

Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop

SPOOLS OF NEWS

March 2022

for the sewist in the know

CROSS STITCH TIPS & TRICKS

Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop has expanded into cross stitch. We have a variety of patterns, cloth, thread, and tools to get you cross stitching. If you're an avid cross stitcher and have some requests, let us know so we can add to the department.

This month we thought we'd share a couple of tips for cross stitching.

It's probably obvious but wash your hands before you get started. This is true of quilting too, but your cross stitch project will likely endure many more hours of handling. While you may not notice it right away, over time the oils from your skin can cause yellowing of the fabric and floss.

Starting with the right length of floss will help cut down on the amount of tangling. The ideal length of floss is the distance from the tip of your finger to your elbow. You can also cut all of the loops on the bottom of your skein thus creating 24 equal lengths of thread. Using the right length of thread will also save you time in the long run because you won't have to pull the floss out so far from your finished piece when stitching.

To get a plumper looking stitch, strip your thread before starting. This means separating out each strand individually from the skein and then put them back together before threading your needle.

When you end your floss, trim the tails as you go. If you leave long tails to trim at the end, the tails are more likely to get caught in future stitches or end up on the front of your project.

When stitching it is important to maintain an even tension. You should be pulling the thread tight, but not so tight that you stretch out the hole.

As you're stitching your thread will probably start to twist, we all naturally twist the needle slightly with every stitch. Every few stitches, let your needle dangle and allow the thread to naturally unwind.

Cross stitch likely isn't a one night project (unless you're making a really small project!). When you are not working on your project, remove the cloth from the hoop. By storing your piece outside of the hoop you'll reduce the amount of creasing in the fabric.

You may still end up with a bit of creasing in the fabric and need to iron your project flat. Lay the piece right side down on a wool mat or towel and only iron from the backside. This will reduce your chance of flattening the stitches.

Why we choose Cosmo Thread Over DMC

- Cosmo floss is color fast and fade resistant, so you don't have to worry about colors bleeding when you wash your piece.
- Cosmo floss has a softer feel in the hand and is more durable due to the extra long staple cotton used to produce Cosmo floss.
- Cosmo floss has a gentle gradation within color families so it's ideal for projects that require shading.

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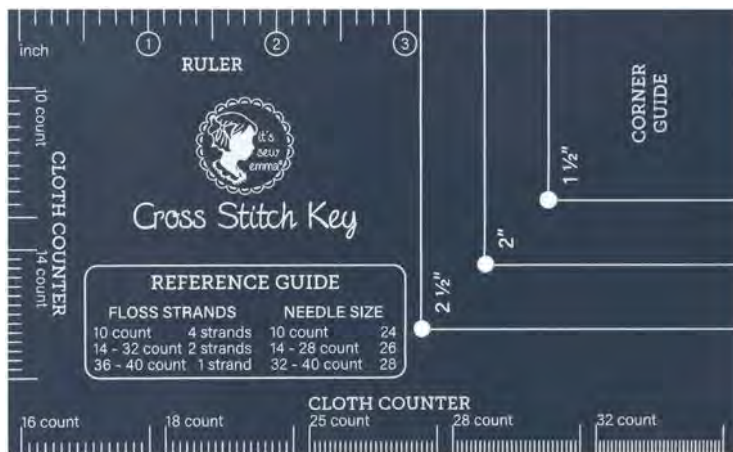
Guide to Gadgets

making your life easier one gadget at a time

**Patterns
Now Available
from the popular
Stitching
with the
Housewives**



Gadgets for Cross Stitch



Cross Stitch Key by It's Sew Emma

The Cross Stitch Key is the ultimate reference tool for cross stitch! It features four different functions. The cloth counter will help you figure out what count your cloth is. A reference guide is printed on the front so you always know how many strands of floss and what needle size are recommended for your count of cloth. The corner guide will help you position your design evenly from the corner and the ruler will help you when you need to measure something. On high contrast gray and white, this notion is easy on the eyes as well. **\$10.99**

