

Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop

SPOOLS OF NEWS

April 2023

for the sewist in the know

THE MULTIPLE STITCHES OF A SERGER

When you think of a serger, your mind likely goes to the standard four thread overlock that is most commonly used. But did you know sergers have multiple different stitches? Let me break down the types of stitches and when you'd want to use them.

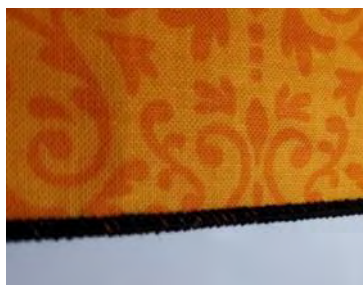
Overlock

The Overlock stitch is the most commonly used stitch on a serger. The upper and lower looper threads lock together evenly over the fabric edge to encase all of the raw edges and prevent fraying. This is a very sturdy stitch. If the seam does not need to be pressed flat the overlock stitch can be used for construction as well. If the seam needs to be pressed flat, each piece of fabric can be stitched with the overlock stitch before sewing on a sewing machine. Many people also like to use a 4 thread overlock to attach binding to one side of a finished quilt before hand sewing the second side. An overlock stitch can also be created using 3 threads. The stitch will just be a little less durable.



Rolled Edge

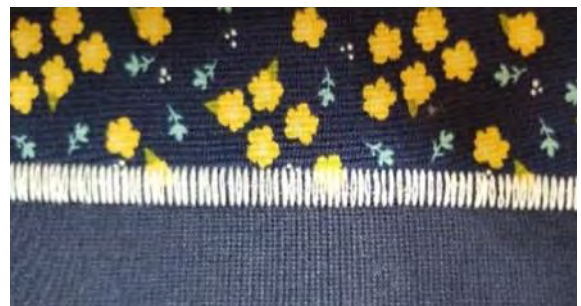
A rolled edge is the narrowest stitch possible on a serger. Rather than the seam laying flat as it did with an overlock



stitch, the serger will roll the fabric edge around the stitch finger. The upper looper thread will still wrap around the fabric to seal in raw edges, but the lower looper thread will be almost invisible on the back side. This stitch works well for seaming sheer or lightweight fabrics. It also makes a good decorative finish like on the edge of a napkin.

Flatlock Seaming

A flatlock seam works well to join two fabrics together. After the seam is stitched the edges are pulled open and flattened within the stitch to create a non-bulky joint. This is best done with fabrics that do not ravel. The flatlock stitch can be done with 2 or 3 threads. The Flatlock stitch also makes a great decorative stitch.



Blanket Stitch

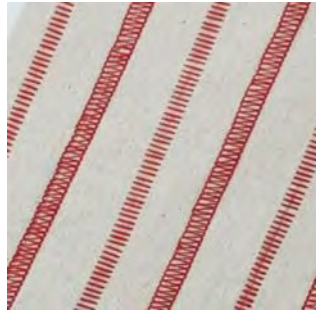
When stitching the blanket stitch on the serger, the top stitching will look very similar to the blanket stitch on a sewing machine. The backside however, will look like a more traditional serger stitch with the thread woven back and forth. This stitch is frequently used to finish off the edges of a blanket (thus the name).

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THE MULTIPLE STITCHES OF A SERGER CONTINUED

Ladder Stitch

The ladder stitch is a decorative stitch that can be created anywhere on a piece of fabric. The fabric is folded together and the stitch is created on the fold. The fabric is then gently pulled open and revealing the ladder stitch. In the photo, you will see both sides of the ladder stitch.



