

Sew Inspired

"we're creating community."

Spring/Summer

2018

Dear Friends,

There's never been a better time to be stitching! We've been busy planning classes, demos, clubs, events and block-of-the-month programs (some we've been working on since fall Quilt Market) and we're excited to share with you all the ways you can become involved in our community of quilters, sewists and stitchers. You're sure to find something of interest in our spring and summer offerings regardless of your skill level. From quilts to bags to clothing, hand stitching to art quilting... we've got you covered. The best way to stay informed on all the goings-on is to be sure you're receiving our e-News (weekly-ish), be our friend on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. We receive new fabrics almost daily and we love to post works in progress. We hope you'll always be "sew inspired."

Dates to Remember:

May 28 Closed for Memorial Day
June 6-7 Guest Teacher Laura Martell, Expandable Carryall
June 8-9 Guest Teacher Lindsey Marsh, Fit to Flatter
June 10 Guest Teacher Timna Tarr, Long Arm Border Play
June 30 Sew Steady/Westalee Ruler Demo Day
July 4 Closed for Independence Day
July 12-13 Brimfield Awakening Event, Trunk Show & Workshop
August 5 Guest Teacher Nichole Vogelsinger, Boho Embroidery
October 20 Guest Teacher Melissa Averinos, Making Faces

Handi Quilter News

In the fall, Handi Quilter introduced the new Amara— 20" of brightly lit throat space with features found previously only on the Infinity. Our Amara has a Pro-Stitcher on it, and you can test drive it anytime. Now, Handi Quilter has introduced the all new Forte with 24" of quilting possibilities! (Rest assured, if you own an Avante or Fusion, you have one of the best long arm machines in the industry. We—and Handi Quilter—will continue to support you and your machine for as long as you own it.) In late January, we learned we were once again the recipient of the HQ Way award given to dealers who provide superior education and support to their customers. We're proud of this award and work hard to achieve it! In January, we also re-introduced an all new Long Arm Club for our community of machine quilters. We also offer classes! We're not just dealers—we're owners. We don't just sell machines—we teach you to use them.



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Learn to Quilt

Make your first... or your second quilt! Start with the basics and perfect your technical skills.

Learn to Quilt! (Beginner)

Eight weeks beginning Thursday, May 10, 6-8PM

Fee: \$90

Make your first quilt! You'll learn fabric selection, rotary cutting, piecing, machine quilting and binding.

Learn to Quilt II (Adv. Beginner)

Six weeks beginning Thursday, Jul 19, 6-8PM

Fee: \$75

Build on skills learned in the Beginning Quilting class! Although this class is designed to build on the techniques taught in the beginning class, it's suitable for anyone comfortable with a rotary cutter and a 1/4" seam. The techniques introduced in this class are designed to be more challenging.

Bag Making

A beginner backpack and an intermediate tote!

Range Backpack (Beginner)

Friday, May 4, 2-5PM and Sunday, May 6, 1-4PM

Fee: \$40

A useful and fun backpack to make! It's great for any outing where you need to be hands free! The foldover top and closure keep things secure, while the front zippered pocket keeps essentials within easy reach. Adjustable straps make it wearable in any season.

Kathy's Expandable Carry-all (Intermediate)

Wednesday, Jun 6, 2-5PM and Thursday, Jun 7, 10AM-4PM

Fee: \$80

Special Guest Instructor Laura Martell

The Kathy's Expandable Carry-all is the perfect bag for every day that gives you a little extra space

when you need it. This versatile bag is structured and sturdy in its smaller form. When you need to pack a few extra things, simply unzip the dividing zipper to reveal five inches of extra space and an unexpected pop of color.



Laura Martell is a pattern designer, teacher, and lecturer from Raleigh, NC. Owner and Designer of The Creative Thimble, fabric and sewing have been a part of Laura's life from the moment she set eyes on her Grandmother's Singer treadle sewing machine as a child in Connecticut. Inspiration for Laura's first pattern struck in 1990 when she was coveting all the things she couldn't afford in an expensive magazine. She saw a tote bag made from beautiful decorator fabric instead of standard utilitarian canvas and decided to make herself a tote that was elegant, but also strong and solid. Ever since that first bag, Laura has been designing beautiful handbags and totes with an eye for function, utility, and organization. The Creative Thimble patterns she creates are known for their thorough, easy-to-follow instructions and diagrams; most notably the best-selling Professional Tote.