Finishing Dots by It's Sew Emma

Cross Stitch Finishing Dots are an all-around great notion for mounting needlework. This double-sided, acid-free circle tape adheres to art boards, foam core, and more without leaving residue on your fabrics and without needing pins, staples, glue, or clips. Get a professional finish on every project every time, the perfect hassle- and worry-free way to show off your work. Pack of 240 for **\$10.99**



Close Look Lighted Magnifier

This lighted magnifier helps you see while sewing, quilting and doing small projects where you need a closer look! The magnifier is adjustable and includes three interchangeable optical grade lenses (2.0x, 2.5x and 3.0x) and batteries. **\$25.00**



Library Card Label Pack by Lori Holt

"Check out" these cute label cards! Inspired by old-school library book cards, this set of 12 acid-free cards & envelopes lets you label your cross stitch pieces any way you'd like. The card is double-sided for extra room to express yourself. Simply fill out the card, slide it into the pocket envelope and attach it to your piece. 12 labels and envelopes for **\$14.99**



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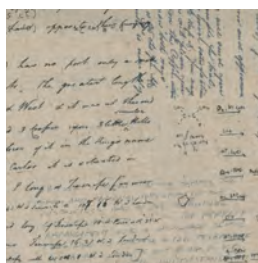
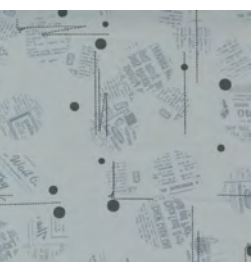
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NEW FABRIC
THAT just ARRIVED



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TULA PINK'S BUTTERFLY QUILT

PIECED BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Tula Pink brings back her iconic Butterfly quilt using all new fabrics from her latest collections. We'll be offering this as a 10 month block of the month beginning March 1. The finished size of the quilt is 88" x 94".

The first month you'll receive the entire pattern and fabric for the purple blocks. Each month

you'll receive additional fabric and notes on the section to be completed.

There is a \$30 sign up fee and the block of the month is \$22 per month. This includes the pattern and fabric for the top and binding.



HOOPSISTERS DIAMOND SKILL BUILDER

MACHINE EMBROIDERY

The Diamond Skill Builder is very versatile! Each block builds a skill to be applied to the next block including basic piecing in the hoop, as well as piecing skills on a sewing machine. The “blocks” are 60° Diamonds that can be laid out in either a Star formation or a strip quilt formation. The Diamond shaped blocks come in two sizes to fit either a 6” x 8” hoop or a 9” x 11¼” hoop.

The back can be completed using the HoopSisters traditional sashing method OR a one piece back attached using a sewing machine with walking foot, or even a long arm. Long arm design files are also included.

The classroom will be open the first Thursday of the month if you’d like a little extra help on the blocks or just to stitch with friends.

There are so many different finished quilt size options depending on how you’d like to lay it out.

- Large Diamond Layout - 47" X 54"
- Large Diamond Layout with Extended Background - 79" x 81"
- Small Diamond Layout - 28" X 32"
- 16 Block Small Diamond - 61" x 73"
- Large Strip Quilt Layout - 54½" X 67½"
- Large Strip Layout x 4 - 109" x 135"
- Small Strip Quilt Layout - 32½" X 40"
- Small Strip Quilt Layout x 4 - 54" x 80"

The cost of the USB with all the machine embroidery files in both sizes and multiple machine formats is \$139. Fabric is not included.

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Scan n Cut Session 1 of 5 1 - 5 pm	2 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	3 HoopSisters Skill Builder Open Sew 11 am - 4 pm	4 City Streets Noon - 5 pm	5
6	7 Beginning Sewing: Insulated Lunchbox 1 - 4 pm or 6-9 pm	8 Sew, What's New? 1 pm	9 Beginning Quilting Session 1 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	10 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	11 Kaleidoscope Centerpiece Session 2 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	12 Open Sew 10 am - 4 pm
13	14	15 Embroidery Lab Twisted Tote 11 am - 4 pm	16 Beginning Quilting Session 2 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	17	18 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	19 Youth Sew: Lunch Bag 1 - 4 pm
20	21 Paper Piecing Club 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	22 Grandma's Blessings 1 - 4 pm	23 Beginning Quilting Session 3 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	24 Open Sew 10 am - 5 pm	25 Woven Stars Purse Session 1 of 2 1 - 5 pm	26 Ahoy Bag Session 2 10:30 am - 4 pm
27	28 Scan n Cut Session 2 of 5 1 - 5 pm	29	30 Beginning Quilting Session 4 1 - 4 pm or 6 - 9 pm	31 IQ Designer/ Design Center Notebook Cover 1 - 5 pm		

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.

