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# In a Stitch Newsletter

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## Ready for the Fall of Covid-19!

We would like to thank our wonderful customers for their understanding, support and patience while we adjust to this new way of serving you. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve the health and safety of our staff, families, customers and friends are of the utmost importance to us and we continue to follow the rules to keep everyone safe and healthy. With worldwide shortages of items like black and white fabrics and thread, sewing machines, elastics and long delays in arrival of products we are doing our best to get our customers what they need and keep well stocked.

Beginning September 8th we will be open from **Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm**. We can only allow up to 4 customers in the store at a time and appreciate if you choose to wear a mask while shopping with us. We still welcome phone and email orders and can provide contactless curbside pick up, delivery when possible and are happy to mail out orders. To serve you better we have set up a new email account for orders. Please email your orders to **hausorders@sasktel.net**.

We are busy building our on line shop and invite you to check it out at [hausofstitches.ca/shoponline](http://hausofstitches.ca/shoponline). We are continually adding merchandise to our website to make your shopping easier during this difficult time. We have added a Machine page to our website so you can view all the machines we currently have in stock and see all their great features with just or click. If you are interested in a machine please give us a call as we have several in store and floor model promotions at this time with better prices than what is showing on line.

You can also shop with us on line using our code **HAU050** at [shop.trendtextfabrics.com](http://shop.trendtextfabrics.com) When you use our code we get credit for your purchase.

**Sew4Home** is offering some great free embroidery designs through Janome dealers, check them out and give us a call and we will send them to you.

## MAKING MASKS

We are pleased to let you know that we have a good stock of 1/8" and 1/4" elastics. Batik fabrics are likely the densest that you will find and we have a large selection of them as well as interfacing of all kinds. We carry a polypropylene lining that makes an excellent filter inside masks for extra protection. The pattern we have been using is the one from Beverly Johnson that can be found at [www.bramakers.com](http://www.bramakers.com)

## Fall Open House

We are excited to let you know that our annual Fall Open House and Demo day and our 28th Anniversary sale will take place on September 24 but of course we need to make it Covid-19 safe. There will be rules and regulations we will need to follow and we thank you in advance for your patience as we get it all figured out.

Demos have been arranged and we will have special Guests Bernie and Shelley Tobisch from the Little Oak Pattern Company with us to do demos on their amazing products and books that will help you gain better accuracy in piecing. This is your chance to see their techniques and sign up for the classes they will be teaching for us this fall. Please note that we have to limited the number of participants in each demo and we are asking that you please call and register for the ones you wish to attend.



We will have Glynn for Taylors sharpening here from 9 am—3 pm on September 24 to sharpen your scissors.

We are also introducing to you a new concept of classes by Janome. We will be offering 3 on line classes on Wednesday September 23. There is a registration fee of \$10 for each of these classes which will be refunded to you if you make any purchases at open house on September 24.

We will be doing our regular notions demo in a different way this year. We will be emailing or handing to you at open house a newsletter filled with our favourite things, all these notions are on line on our website where you can view them and order online, in person or over the phone.



We have a good selection of sewing machines in stock for everyone from the beginner to top of the line. Stop in and check them out or take a look on our website for all the machine details.

**Advanced registration required at least one week prior to classes. Class prices do not include project supplies unless indicated. Supply list provided at time of registration. GST will be added to all class fees. To register call 306-682-0772 or 1-800-344-6024**

## Sewing with Ron Collins

### The Ultimate Sewing Retreat

With Ron by your side, and you working on whatever you want, he will teach you some time saving techniques and fittings tips for professional looking results. All levels welcome, from beginners to extremely advanced. Bring any sewing project your heart desires and Ron will help you overcome those trouble spots in fit and construction. Ron will also have jean, blouse, and dress pant fitting shells to try on in ten sizes; you can also bring any other patterns to be fitted.