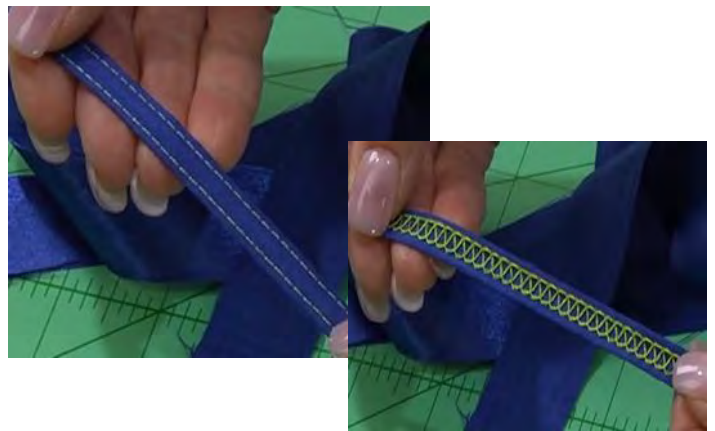
stitch could also be used as a decorative stitch. On the purple cork pictured the chain stitch was stitched with the right side up for the horizontal lines and with the wrong side up for the vertical lines.

Safety Stitch

A safety stitch is a combination of a chain stitch and an overlock stitch. A 4 thread or 5 thread safety stitch can be sewn. This thread is used to seam and overlock the edge of fabric in one step and is the garment industry standard stitch.

Cover Stitch

A cover stitch is frequently seen in finished commercial garments. The top appears as two rows of straight stitches with an overlock stitch on the underside of the fabric. A cover stitch can also be created with 4 threads (triple cover stitch) resulting in three rows of stitching on the top.



Wave Stitch

The wave stitch is a specialty decorative stitch only available on some Baby Lock Sergers. The upper and lower loopers threads gradually switch places every 25 stitches to make the appearance of a wave.



Chain Stitch

The chain stitch will appear like a straight stitch from a sewing machine on the top of the fabric. However on the bottom, the looper thread creates a chain. The chain stitch has much more stretchability than a traditional sewing machine straight stitch. It is great to attach elastic to garments or apply bias tape. The chain



Not all sergers will be able to do all stitch types. It depends on the machine and the number of threads. These stitches can also be used in various combinations. On the Baby Lock Triumph, this results in 87 different stitch combinations.

April is National Serger Month so we'll be highlighting sergers each Monday in April on our Facebook Lives at 11 am. Stop in the shop and we'll help you compare features and pick the right serger for you.



Guide to Gadgets

*making your life easier
one gadget at a time*

Gadgets for using Your Serger



Serger Trim Bin by Baby Lock

Sergers do such a nice job of cleaning up all your raw edges and removing all those fibers. But they have to go somewhere! Usually all of your table or floor. The Serger Trim Bin eliminates this problem by sliding securely under your serger and collecting all the bits in a bag that can be easily dumped in the trash.



Clear Foot for the Serger by Baby Lock

Using a clear foot on your serger allows for better visibility because the foot is see through. All stitch types can be stitched with this foot. There are also raised guidelines on the foot to aid in stitching accuracy.

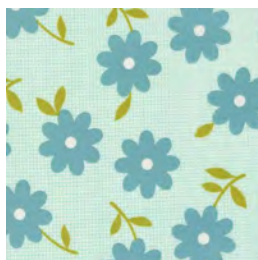
Fabric Guide by Baby Lock

To stitch precise stitching lines every time when chain stitching or cover stitching, the Fabric Guide is a must. This firmly attaches to the bed of your serger and provides a guide for your fabric.



Serger Guide Stickers by Creative Notions

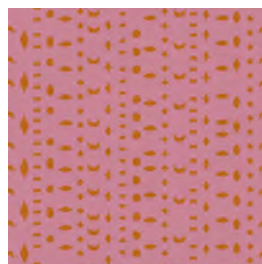
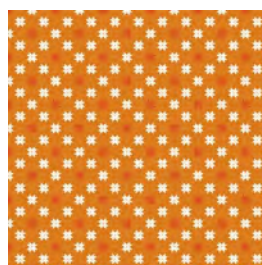
The Serger Guide Stickers stick to the bed of your serger providing useful guides for stitching. They are easy to install, just line up the red line with your needle and press firmly on the bed of the machine.



