

## **Ready, Set, Serge Ahead: Advanced Serger Class with Cynthia G**

Get your serger out of the box, out of the closet or off the shelf. I know that can be the most difficult step to serging! This class is the 2<sup>nd</sup> one in my Series of Serger classes. This is for those who are already familiar with your serger and/or have already taken my Serger Basics Class OR am a confident Serger user. In this class we are going to learn some more serger techniques that will help you increase your serger skills. Take the journey with me and I will help you every step of the way. Build your confidence by learning about your serger and what it can do besides just overcasting edges. In our first class we learned about some basic stitches, basic skills and techniques. In this class we will learn and practice how to do a lettuce edge, how to use a flat lock stitch and blanket stitch for making some beautiful effects, make a casing for elastic, sew ribbing on a neckline, attaching tape or elastic. I will continue teaching more ways to use your serger in quilting using the flatlock stitch to join batting scraps and piecing with your serger. We will also explore different weight threads and how to use them in your serger for some fun decorative uses. You will be making several samples to create some binder pages for future reference. Then we will “serge ahead” and test our newfound skills, by making a fun project using specialty threads.

Very Important!!

Please make sure that your serger can stitch a 3-Thread rolled hem, a 3-thread overlock- narrow hem, 2-thread overlock, 3- Thread Flatlock, 2-Thread Flatlock-Wide, and a ladder Stitch-Decorative Stitch. You will get the most out of the class if your serger is able to do these stitches.

### **Class Supplies**

Serger, foot peddle, and all tools that came with it (tweezers, extra needles, spool pins and holders) and your serger manual (can be downloaded online)

Four spools of serger thread and solid or tone on tone scrap fabric to make samples with. Precut into 3" x 6" strips. Make 10 to 20. I will have some of these with me. Note: old and cheap thread may or may not work properly in your serger. I recommend Maxi Lock Serger Thread. It can be purchased on Wawak.com or at Sew and Vacuum warehouse. I will have some available for class use.

Glue stick, fray check, scissors, thread snips, long flat head pins, clips, pencil or pen, rotary cutter and a crochet needle or bodkin (optional), stapler, 6" x 1" grided ruler or small quilt ruler. I will have supplies that you can borrow.

Bring any of these specialty threads if you have them... 12 WT, 30 WT, TEX 45 or higher, rayon embroidery machine thread, metallic thread, jeans topstitching thread, wooly nylon thread

### **Serger Hot Pad Project Supplies**

2 spools of serger thread of desired color and a decorative thread 30 WT or TEX 45 or jeans topstitching thread (I will have some thread available for use.) The decorative thread will be seen on the top of your fabric.

Some strips of 2 ½" wide jelly rolls (8 to 10) or cut 2.5" x 22" strips from scraps. Note: I cut my strips from some coordinating fat quarters. Cotton Batting scrap and/or Insul-Bright and backing fabric (fat quarter size).

Rotary cutter

I will have some serger thread with me and specialty threads in a variety of colors for class use.

Feel free to bring a lunch or snack.

Please arrive at 9:15 AM for a serger check to make sure your serger is working well and has the correct thread tension.