Hold Everything!

Bi-monthly bag making tips and techniques!

This demo format event is designed to give you the skills and confidence you need to tackle the ByAnnies patterns. Not only will you have fun projects to get yourself organized - you will learn useful techniques that will help you as you progress to more challenging projects. For example, learn how to make your own bias binding, create zippers of any length by adding zipper pulls to zipper tape, cover strapping with fabric to coordinate with your projects, sew with vinyl, make mesh pockets, and MORE!

June 26: Stash & Dash

Demos meet at 10AM OR 6PM. RSVP; Fee: \$15

Select your fabric, then reserve your finishing kit (includes pattern) with your choice of mesh and zipper colors (finishing kit cost varies according to pattern).



Are you ready for SEW DAYS?



Join the **FUN**
this summer!

Be part of a worldwide sewing program!

- 6 one-session classes, beginning the week of June 11. **Enrollment begins week of May 7.**
- You do NOT have to attend week-one to participate in any of the following weeks! Pick and choose the classes you wish to attend.
- The Class Fee is only \$5 per session. Kits will be available to purchase and machines will be set up for your use.
- Projects are easy and fun for both beginners and more experienced sewers.
- We're making sewing social! Encourage your friends and enjoy the classes together.
- Share the fun and introduce your non-sewing friends too!
- Share the classes and your projects on social media with #SewDays.

Machine Quilting Skill Building

These classes are for anyone interested in machine quilting techniques!
Join guest instructor, *Timna Tarr*, for these classes:

Border Play! (Long Arm), Sunday, Jun 10, 1-4PM

Fee: \$40

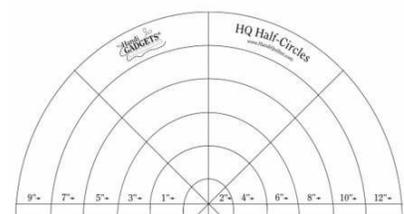
Learn how to choose border quilting designs that complement the interior of the quilt. We will talk about how to design borders that turn corners, as well as strategies to deal with the dreaded wavy borders.



Circle Play! (Long Arm), Sunday, Aug 12, 1-4PM

Fee: \$40

Circles are among the most versatile templates in quilting designs. They are used to make feathers, geometric shapes, and help create dynamic borders. In this hands-on workshop we will go through several methods of using circles, of all sizes, in everyday quilting.



Demo Machines Available:

Infinity/Pro-Stitcher

It's time to sell our store demo model! (3-years old) Great machine and has been well maintained. Used minimally for shop samples and teaching. Pro-Stitcher Premium. All software up-to-date. Recently serviced (routine maintenance and lubrication) by our Handi Quilter technician. Feature rich machine for professional long arm quilting or home studio. 12' Gallery frame with casters. Accessories include

bobbin winder, ruler base, needles, bobbins, etc. Purchaser is responsible for pick-up, transportation, and re-assembly. New would be \$27,995. Asking \$21,000* or BO.

Simply Sixteen on Little Foot Frame (2)

Gently used demo models ready to go home after our retreat in April! Special Cash & Carry pricing of \$5,200* (New would be \$5,995 MSRP + \$225 shipping)