FLOWER POWER

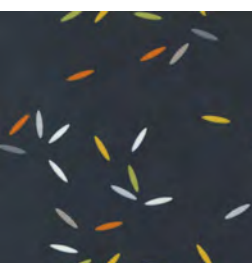
Maureen
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a sampling of **NEW FABRIC** *THAT just ARRIVED*



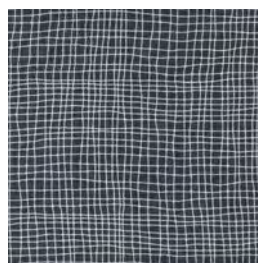
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BOOK REVIEW

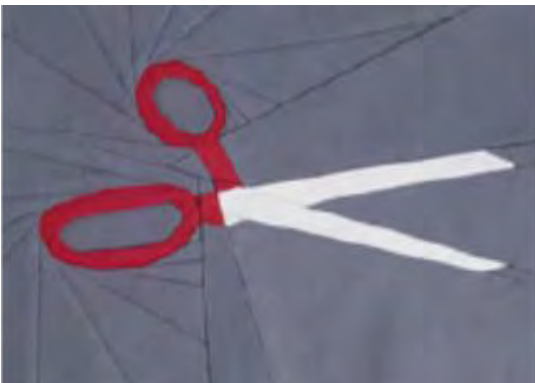
THE CRAFTY GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO MODERN PAPER PIECING

The first thing you'll notice with this book is the unique packaging. hardcover case with bungee cord closure opens up to reveal two pockets. One contains paper templates that can be photocopied as needed to complete the projects. The second pocket contains a soft cover book with all the details. If you've never paper pieced, this book is a great guide! The first section walks you through the whole process—what is paper piecing, what kind of fabric should you use, what tools do you need, etc. I liked the handy page of the essential rules to paper piecing. It really maps out all the major points.

The next section walks you through in detail (with great photos) how to paper piece. A really simple block is used so you can see exactly what is being done. The third section includes seven different paper pieced patterns of increasing complexity. Each teaches you a different skill including working with triangles, sewing multiple sections, working with super tiny fabric pieces, creating the illusion of curves, and more. The scissors block is my absolute favorite! For each pattern, a project is also suggested. But you can create anything you'd like with the individual blocks.

The final section includes seven projects that make use of the paper pieced blocks. But they are also great basic projects so you could substitute a solid fabric if your heart isn't into paper piecing.

Various tips are sprinkled throughout the book, that will translate well to other projects. The tip that stuck out the most to me was what to do when you can't press a seam allowance to the darker fabric. You can't control the seam allowance direction when paper piecing so what do you do when the seam allowance shows through white fabric—page 59 has a great solution.



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New Block of the Month

Evans Street

56" X 88"

The Evans Street features traditional quilt blocks like flying geese, square in a square, combination units, and more arranged in an eye catching medallion style. No need to wait until the final month to assemble this quilt, due to the medallion style you will be able to assemble this quilt as you create the blocks each month. All the fabric for this dazzling quilt top and binding are included.

There is a \$30 sign up fee. Each month the blocks will be \$15.95 and include:

- Fabric for that Month's Block(s)
- Fabric Placement Guide and Recommended Tools

This is a ten month block of the month beginning April 2023. Kits will be available to pick up on the first of each month. You will receive binding with fabric for Month 10's blocks. Backing and batting is not included.

Find it easier to stay on track with a class? Or just want to sew in a group? Join us each month on the third Wednesday of the month to assemble the blocks. Jennifer will share her tips on how she used the Studio 180 tools to trim down the blocks for precision piecing.





KIMBERBELL'S OH, SEW DELIGHTFUL

Adorn your sewing room walls with Kimberbell's Oh, Sew Delightful! Quilts & Decor. This darling collection includes one 26" x 38" main quilt, three mini 12" x 12" quilts, three hanging photo frames, two mini hoops, and a dimensional pin cushion! Made in 5x7 (or larger) hoops, Oh, Sew Delightful! Quilts & Decor features Kimberbell's Vintage Flora fabric and a variety of delightful embellishments. From stylish scissors to beautiful buttons, "Life is Sew Good" with Kimberbell.