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.

CLASSES

BEGINNING QUILTING

Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, & 30
1:00 - 4:00 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 experience needed. At the end of the 4 sessions, you will have learned the basic skills of quilt making: fabric selection, rotary cutting, accurate piecing, quilting, and binding. In the first class, we'll be discussing tools and selecting fabrics. A 20% discount will be given on supplies purchased during the first class. We want to make sure your quilt is completed at the end of the four sessions, so there will be homework each week. Bring your own machine. Class fee is \$75 plus supplies and book.



BEGINNING SEWING: INSULATED LUNCHBOX

2 Session Class: Monday, March 7 & April 4
1:00 - 4:00 pm or 6:00 - 9:00 pm

If you have little to no sewing experience, this class is for you! In this class, you'll learn rotary cutting basics, topstitching, and bag assembly while making an insulated zip up lunchbox. No need to install the zipper - it's already been sewn in for you!



This bag has a few more steps than are usual beginning sewing project so it is a two session class. No need to bring anything to class; everything is included in the class fee. The class fee of \$75 includes six hours of instructor time, all supplies, and use of a Baby Lock machine. Select your own fabric when you arrive. Class is open to those 16 and older.

CITY STREETS QUILT

Friday, March 4
Noon - 5:00 pm

What direction are you headed in? Learn how to stitch up these arrow blocks and arrange them in whatever directions you'd like. City Streets is a great throw quilt. But if you're looking for something a little bigger it's easy to add more blocks! Purchase of the City Streets Quilt Kit is required for class. There is no class fee. You will need to bring your own sewing machine and the book, Follow Your Heart.



EMBROIDERY LAB: TWISTED TOTE

Tuesday, March 15 & April 19
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

In March & April, we'll be stitching up the HoopSisters Twisted Tote. All the blocks for this tote are made on your embroidery machine. The tote is lined and has four zippered pockets on the outside and four pockets on the inside. The large square bottom makes it easy to tote around bigger items. Choose between two sizes: large (minimum hoop size 7 3/4" x 9") or medium (minimum hoop size 5 3/4" x 6 3/4") Purchase the Twisted Tote Embroidery CD and HoopShape bundle for \$56.99 and the class fee is waived. You will also need to purchase fabric. In the first session, bring your embroidery machine and embroider out the blocks. During the second session, bring your sewing machine to assemble the tote.



GRANDMA'S BLESSINGS

Tuesday, March 22
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Our latest block of the month is a great technique builder. Each month Sandy will show you how to create these classic blocks with a modern twist. You'll be piecing the blocks slightly



oversized and using the Studio 180 tools to trim the blocks to the precise size. Bring your sewing machine and create your monthly blocks in class. The class is only open to those participating in the Grandma's Blessings Block of the Month.

For March's block we'll be using the Magic Wand and the Tucker Trimmer to create combination units.

HOOPSISTERS DIAMOND SKILL BUILDER

Thursday, March 3
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The HoopSisters Diamond Skill Builder is a gorgeous quilt with blocks created entirely on your embroidery machine. You can lay out the quilt in two different layouts and a multitude of size options are available. See page 5



for all the details. If you're looking for a little extra help while working on the blocks or just would like to sew with a group, bring in your embroidery machine and join us in the classroom. Sandy will be available with tips and tricks as you work on the blocks. No class fee for those who have purchased HoopSisters Diamond Skill Builder.