* does not include sales tax



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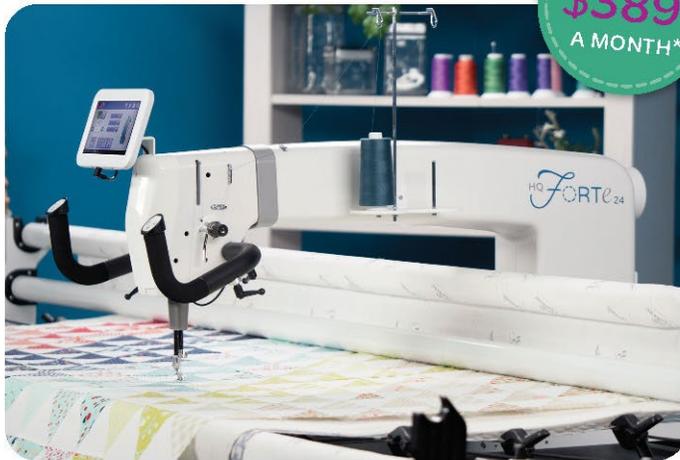
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***FINANCING:** Payment terms offer is through Synchrony Bank upon approved credit. Amount approved may not fund entire cost of machine purchase. Synchrony Bank Terms and Conditions for 36-month programs apply. Valid only for single-order consumer purchases of Handi Quilter machines between **May 16 - May 29, 2018, only**. Orders must be made on or before **May 29th** and must ship by **May 31st, 2018**. Financing offer valid for U.S. customers only. No interest charges will be assessed if the promotional purchase balance is paid in full within the promotion duration (promo period) stated. If the promotional purchase balance is not paid in full by the end of the promo period or if monthly required payments are not received when due, interest will be imposed from the date of purchase at the Purchase APR. Monthly payments are required. Making only the minimum payments required by your monthly statement may not pay off the promotion within the promo period. Regular account terms apply to non-promotional purchases and, after promotion ends, to promotional purchase. Offers are subject to credit approval by Synchrony Bank. Please visit mysynchrony.com to view details, terms, account information, or make payments.

****SHIPPING:** Valid only at participating retailers in the U.S. and some areas of Canada, please check with your local retailer for participation information. \$20 shipping on select machine packages for the 48 contiguous states only. HQ Sweet Sixteen packages with the Angel Wings Cabinet or Quilty Table only available 48 contiguous states and will receive a \$170 shipping credit towards total freight cost. Shipping to Alaska and Hawaii receive a discount towards the total cost of freight charges: discounts of \$50 for Pro-Stitcher, \$170 for an HQ Sweet Sixteen package, \$205 for an HQ Simply Sixteen package, \$325 for an HQ Avante package, \$325 for an HQ Amara package, \$375 for an HQ Fusion package, and \$430 for an HQ Infinity package will be applied towards the total freight cost. \$20 shipping does not apply to international customers.

Sew Steady®

ELEVATE YOUR CREATIVITY

Sew Steady/Westalee Ruler Demo Day

Saturday, June 30, 11AM & 2PM (All)

Join us for a “hands-on” demo day and learn about machine quilting on your domestic machine with rulers. If you have been thinking about the Westalee Templates or a Sew Steady Table, now is your chance to spend an afternoon with Eva while she demos the various templates. Test drive the Westalee quilting templates on the provided sewing machines.

“Learn how to install the ruler foot on your machine, tips and tricks for getting your machine ready for free motion quilting and the basics of free motion quilting with templates on home machines.”

There is no charge for this demo, but you must RSVP.

Ruler Work Class

Ruler Work 101 with Eva Weber (Adv. Beginner—you should be familiar with the basics of free motion quilting.)

Daytime Class:

Wednesdays,

August 1 & 8, 1-4PM, OR

Sundays:

August 12 & 19, 12-3PM

Fee: \$55 (+\$5 materials fee payable to Instructor)

Domestic Quilting Templates allow you to free motion quilt on any domestic sewing machine! In this class, you will work on a whole cloth sampler using the Westalee six piece Sampler Template Set 1, and the arc template included with your Westalee ruler foot.

Wish To Quilt Package

Table, Ruler Foot + Templates

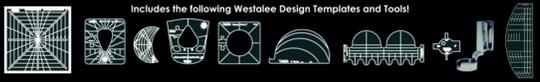
Wish 22^{1/2}" x 25^{1/2}" Table

- Made of high-quality acrylic
- 3 Rounded edges
- Blue notions drawer tray
- Holes and tool for circle sewing
- Permanent inches & metric ruler printed on underside of table
- \$199.00 Value