Preorder your bundle today including:

- Multiformat machine embroidery CD
- Fabric Kit: Vintage Flora Fabric by Kimberbell for the top, binding, backing, and other projects is included
- Embellishment Kit: Kimberbell has gathered all the darling details for your Oh, Sew Delightful! Quilts & Decor! Celebrate stitching with exclusive Bloomin' Pins, beautiful buttons, and a tomato pincushion of lush Velveteen. Plus so much more! This kit has everything you need to fully embellish all projects included in Kimberbell's Oh, Sew Delightful! Quilts & Decor.



APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Advanced Beginner Quilting Session 1 of 3 1 - 4 pm	4	5 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	6 Beginning Quilting Session 1 of 4 2 - 5 pm or 6 - 9 pm	7	8
9 Happy Easter	10 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	11 Sew, What's New? 1:00 pm	12 Learn to Paper Piece Pots & Pans Drying Mat 1 - 5 pm	13 Beginning Quilting Session 2 of 4 2 - 5 pm or 6 - 9 pm	14 HoopSisters In Bloom Session 1 of 2 11 am - 5 pm	15 Youth Sew Bed Pocket Caddy 10 am - 12:45 pm or 1:15 - 4 pm
16	17 Advanced Beginner Quilting Session 2 of 3 1 - 4 pm	18 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	19 Evans Street Quilt BOM Month 1 1 - 4 pm	20 Beyond the Frame 11 am Beginning Quilting Session 3 of 4 2 - 5 pm or 6 - 9 pm	21 Sewing Retreat 10 am - 10 pm Country Inn & Suites	22 Sewing Retreat 10 am - 10 pm Country Inn & Suites
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OPEN SEW

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Need to get out of the house? Want to sew with friends? Bring a project and join us for Open Sew. Stay for a few hours or all day, it's up to you. We'll provide irons and the space to work. You bring your project and any supplies you need. Open Sew is free, but sign up is required to reserve your spot as space is limited.

CLASSES

LEARN TO SEW

Sign Up

Saturday, April 29 & May 6
11:30 am - 4 pm

Learn beginner sewing skills including how to use a sewing machine, fabric selection, and making three awesome projects during this two session class.

Class 1: During the first class you'll meet the Baby Lock Brilliant Sewing Machine and learn all about how a basic sewing machine works: threading, winding a bobbin, selecting your stitch and more. Jump into your first project by stitching up a pillowcase to take home at the end of the first class. We'll help you select fabric and you'll learn to use a rotary cutter, mat, and ruler for perfectly straight cuts. You'll also get started on a tote bag with interior pockets. While making the tote you'll learn how to install handles, boxing bag corners, topstitching, and more.

Class 2: First up you'll finish your tote bag. Then we'll tackle one of everyone's biggest fears . . . zippers! But no need to be afraid, thanks to our tips you'll be ready to sew zippers in everything. You'll leave class with a lined zipper bag.

The \$75 class fee includes nine hours of instruction time, three printed patterns, and use of the Baby Lock Brilliant Sewing Machine. You will also need to purchase fabric and supplies during each class. We'll supply all the tools for you the first week and discuss what you'll need to continue your sewing journey. To give you an idea additional supplies for class will cost approximately \$75. Your cost may be higher depending on which fabrics you select and what tools you need.



BEGINNING QUILTING

Sign Up

Thursday, April 6, 13, 20, & May 4
2:00 - 5:00 pm or 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Do you want to learn to quilt or improve your skills? This is the class for you; no quilting experience needed.

However you do need to be comfortable with basic operation of your sewing machine including winding a bobbin, threading your machine, and sewing a straight line. At the end of the four sessions, you will have learned the basic skills of quilt making while making a table topper. We want to make sure your quilt is completed at the end of the four sessions, so there will be homework each week.



Class 1: We'll be discussing tools and selecting fabrics. You'll also learn the basics of using a rotary cutter, mat, and ruler to cut your fabric.