KALEIDOSCOPE CENTERPIECE

2 Session Class
Friday, February 25 & March 11
1:00 - 4:00 pm or 6:00 - 9:00 pm

The Kaleidoscope Centerpiece uses prairie points to create a unique 3D folded fabric art quilt or tabletop centerpiece. The printed interfacing template makes it easy to align all of the pieces to create the star shape. The class



fee is \$25. You will also need to purchase the pattern and fabric. In the first class we will be cutting and folding fabric. You will need to bring your sewing machine to the second class.

LEARN TO USE YOUR SCANN CUT

New Series Added - Starts March 1
The class meets the 1st Tuesday of the month March-July.
1:00 - 5:00 pm

The first ScanNCut class filled so quickly, we've added another to the schedule. The ScanNCut is an amazing digital cutter with a built in scanner. There is so much you can create and so many different



materials it can cut that we couldn't pack everything it can do into one class! Instead it's a series of five classes. Each session will build on previous knowledge so you become an expert on the ScanNCut and Canvas Workspace. It's easier to remember what different features do and why you would want to use them when making an actual project, so Jennifer has curated a collection of projects across a range of crafts. You'll create beautiful things while learning all your machine can do. Check out page 11 & 12 for all the details of each class.

NOTEBOOK COVER FEATURING BABY LOCK IQ DESIGNER OR BROTHER DESIGN CENTER

Thursday, March 31
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Using Baby Lock IQ Designer or Brother Design Center you can create your own in the hoop projects! Expand your knowledge of your machine while building this embroidery design and creating an in the hoop notebook cover.

A kit is required for the class (kit fee is \$30). If you purchased your machine from Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop the class fee is waived. \$35 for machine purchased elsewhere



PAPER PIECING CLUB

Monday, March 21
1:00 - 4:00 pm or 6:00 - 9:00 pm

March is our third month of paper piecing club! We do have a couple of seats left if you still want to join us for this year long adventure. Each month we'll work on a different project to expand your paper piecing skills starting with learning to paper piece and work up to more advanced projects.

The 12 month club is \$300 and includes the Quilter's Paper Piecing Workbook and printed patterns each session. The classes will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. In March, we will be stitching the Fall Lanterns Runner. You will need to bring your own sewing machine.



SERGER PROJECT AHOY BAG

2 Session Class
Saturday, February 26 & March 26
10:30 am-4:00 pm

Can you believe this bag is entirely created on the serger!?! The Ahoy Bag has 6 pockets: two inside, one on the front, one on the back, and a pocket on each side. There is an internal frame work of webbing to allow for the extra weight in a bag this large. Accents include prairie points and cording. The class fee is \$125 and includes a full color pattern and in person instruction with Sandy and Val. You will also have lifetime access to online video instructions from the pattern designer, Deb Canham. The bag is designed for an 8 thread serger, but if you only have a 4 thread serger, we will help you figure out modifications. Some of your stitches will appear differently. You will need to bring your own serger, fabric, and supplies.



OPEN SEW

Bring whatever project you'd like to work on and join your friends (or make new ones). 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.

Wednesday, March 2: 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday, March 10: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday, March 12: 10 am - 4 pm
Friday, March 18: 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday, March 24: 10 am - 5 pm

YOUTH SEWING: LUNCH BAG (AGES 8-15)

Saturday, March 19
1:00-4:00 pm

No sewing experience needed! This month we're stitching up a felt wool lunch box. You'll have the chance to add embellishments and make it your own. Class is limited to the first 6 students. The class fee of \$25 includes all project supplies and use of a sewing machine.



SEW, WHAT'S NEW?

Tuesday, March 8
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.



WOVEN STARS PURSE

Part I: Friday, March 25: 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Part II: Friday, April 1: 10:30 - 5:00 pm

This showstopping bag features a woven back panel and woven front pocket. It's a step up from traditional weaving as the strips are woven in three different directions. In the first class, you'll create the woven panels. During the second session, you'll bring your sewing machine and we'll assemble the bag. The bag features an interior slip pocket, an interior zippered pocket, exterior zippered pocket, cross body strap, and handles.

The class fee is \$75 and includes the pattern for turning your weaving into a purse. You will need to purchase the Woven Stars pattern, fabric, and supplies.