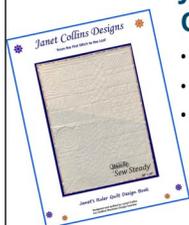


Westalee Design Products

- Quilting Ruler Foot
- 12" Arc Template, \$48.00 Value
- 6pc Sampler Template Set 1, \$65.00 Value
- 8 1/2" Crosshair Ruler, \$35.00 Value
- Spacing Gauge, \$8.00 Value



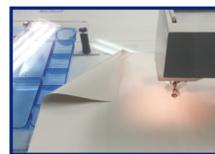
Includes the following Westalee Design Templates and Tools



Janet Collins Ruler Quilt Design Book

- Book of 45 designs
- Create a 40" x 60" quilt
- \$25.00 Value

Recommended Sale
\$375
Total Value \$430.00



Free Motion Glider

- 12" x 18" removable teflon
- Hole pre-cut for thread
- \$40.00 Value

Did you know?

Sew Inspired is a Sew Steady/Westalee Reseller!

We can custom order extension tables for your machine! We often have promotions (see left for the current special) and we always pay the shipping on your table extension (A \$15-\$20 value). Simply fill out the order form with your specific machine model and we'll contact you when your table is in. Custom tables usually take a week to 10 days. We can also order the correct ruler foot for your machine and any of the Westalee rulers/ruler packages. (For the class above, you will need the sampler set which retails for \$65.) Already have a table? The Ruler Work Kit includes a Ruler Foot, 12" Arc Template, Stable Tape, Spacing Gauge, 6pc Sampler Template Set 1, 8-1/2" 8pt. Cross Hair Square and Janet's Ruler Quilt Design Book- all for \$175.

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SEW TO GROW

Fit to Flatter Workshop with special guest, Lindsey Marsh



Sweet Summertime Dress or Peplum



Bondi Top



Noosa Shift

Making clothing for yourself can be fun and extremely rewarding. Choose from any of the above popular Sew To Grow sewing patterns and Lindsey will walk you through step-by-step how to trace, cut, assemble and add the finishing touches to these wardrobe staples. Lindsey will also be demonstrating how to measure yourself correctly and make slight pattern adjustments for a more accurate fit. In this two day workshop you will be guided from beginning to completion and leave with a perfectly fitting garment. **This class is perfect for the confident beginners and those looking to get back into dress making.**

What You'll Learn:

- How to measure yourself properly and pick the correct size.
- How to trace your design and grade between sizes.
- Learn the best way to shorten and lengthen patterns.
- Learn how to do a Full Bust Adjustment and receive a hand-out with step-by-step photos and instructions See demonstrations on best zipper insertion and hemming techniques.
- Find out more about your sewing machine and the best tools for sewing your own garments, plus so much more!



Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 10AM-5PM (1-hour lunch break; fee includes lunch both days)

Fee: \$175 (\$75 deposit due May 1) Lindsey joins us from Australia! See more information on her website:

<https://www.fittoflatterworkshop.com/student>



Brimfield Awakening Event

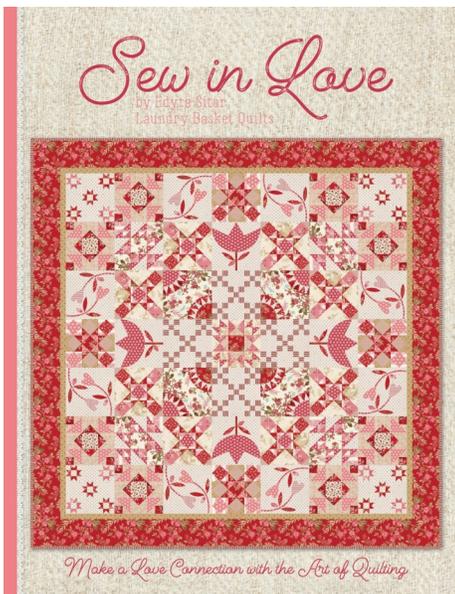
**Trunk Show & Lecture, Thursday, July 12 (All)
6-8PM, Fee: \$5**

Join Brimfield Awakening Designers Kim Martucci and Nisha Bouri as they share their lovely quilt inspirations from The Brimfield Flea Market! Kim and Nisha will have vintage finds on display as well as finished Brimfield Block quilts.

