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Sew Many Thoughts

As we start the new year, we have a lot of new things to celebrate at **Sew Complete**. Many of you are aware that Hastings Way from Main Street to Clairemont was completely re-built this past year. The work was completed Thanksgiving week. We are thankful for a beautiful new road, that is more pedestrian and bike friendly. Several weeks ago, our old parking lot was broken up and then newly re-surfaced. It is also a little wider, making it easier to park. We have new, more efficient windows in the front of our store, and a new, more energy efficient back door. As of this writing, we are building a new website. It should “go live” in a few weeks. Our teachers have done a wonderful job of coming up with new classes and seminars for this upcoming season, as well as continuing the time-honored series classes and favorites. We have all of the new Sulky Blendable thread colors, and now we have the **Sulky 30wt. Collection** of solid colored cotton thread.

Speaking of **Sulky**, we will be hosting the “Sew Exciting” Seminar, “**Fun with Sulky Blendables**”, featuring Joyce Drexler’s newest book “**Fun with Sulky Blendables and Solid Color Cotton Threads**”. *National Sulky Educator*, Pat Welch will present this seminar. This will be held Thursday, February 23, 2012. You have a choice of 1-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-9:00 p.m. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your place (seating is limited).

Along with lots of wonderful thread, we have fabulous machines which offer a variety of features to allow “you to experience the imagination, creativity, fun and relaxation of sewing...” Our new machines include lessons, service and a one year membership of Sewing Club (please see page 3 for details on Sewing Club). At the present time, we have some very nice used ma-



Pat Welch
National Sulky Educator

chines, some of which have top of the line features. Stop in to see what is available.

The 22nd annual **WWIB/Sew Complete** quilt contest is in progress. Several people have picked up a starter block and are in the process of creating a quilt. The quilts are due at **Sew Complete** no later than 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012. They will be judged on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. The grand prize is a \$100 cash award from **WWIB**. Second through 5th prizes are gift certificates from **Sew Complete** in the amounts of \$50, \$25, \$15 and \$10. The quilts will be on display January 16-28 at **Sew Complete**. After that they will be taken by a mission group sponsored by **WWIB** to a remote area of Mexico and given to individuals and families who have great need.

Finally, the most current issue of the **Sew Complete Informer** has been on our website, www.sewcompleteinc.com, for several years now. We will continue to have it posted on our website under the newsletter heading. This issue is being mailed to everyone on our mail list. In the future, we will send email notification when we post a new issue on our website. Therefore, you might wish to share your current email address with us—many of you already have done this.

Happy sewing—Jamie

Special Event Schedule

New Year’s Open House: Jan. 5, 3-7 p.m. Come when you can—leave when you must. There will be wonderful appetizers, and an opportunity to make quick, fun projects at various machines. Please RSVP (No cost)

“**Fun with Sulky Blendables**” a “**Sulky Sew Exciting™ Seminar**” presented by Pat Welch, *National Sulky Educator*. Join us for this creative lecture/demo event, featuring creative projects using Sulky’s unique color-changing Blendables and Solid Colored Cotton Threads. Techniques and projects include free-motion play, quilting for the team, raw edge appliqué, birdhouse tissue box, boucle reversible purse, inking & thread embellishing, serger fun, loose-ends scarf, free-motion lace, corded shoulder bag, 3-D embellished leaves, exquisite thread shawl and Paper Solvy™ foundation piecing.

Place: Sew Complete
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Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. OR
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

Includes a \$15 value free package of Sulky products

Cost for children ages 6-16 that attend with a paid adult is \$6.00

Spring Tea: You are cordially invited to tea on Saturday, March 24, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Test Before You Invest in an Embroidery Machine: This is a chance to get a small taste of the many things today’s embroidery machines can do. Tuesday, March 27, 5-8 p.m. No cost, but please register by noon March 24.

Test Before You Invest in a Serger: Come see examples of things you can do with a serger, and then try some of these techniques on our sergers. Thursday, April 12, 5-8 p.m. No cost. Please register by noon on April 9.

Schedule of Classes and Workshops

Quilt Classes:

Quality Quilting: This season the class will learn various appliqué techniques. Raw edge, turned edge and fusible appliqué by machine and hand will be explored. The blocks can be used for potholders, embellishment for garments and bags, and table mats and table runners. The class is for all levels of experience. Fridays, Feb. 3, Mar. 2 & 30, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$36 Carol

Quilt Journal Club: Learn new, unusual, and innovative techniques—explore your creativity, share ideas and enjoy companionship while creating small art quilts. Tuesdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 20 & Apr. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 Carol

Fab Five Quilt: Using the book from Abby Lane Quilts, make a “Fun, Fast & Flirty” throw size quilt, which can be seasonal, or use whatever coordinating fabrics you like. Friday, Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$14 Jesse

