 7, Friday, Sep 23 1:00 – 4:00pm*

Brother 5000/4500/2800/1500 (Three 4-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Oct 12, 19, 26 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***  
*Wednesday, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14 11:00am – 3:00pm*

Brother QC 1000/ Innovis 2000 (One 4-hour class)  
*Friday, Oct 14 10:00am – 2:00pm **or***  
*Friday, Dec 9 10:00am – 2:00pm*

Brother 1250/950/780/350 (Two 3-hour classes)  
*Wednesday, Sep 28, Oct 5 10:00am – 1:00pm **or***  
*Tuesday, Nov 22, Dec 6 6:00 – 9:00pm*

Brother NX series (One 4-hour class)  
*Tuesday, Sep 27 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***  
*Monday, Oct 17 5:00 – 9:00pm **or***  
*Tuesday, Nov 29 1:00 – 5:00pm **or***  
*Tuesday, Nov 29 5:00 – 9:00pm*

### Brother PED NEXT Software

### Penny Muncaster-Jewell

Two-part class explaining how to use PE-Design Next (or V9). First class focuses on using existing designs, such as resizing, rotating, combining, splitting, creating underlays, etc. Second class talks about digitizing and using the digitizing tools. This class will help jump start you in using your PED Next! Free if software was purchased at Sew Contempo. Two 4-hour classes.

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*Saturday, Nov 12, 19 1:00 – 5:00pm*