Class 2: You'll need to bring your sewing machine to this class. We'll discuss sewing with an accurate 1/4" seam and start piecing your blocks.

Class 3: It's your first quilt so your blocks may not have turned out exactly the right size. It's okay! Diane will help you square up your blocks and determine how to cut your background so everything fits together. We'll also discuss various ways to quilt your table topper and you'll get started quilting.

Class 4: This week you'll finish up the quilting and learn how to finish off the edges with binding.

The \$99 class fee includes 12 hours of instruction. The book, *New Patchwork and Quilting Basics* is needed for class (\$24.95). This book is a great resource for quilting basics and includes many great project patterns. You will need to bring your sewing machine to class starting with the second week. During the first session, we'll discuss the tools needed for quilting and help you select fabric. On average students spend \$50-\$150 on fabric and additional supplies for class.

ADVANCED BEGINNER QUILTING: HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

Monday, April 3, 17, & 24
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Have you completed beginning quilting and your wondering what's next? Our Advanced Beginner Quilting classes are the perfect next step. Each class series will focus on a different common quilt block that you'll see over and over again in quilts. In this advanced beginner class, we'll be focusing on the Half Square Triangle. It can be difficult to sew so the diagonal exactly bisects the square. We have some great tips to help you easily and accurately sew this block. Just like Beginning Quilting, the goal is for you to finish the tote at the end of the three sessions, so there will be homework each session.



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Class 1: You've already learned to cut your fabric during Beginning Quilting, so we'll have you do that ahead of time and we can get right to the sewing. During the first class, you'll learn to sew half square triangles two at a time. To make a lot of half square triangles in record time, you'll also learn to sew the blocks eight at a time. Lastly you'll learn to use the Bloc_Loc ruler to perfectly trim down each half square triangle.

Class 2: You've got a week off between sessions to stitch the front of the tote together. We'll add side panels to your bag and talk about quilting options for your bag front, back, and handle. This a great project to try out some fun variegated thread.

Class 3: For the final class, you'll assemble your tote bag learning to create a slip pocket, box your corners, and complete assembly.

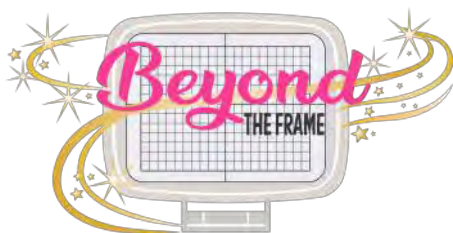
Completion of Beginning Quilting is not a prerequisite for Advanced Beginner Quilting, but you do need to be comfortable with basic quilting skills including cutting fabric, 1/4" seam, and pressing.

The \$75 class fee includes nine hours of instruction time and printed pattern. You'll need to bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies each week. You'll also need to select fabric prior to class. We encourage you to purchase your fabric at Rae-Bon to better ensure a high quality finished product.

BEYOND THE FRAME

Thursday, April 20 starting at 11:00 am

Looking for embroidery machine inspiration? Well look no further! Join Zandra Shaw for her new



webinar series, Beyond the Frame! This series will teach and inspire you while you learn how to get the most out of your embroidery machine. There's something for everyone regardless of the size of your embroidery field. Join us each month to watch the webinar, enjoy some snacks, and visit with fellow embroiders. Bring a USB stick and receive the design files for that month's project. Everyone who attends will have a chance to win a design pack from Zandra! Best of all there is no charge for this club. No need to sign up, just show up for the fun!

EVANS STREET OPEN SEW

Wednesday, April 19
1:00-4:00 pm

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Evans Street is our latest pieced block of the month. Each month Jennifer will hold a class to help you assemble the block. She'll also demonstrate the modifications she made to the pattern to piece the blocks oversized and use a Studio 180 tool to create a precise block.