**Brimfield Block EPP Workshop
Friday, July 13, 11AM-2PM (Beginner)
Fee: \$40**

Based on a block found in a bag of textiles at the Brimfield, MA flea market! Block designers Kim and Nisha will show you how to use their unique acrylic templates for fussy cutting and how to assemble the Brimfield Block rings by English Paper Piecing. They'll go over how to center them onto the background fabric and stitch it together with applique. These highly addictive blocks sew up very quickly, and offer tons of design options.

**Coming late summer and early fall!
NEW Block of the Month and Mystery Quilt programs!**



Sew In Love
Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts is thrilled to be able to share her love of quilting with fellow quilters by introducing her latest book with It's Sew Emma. She has fashioned twelve sweetheart blocks into a breathtaking 75-1/2in x 75-1/2in block-of-the-month sampler quilt (choose from a pieced or applique version), as well as a whole candy box of tantalizing quilts to take each block further! We've ordered the full fabric collection from Andover fabrics and will be taking BOM reservations soon.

\$29 registration fee (covers cost of book). 11 months; \$21/mo.



**Designing with Flying Colors
with Timna Tarr (All)
Sunday, July 8, 1-4PM
Fee: \$40**

Are you stuck in a color rut? Or are you afraid you might make a "color mistake" in your quilts? Join award winning quilter Timna Tarr for this workshop and try out new color combinations as well as learn how to use color placement as a major design element in your quilts.



**Another great Mystery!
Introducing Quilter's Friendships**

Two great sizes to make:
Single Size 70" x 98" or
Queen Size 104" x 104"

Two great fabric collections to choose from: La Vie en Rouge by French General for Moda or Portsmouth by Minick & Simpson for Moda.

8 Monthly Installments with clear instructions and color diagrams. Club meetings on 2nd Saturdays in the afternoon with demos, clue review, recipes and free patterns and open sew time.

Skill level: experienced beginner and up. \$25 registration (covers pattern cost). Call to reserve your kit today!



Tonga Lush Block of the Month

*Fall start; 10-month program,
\$24 registration (covers your pattern fee);
\$24.99 per month. Classes and demos TBA.*

The 2018 Tonga Lush collection features fourteen fabrics in a palette of creams shading to soft blush, rose into burgundy, and vivid greens all nested in a navy-blue base. The Lush Block-of-the-Month quilt, 108" square, was designed to showcase this beautiful collection. This 10-month program is composed of monthly blocks and monthly components. The Dresden blocks are made with curved pieced handles and finished points for simple appliqué by machine or hand. The blooming center block points are easily made with Creative Grids ruler or the paper templates included with the pattern. Throughout the quilt the classically pieced blocks are enhanced by unique color placement.

Wisdom Block of the Month

*Fall start; 12-month program,
Registration fee (pattern) TBD. \$24.99 per month.*
Little words of wisdom, to help us on our way. Sometimes all you need are the right words spoken at the right time. Join us for the Wisdom block of the month, a Common Threads Original. This program includes inspirational sayings and quotes every month along with the pattern. The program will begin in September of 2018 and will run for 12 months. The block of the month includes the pattern and all the fabric for your quilt top and binding. The finished quilt measures 86" x 98".



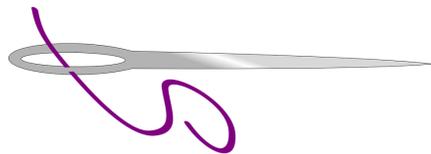
Why a Block of the Month?

A BOM project is broken down into smaller, more attainable goals, so you'll enjoy a feeling of accomplishment with each installment. Pay-as-you-go pricing helps you more easily budget for a major creative project. You can avoid the stress of last-minute marathons sessions at your machine. It's another fun excuse to visit your favorite quilt shop on a regular basis! Many BOM quilts are designed with a variety of block styles, so you can master different ones and expand your overall quilting knowledge. By working gradually, you'll be able to control the usual sewing room clutter when working on a project all at once. Blocks & cut pieces can be stored in clean pizza boxes, plastic zipper bags, or other containers as you work on each section. The month-to-month pace of the project allows you to immerse yourself in each section and focus on it differently than you would when you make an entire quilt at once. The chances of ending up with yet another UFO are lessened because you can see your progress - a BOM quilt project has a beginning, a middle and foreseeable end!