**October 14—16, 9 am - 4 pm at St. Peter's Abbey  
\$125 per day or 3 days for \$325.00**

### Pattern Alterations & Body Measurements for the Right fit.

In this hands-on workshop, you will learn to identify the fitting problems and how to solve them. Ron will show you how to correct fitting problems regarding sloping and square shoulders, large bust, high and low bust, removal of bust dart, broad and round upper back, sway back or down-sloping back waistline, large upper arm, tight armholes, flat seat, and many more. We will also take 28 body measurements for you: high bust, low bust, shoulder width, sleeve length, back waist length, pant and skirt length...plus more...a total of 28 body measurements. Every student will have an alteration package to take home with them showing all the alterations that they have done. Ron will give you the inside answer on what pattern companies run larger and which ones tend to run true to measurements. He will also explain how much wearing ease you need in all garments from close fitting, fitted, semi fitted, loose fitted, and very loose fitted. Take the guess work out of trying to choose what size garment by finding the "finished garment measurements" and not using the sizes on the back of the pattern envelope. See the difference in sizing charts in major pattern companies and how to choose the right size for you and how to avoid disappointment in fitting.

**October 17 - 9 am - 4 pm - St. Peter's Abbey  
Cost \$125.00 Kit fee - \$25.00**

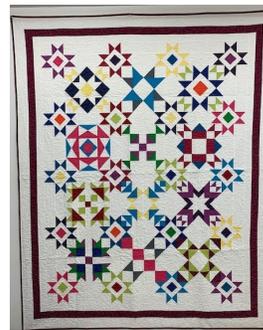
**A tip from Ron** - a good way to tell the right or wrong side of the fabric is to look at the selvage, the holes on the selvage poke towards the right side.

# BERNINA

made to create



We are happy to be offering 2 Block of the Month programs using the Square in a Square system starting this fall. Join the fun!! If you want to make beautiful quilts and never cut or sew a triangle again these block of the month programs are for you. With the Revolutionary "Square in a Square" tools and techniques you can make traditionally difficult blocks and quilts easily. This is the way quilting is meant to be, fast, fun and fabulous. Demos will be offered each month at the store at several times so we can keep with the Covid 19 guidelines as well as virtually and, by mail or email if you prefer. Demos will last about 30 minutes will be held on the **first Thursday of each month** from October to March, and we will work on 2 blocks each month **Sign up fee for each program is \$25.** Supply list is provided on sign up



### Basic Block of the Month

This is great way to explore the many options this ruler has to offer while making 12" blocks. You will learn all the basic options for the Square in a Square system while making this quilt and get lots of ideas for future projects. We have done our sample in Kona cottons and kits will be available. It is also a great stash buster where you can use up those favourite fabrics you have kept.

**Demos for this program will be at 10 am and 1:30 pm**

### Diamond Block of the Month

Using the Diamonds by the square book we will work through the Diamond options using the Square in a Square ruler. Our sample shows a lap quilt version but we will show you how to make it any size. These options are fun and exciting and you will see how colour use can change the entire look of a block.

**Demos for this program will be held at 11:30 and 3 pm**



### Learn to Knit or Knit again!

Claimed by experts to be as relaxing as yoga, knitting is today's hottest hobby. Don't be left out, join us and learn to knit or improve your knitting skills. We will cover all the basic skills, including knit and purl, casting on and off, increasing, decreasing, pattern reading and fixing mistakes. Everything you need to know to start a project. All supplies included

**November 19 - 9 am - Noon or 6 - 9 pm**

**\$60.00**

## Build a Better relationship with your sewing machine with Bernie Tobisch

Do you need relationship counseling with your sewing machine, then this class is for you. Learn what your sewing machine is trying to tell you and also how to tell it what you want. Unravel the mystery of tension, learn light maintenance, and understand the importance of the right foot. Get closer to your machine and spend more time focused on your sewing, less time frustrated. Together we will address tension, feeding of fabric, needle and thread choices and do some fancy footwork! This class is based on Bernie's book "You and Your Sewing Machine" and a copy in class would make a great resource.