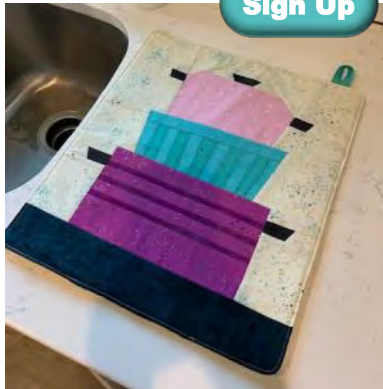
The first month you'll be creating the center pinwheel from large combination blocks. There is no class fee, but enrollment in the Evans Street Block of the Month is required. Bring your sewing machine and assemble the block in class.

LEARN TO PAPER PIECE POTS & PANS DRYING MAT

Wednesday, April 12
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Paper Piecing is a great way to create intricate designs with high accuracy even with small scraps of fabric. You sew right on the lines of a paper pattern when assembling and then the paper is removed. Join us to learn how to paper piece or improve your

skills while stitching up a Pots & Pans Drying Mat. The class fee is \$30 and includes the pattern and foundation paper. You will need to bring your sewing machine and additional supplies.



HOOPSISTERS IN BLOOM

Friday, April 14 & 28
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

HoopSisters latest in the project, In Bloom features a vine meandering along the edges with stunning floral and leaf applique on a round table topper. The center includes a striking applique flower with beautifully quilted vines.

Make 'In Bloom' in it's original layout for a round dining table or add on blocks to create a longer table topper, perfect for a rectangular dining tables. Over the course of the two sessions, you should be able to complete the round table topper. There is no class fee, but you will need to purchase the HoopSisters Battilizer and embroidery design bundle. You will need to bring your embroidery machine and supplies to class.



New Owners Class

Explore the features and stitches of your new sewing machine. You will stitch samples, learn the functions of your machine, and basic cleaning. Open to Baby Lock, Brother, Pfaff, and Viking owners. No charge for machines purchased at Rae-Bon; \$75.00 for others.

New Owners Classes are by appointment. Please call the shop at 433-7203 to arrange a time. Bring your machine, accessory feet, foot control, power cord, spool of thread, and bobbin.

A new owners class is also available to learn the basics of machine embroidery. In class you'll learn the functions of your embroidery machine, stabilizer recommendations, hooping tips, and more. No charge for machines purchased at Rae-Bon; \$150 for others.

SEW, WHAT'S NEW?

Tuesday, April 11 at 1:00 pm

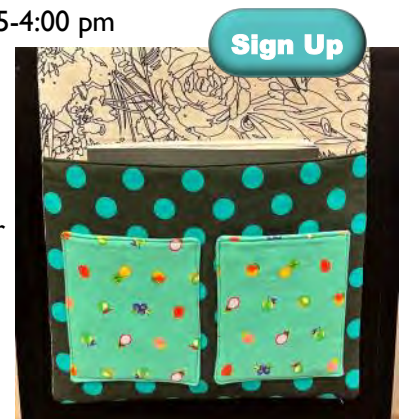
New items are always arriving at Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop! Stop by each month for a fun filled social hour and show of everything new (fabric, notions, machines, etc.). Receive a 10% discount on any new items highlighted that day. Plus bring whatever you've been working - everyone loves a good show and tell.



YOUTH SEWING: BED POCKET CADDY (AGES 8-15)

Saturday, April 15
10:00 am-12:45 pm or 1:15-4:00 pm

No sewing experience needed! Learn to sew while making an organizer for your bed. The end of this caddy slips under your mattress and hangs down to hold any of your necessities. There are multiple sized pockets to hold books, TV remotes, glasses, or anything else you want to keep close at hand. Class is limited to six students. The class fee of \$30 includes all project supplies and use of a sewing machine.



CONTINUING CLASS SERIES

Learn to Use Your ScanNCut
Tuesday, April 25 from 1:00-5:00 pm



SEWING RETREAT

April 21-23, 2023 | 10 AM to 10 PM*

Country Inn & Suites

*Retreat ends at 4 pm on Sunday.

Sew with Friends

Take a mini vacation and spend
a whole weekend sewing with friends!