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Inspired Hands

This monthly Club is for stitchers who are interested in hand work. Club meets every first Thursday at 10:30. Work on a variety of projects including wool applique, embroidery and English Paper Piecing. Each month features a technique or stitch demo; show & tell and a light pot-luck lunch! Work on your projects in the Studio and enjoy community time with fellow stitchers! Monthly drop-in fee: \$5. Please RSVP.



Long Arm Club

It's a great opportunity for learning and sharing a passion for the quilt finishing process. Whether you are a new owner, an experienced user, or are considering a long arm purchase, the club offers a great educational and social opportunity. No membership required. For our Handi Quilter Pro-Stitcher customers the main session is followed by a Pro-Stitcher specific training session. Come from 2-4PM for basic long-arm club, or extend your stay an hour for our Pro-Stitcher add on! Fee: \$15 (2-4PM), \$20 (2-5PM). Club meets on the first Saturday of the month; please RSVP!



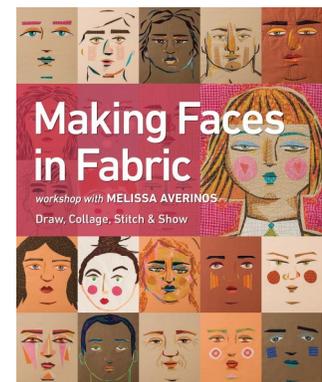
Making Faces Workshop with Melissa Averinos (All)
Saturday, Oct 20, 10AM-5PM
Fee: \$120

Special Guest Instructor, author and artist, Melissa Averinos
From beginning quilters to precision piecers and award-winning art quilters, all kinds of students have taken and loved Melissa's classes. Her warm and relaxed teaching style quickly puts students at ease with something they have probably never done before. She breaks the faces down to simple shapes and proportions that anyone can learn. Melissa's approach will help you let go of perfection, get out of your comfort zone (painlessly!), learn something new and most importantly, have fun!

Wild Boho!

Boho Embroidery & Fabric Collage (All) with Nichole Vogelsinger
Sunday, August 5, 12-3:30PM
Fee: \$55

We welcome special guest- author and artist Nichole Vogelsinger- on Sunday, August 5. For beginning embroiderers, experienced embroiderers, and everyone who falls in between, Boho Collage Embroidery will visually inspire you to play with color, fabric, and texture as you create a fabric collage in Nichole's workshop. Learn to adjust your lens to discover new shapes and patterns with the eye of a collage artist and the precision of an embroiderer. Your imagination is the only limit to what you can create with a few key skills!



Class Registration Information:

You may register for Sew Inspired classes in the shop, by mail or over the phone. Class fees are due at the time of registration. When your fee is paid you will be given a supply list. Classes not meeting the minimum enrollment will be cancelled at least three days in advance and your fee will be returned. A store credit will be offered to students who must cancel when we are contacted at least one week prior to the start of class. With less notice, a credit will only be given if we can fill your spot from a waitlist. The classroom is in the lower level of the building and there are stairs and an elevator. A limited number of classroom machines are available to reserve; you must provide your own thread.

Class Skill Level Explanation:

All- Appropriate and interesting for those of all skill levels.

Beginner - *No quilting or sewing experience required. Assumes familiarity with your sewing machine (if required) and its operation.*

Advanced Beginner - *Student has some experience with rotary cutting and general sewing skills. Pre-class work such as cutting may be required.*

Intermediate - *Student is comfortable with rotary cutting skills and achieving a ¼" seam allowance.*

Advanced - *Student has experience in rotary cutting, machine piecing, appliqué, machine quilting, and more difficult piecing techniques.*

When you take a class at Sew Inspired, we'll give you the basic concepts and all the technique instructions for the project. In many cases, you will not be able to finish the entire project during the class time(s). You will however, have plenty of time to learn how to make the block, or use the techniques taught, to confidently finish your project at home.