Finishing the Quilt: Many of us have that quilt where the top is finished—or not, and we need help getting motivated to complete it. Do I need sashing between these blocks? What kind of borders should it have? What would be a good backing? Need help with some binding options? This is a discussion plus hands-on class. You will be able to work on your quilt and or practice techniques. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 & 8, 1-4 p.m. Cost \$24 Pat

Easter’s Here Runner: We will use the book My Runners from Disa Designs to create a modern Easter table runner. Friday, Mar. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 Jesse

Cabin Star Table Runner: Part quilt design, part Southwest design, part Adirondack. This wool felt table runner will add a cozy touch to your table no matter what time of year. Tuesday, April 17, 1 - 4 p.m. Cabin Star Table Runner pattern required. Cost: \$12 Jeri

General Sewing, Serging & Embroidery Technique Classes:

Beyond the Basics: Creative projects and sample pieces are made throughout the season. We will explore many possibilities to use the special features on machines with decorative stitches, memory sequencing capabilities, special functions and embroidery (optional). Thursdays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8 & Apr. 12 Cost: \$48 Jesse

Machine Embroidery Basics: Maybe you are fairly new at embroidery, or perhaps you need a refresher course on the basics. These classes will help you determine appropriate stabilizers, thread and embroidery design properties for a variety of fabrics. You may bring items you already own and “refresh” them with embroidery (i.e. towels, shirts, T-shirts, pillow cases, sweatshirts). Tuesdays, Jan. 17, 24 & 31, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$36 Jesse

Atkinson Designs: Each month we will create a project using patterns from the very popular designer, Terry Atkinson.

- **Tag Along Tote:** Friday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. “For a fast fashion statement, make this tote in your favorite colors...Tuck your cell phone or iPod in the pocket, add a dash of cash, and away you go!”
- **Reader Wrap:** Friday, Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. “Got your glasses? Got your favorite beverage? Grab your e-reader and read in style while protecting your Nook, Kindle, or other e-reader...”
- **Wine and Dine:** Friday, Mar. 16, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. “The wine tote is divided so you can carry a bottle of red and a bottle of white, and it even has pockets for a corkscrew and wine charms! The lunch bag has a beverage holder to keep a can or bottle upright, silverware holders, and plenty of room for lunch!”
- **Lollipop Bags:** Friday, Apr. 20, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. “These fun

little bags stand up on a hidden contrast bottom.”

Cost: \$48 for the series of 4 or \$15 each if signing up for individual sessions. Meg and Jesse

Youth Sewing (for the young and young at heart): This series of classes is great for those who are just learning to sew or want to brush up on their sewing skills while completing projects which are fun to make, as well as useful. Classes will be held the 3rd Saturday morning of each month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Each session is \$12 Jesse

1. **Pouch With Pincushion:** Jan. 21
2. **Cup Organizer:** Feb. 18
3. **Wall Organizer:** Mar. 17
4. **Your Own Project:** Apr. 21

“This & That” Gang: Using “This & That” patterns, we will get together and create a different project on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jan. 25: “Dancing Hearts”

Feb. 22: “Gotcha Covered”

Mar. 28: “Abby’s Treasure Box”

Apr. 25: “Clutter Bug Charm”

Cost: \$48 for the series of 4 or \$15 each if signing up for individual sessions.

Jesse and Meg

Reversible Apron for all Seasons: This creative reversible apron can be customized for use in gardening, cooking, sewing, holidays, etc. Monday, Feb. 13 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12 Barb

Make it Snappy: Using the pattern from Stitchin’ Sisters, “This great little carry all will give you four ‘Snap Happy’ pockets to organize all your sewing supplies or travel items...” Tuesday, Mar. 13, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 Carol

Basic Construction Knit Top: Worried about sewing with knits? Learn how to work with knit fabric while making a T-top. Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 Jesse

Threads and Needles: Learn about the vast assortment of needles and threads available for enhancing sewing projects. Kit includes needles and threads to start your collection, and fabrics to test them out. Thursday, Mar. 22, 1-4 p.m. Class fee: \$12 Kit Fee: \$20 Jeri

Quick, Adorable Doll Clothes: Using the book *30 Minute Doll Clothes* and little bits of ribbons, trim and fabric you can create darling clothes for an 18" doll quickly and easily. Tuesday, Apr. 10, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$12 Barb

Serger Club: Participants will have hands-on experience with many serger techniques and using different threads with the serger while completing fun and useful projects. Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15 & Apr. 19, 1-4 p.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 or \$15 each if signing up for individual sessions Jamie

Bernina Computer Club: This club is for owners of **V.6 Designer Plus** or **Editor Plus** embroidery software. We will explore and review many of the features of the software through exercises and projects. Thursdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15 & Apr. 19, 1:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21 & Apr. 18, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$48 Jesse