Bring your own projects to work on. Each person will get their own 6 foot table. You can setup your machine on Friday and leave it setup all weekend. The cost is \$75 for the weekend. Coffee and water will be provided.



Don't want to drive home each night?
Country Inn & Suites offers a special rate of \$99 per night. Just let them know you're with Rae-Bon.



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SALLIE TOMATO comes To Rae-Bon

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
10 AM - 5 PM

We are so excited to have Jessica Barrera of Sallie Tomato come to Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop! In this hands on class, you'll learn to make the Sloane Convertible Backpack right from the designer herself. The Sloane Bag can be used on your back, over the shoulder, or as a crossbody bag. It features a concealed front zipper pocket, adjustable convertible backpack straps, handles, boxed base, interior slip pocket, and recessed zipper closure.

The \$99 event fee includes instruction from Jessica, lunch, and a trunk show of her other great patterns.

*Jessica has so many
great tips to share with you!*

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EVENTS

Mark off your calendar for some exciting, fun, and educational events!

April 21-23
Sewing Retreat

Thursday, April 27
One Day Special Event with Sallie Tomato

May 19-21
In the Hoop Machine Embroidery Projects

June 9-11
Tula Pink Inspired Projects
featuring Everglow

August 18-20:
TBA . . . It's a Surprise

September 23-25
TBA . . . It's a Surprise

September 28-October 1
Hankinson Retreat

October 19-21
TBA . . . It's a Surprise

November 10-12
TBA . . . It's a Surprise

CLASS POLICIES

Call, visit our website, or stop in to sign up and pay for the class of your choice. Class fee is due when you register.

With the exception of Youth Sew, all classes are for ages 16 and up.

The class supply list will be available when you register and pay for the class. Supplies are not included in the class fee unless otherwise specified. Please have supplies purchased before class. Kits required are available at the store. No photocopied or sharing of patterns or books will be allowed in classes.

Please be setup and ready to begin class at the specified time.

We consider your enrollment to be a commitment to take the class and we in turn make a commitment to the instructor. No cancellations are allowed on classes. Thank you for not asking us to make exceptions.

Your sewing machine or serger must be in top working condition before you arrive at class. Students whose equipment is not working properly disturb and slow down the class. We service all brands of machines and sergers so come see us prior to the start of the class.

April 1-30

**30% off
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with Purchase**



National Serger Month Machine Spotlight

Brother AIRFLOW 3000

This versatile and durable serger is a must-have for any sewing room. The AIRFLOW 3000 is more efficient than a traditional sewing machine as it can cut and finish seams all in one pass. Plus, changing threads is a breeze with Air Threading Technology.

The AIRFLOW 3000 is ideal either for advanced sewers who already use a serger but are looking to upgrade, or for serger beginners who use a sewing machine for garment construction, home décor, crafting, and quilting, but are looking to add decorative finishes to their projects.

- **Excellent Stitch Quality** - The AIRFLOW 3000 is ideal for challenging materials, like fine knits and stretchy fabrics. Achieve outstanding finishing touches with flatlock, overlock, and rolled hem stitches on most specialty fabrics.
- **Safety Sensor and Error LED** - The machine will not start and an error LED light will come on – either when the fabric cover or front cover is open or if the presser foot is raised.
- **Brightly Lit Work Area** - Enjoy high-quality LED lighting that's easy on the eyes when sewing on dark fabrics.
- **Air Threading Technology**—Threading the looper is now as simple as a touch of a button! The AIRFLOW 3000 blasts air to send thread through the looper, doing all the work for you. It doesn't get easier than this!
- **Quick Change Levers** - The AIRFLOW 3000 has a pair of quick-change levers for the rolled hemstitch feature, and a switch that will activate and deactivate the cutting knife before the edge is wrapped with thread.
- **Specialty Feet & Accessories Included**—Includes a Trim Trap, a Gathering Foot, a Blind Stitch Foot, and a Piping Foot



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- Baby Lock 16 Piece Accolade Foot Kit

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- Baby Lock 22 Piece Triumph Foot Kit
- Madeira Overlock Thread- 12 Colors

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