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. 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. No charge for machines purchased at Rae-Bon; \$150 for others. New Owners Classes are by appointment. Please call the shop at 433-7203 to register.





Were you wowed by a Scan n Cut demo but are a little nervous to get started? Or maybe you just know there is more you could be doing with your Scan n Cut? We've got a class for you!

Jennifer has created a five session class covering a range of the Scan n Cut features. Each session will build on previous knowledge so you become an expert on the Scan n Cut and Canvas Workspace. It's easier to remember what different features do and why you would want to use them when making an actual project, so Jennifer has curated a collection of projects across a range of crafts. You'll create beautiful things while learning all your machine can do. We hope you'll love all the projects but if some of them are not your style or interest, please remember you're learning the techniques! Once you have these valuable skills you'll be able to apply them to future projects that you dream up. The class will meet on the fourth Monday from February-June from 1-5 pm.

The materials you need to create each project are included in your class fee. These classes are your opportunity to try out lots of different techniques and materials to see what you like. No need to buy an entire roll of foil if that's not your cup of tea. We'll have a sample for you to use in class. But if you love the fusible web we're testing out, we can show you how to purchase more.

You will need to bring your Scan n Cut to class each session as well as any Scan n Cut consumables (mats, blades, etc.) and some basic crafting supplies. A supply list will be provided each session so you know what to bring. Some sessions we will be using Canvas Workspace, Brother's free online software

for editing and creating cutting files. For these sessions you will need to bring a laptop (recommended) or tablet so you can get hands on practice.

The Scan n Cut class is only open to those with a machine from the DX series (machines with an auto blade). The kit fee (\$175) will include all the materials for each project and a workbook to walk you through each lesson. There is no class fee if your Scan n Cut was purchased at Rae-Bon Sew & Quilt Shop. The class fee is \$150 for machines purchased elsewhere.

Class 1

Let's get the Scan n Cut out of the box! It's okay if you've never used your machine. We'll start with the basics this session and cut a couple of built in designs. We'll also go over different setting options and tools built into your machine.



Projects: Framed Quilt Block and Wood Ornament

Materials to Cut: cotton fabric and iron on foil

Sampling of Skills You'll Learn: fussy cutting, drawing seam allowances, resizing designs, and weeding

Class 2

While the Scan n Cut works without a computer, Canvas Workspace really expands what you can create. Brother

also offer a ton of ready to go projects for you within Canvas Workspace. This session we'll setup a Canvas Workspace account and play with some of the basic features. Laptop (recommended) or tablet required.

Projects: Cork Notebook Cover, Tear Away Gift Tags, & Vinyl Text for Framed Quilt Block

Materials: cork, cardstock, and vinyl

Sampling of Skills You'll Learn: exporting files from Canvas Workspace, importing SVG files, adding text for cutting and drawing, how to layer vinyl



Class 3

The Scan n Cut makes cutting out appliques a breeze. Did you know the Scan n Cut can read a pes file? We'll cut applique for machine embroidery. We'll also use a printed pattern to create a cut file.

Projects: Cupcake Zippered Pouch, Hello Spring Banner, and Camera Applique Mug Rug

Materials: fabric with a variety of fusible web and OESD glitter vinyl



Sampling of Skills You'll Learn: working with a pes file, scan to cut data, adding an offset, and utilizing the drawing tool

Class 4

Canvas Workspace allows you to create your own cut files. This session we'll dive deeper into all Canvas Workspace can do. Laptop (recommended) or tablet required.

Projects: Collection of Greeting Cards

Materials: cardstock, transparency film

Sampling of Skills You'll Learn: Process overlap features, character spacing, image tracing, creating score lines, and direct cut



Class 5

Did you know your Scan n Cut could cut wood? Or that you can use a stencil to wood burn? Let's put all of your Scan n Cut knowledge to use and create some on trend home décor items.

Projects: Felt Flower Wreath and Wood Round Sign

Materials: felt, vinyl, basal wood

Sampling of Skills You'll Learn: wood burning with a stencil, installing premium functions, and review multiple ways to create cut files