Pfaff Embroidery Software Club: This club is for owners of **5D** or **4D Pfaff Creative Suite** or **Embroidery Extra** software. We will explore many of the features of the software through exercises and projects from very basic to more intricate. Mondays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$24 Meg

Open Sewing: This is a chance to come in and work on your choice of embroidery, design software, general sewing, serging, fitting, etc. You bring whatever you wish to work on each time. One or more of our teachers will be here to assist you if you need some advice on a particular project. Mondays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 6, 1:30-4 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21 & Apr. 18, 1:30-4 p.m. & Thursday, Feb. 9, 5:30-8 p.m. Cost: \$10 per time (Sign up ahead)

Winter Specials

January 5-February 14: Come in to sign up for a drawing for a bag which includes fat quarters, thread and surprises!

January 3-31, 2012: 15% off all in stock patterns

February 1-29: 15% off in stock Cotton and tricot fabric (excludes Wool Felt)

March 1-31: 15% off in stock thread

April 1-30: 15% off in stock needles

We currently have great late model used machines and demos, while supplies last!

Basic Machine Lessons

These lessons are free of charge to those who purchase their machines at **Sew Complete**. You need to make your reservation for your lessons at least 36 business hours prior to the scheduled class, in order that we can be sure to have enough kits for all in attendance. Bring to class your machine, cord, foot control and accessories which were packed with the machine. Please enjoy using your machine as soon as you take it home! Don't wait for a lesson to try it out!

Bernina 8 and artista Lessons: Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31, 5:30 p.m.

Brother Quattro/Duetta, etc. Lessons: Mondays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 & 20, 5:30 p.m.

Pfaff Creative Current Series Lessons: Mondays, Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 5:30 p.m.

Other Bernina, Brother, Pfaff Lessons: Saturdays, Jan. 14 & 28, 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 21 & 28, 1 p.m.

Thursdays, Mar. 1 & 8, 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Apr. 11 & 25, 9:30 a.m.

Brother Embroidery Lesson 1250 & Down:

Saturday, Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m. Friday, Apr. 13, 1 p.m.

Serger Lessons: Fridays, Jan. 20 & 27, 1 p.m.

Thursdays, Mar. 22 & 29, 5:30 p.m.

Coverstitch Lessons:

Friday, Feb. 10 1 p.m. Thursday, Apr. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Sewing Club

This club is open to anyone who owns a Bernina, Brother or Pfaff sewing machine, overlocker or embroidery machine. Anyone who purchased one of these machines at **Sew Complete** is automatically a member for one year free. Members get an everyday 10% discount on non-sale merchandise except machines, software and furniture. The renewal fee is currently \$40 per year.

Club usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the first Saturday at 10 a.m., with no meeting in January or July. We demonstrate and describe many techniques and projects which go beyond the basic sewing and machine lessons. We will feature special presser feet, books, patterns, new notions and remind you of "forgotten tools". This is also a time for Club members to share their ideas and show-and-tell. Back by overwhelming popular demand, the challenge this year is to each month tackle an unfinished project.

February: Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. To liven up the winter, embellishing and couching techniques will be shared along with a variety of project ideas. Carol will coordinate the February meetings.

March: Saturday, Mar. 3, at 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, Mar. 6, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. We will feature spring sewing with home dec and garment projects (quilt projects also allowed). Jesse is the meeting coordinator this month.

April: Saturday, Mar. 31, at 10 a.m.; and Tuesday, Apr. 3, at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. We are very pleased to have Barb Hogue return as our guest speaker. This time she will include in her trunk show projects for spring and summer.

Is there a class you wish to take that is not currently on our schedule—or maybe your work hours conflict with one you want that is on our schedule? Some of our staff has expressed they are willing to try to accommodate this. We would have to have a minimum of 3 students to offer an additional class. (Maybe talk to some of your sewing friends.) Call if you are interested. We will see what we can do.

Class Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

	Class Name	Day/Time	Cost
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

When you take a class at **Sew Complete**, you get a 10% discount on materials and notions you purchase at the shop for class. In the case where kits are provided, we have figured this discount into the cost of kits. You may bring your machine for the “hands-on” classes. However, if this is not possible, or if you wish to try one of our Bernina or Pfaff or Brother models, you may arrange ahead for the use of one of our machines. Should you choose to bring your own machine, be sure it is properly tuned up and in good working condition!

Please bring basic sewing supplies to all “hands-on” classes: Shears, seam gauge, pins thread, needles, appropriate sewing machine presser feet, fabric markers, and in some cases you will need special equipment. You will be informed of the specific supplies needed for the particular classes for which you register. Classes will be limited in size on a first come, first served basis. Your prepayment guarantees your place in class and must be in by 5 days prior to class. We reserve the right to cancel or postpone class due to insufficient enrollment, in which case you will receive a full refund or credit.

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