**October 28 10 am - 4:30pm - St. Peter's Abbey Cost \$110.00**

## Easy Precision Piecing with Shelley & Bernie Tobisch

Join Team Tobisch and make a Plum Pudding block while learning about new tools and techniques for cutting, piecing and pressing that effortlessly lead to precision. The class begins with Bernie showing you how to turn your sewing machine into a precision piecing instrument. Next Shelley will teach you how to prepare your fabric including how to press and cut with accuracy to minimize fraying and distortion when handling. With these newfound skills you will learn how to cut and sew easy and accurate half-square triangles. You will learn how to work with the Easy Press Pen and Easy Press Solution to create flat seams which easily leads to improved accuracy. This class is designed for you if you wish to improve upon your accuracy whether a beginner or experienced quilt maker.

**October 30 & 31 10 am - 4:30pm - St. Peter's Abbey Cost \$200.00**

**Know your Machine and Serger Classes** These classes will be held on a one on one basis for the next while. If you want to get to know your machine or serger better please give us a call to book at time.

### Handy Tips from our experts

*Beverly Johnson says when sewing a garment together for a try on, use wash away thread to sew the garment together, once the fit is approved you can use a damp cloth to dissolve the stitching!*

*Liz Thompson says purple tip needles are the simply the best for avoiding skipped stitches when sewing knits, dense machine embroidery and multiple layers of fabric such as quilts.*

*Bonny Voice says comfortable, ergonomically correct work heights are best ways to save your body from aches, pains and wearing out.*

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## Spring Knitting Retreat -St. Peter's Abbey

**April 9 -11, 2021**

This retreat is an inspirational journey through mentoring, sharing of ideas and techniques that develops the skill and creative side of each participant. All skill levels are welcome and all aspects of knitting will be covered through the weekend. From choosing yarn and patterns and everything you need to know to make any project from the cast on to final cast off. Problem solving sessions include creative solutions to fix those projects that didn't turn out just the way you wanted. Registration details and form is available on our website

## .STITCH HUMBOLDT

Now meets virtually every Wednesday at 7 pm via zoom, call the store for details Join us for some fibre, friends and fun!

## HATS FOR HORIZON

Each year Horizon School Division provides families in need with hampers at Christmas. They try to provide everyone in each family with a hat and mitts if possible. Last year we collected and donated 125 items to this worthy cause. We have decided to continue to collect throughout the year so that we will have more donate next year. You can drop off knit, crocheted, sewn or purchased items at the store anytime. We have included a free pattern below for you to use. Other patterns are available by request. We thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile project.

### Easy Hat in Chunky Yarn

With a 6mm - 40cmm circular needle, cast on 72 stitches. Join in round and knit for 9 - 10" from the beginning.  
Next Row - \*Knit 5 K2tog\* repeat around hat.  
Next Row - \*Knit 4 K2tog\* repeat  
Next Row - \*Knit 3 K2tog\* repeat  
Next Row - \*Knit 2 K2tog\* repeat  
Next Row - \*Knit 1 K2tog\* repeat  
Next Row - \* K2tog\* repeat  
Pull yarn through remaining stitches snugly to close top. Add a pom pom, tassel or braid if desired.

**Reconditioned Sewing Machines**—Check out our website for some great deals on sewing machines our customers have for sale after they bought a new machine from us.

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Join us to Celebrate our  
**28th Anniversary Sale & and Not so Open House**  
**September 24, 2020**



***Glynn from will be here from 9 am—3 pm to Sharpen Scissors.***

***You can bring your scissors in that day or drop them of before and we will see they get done***

***Demos***

***10 am—Making Masks that fit***

***11 am - Easy Precision Piecing with Shelley Tobisch***

***1 pm - Get the most of your sewing Machine with Bernie Tobisch***

***2 pm - Apliquick Methods with Shelley Tobisch***

***3 pm - Machine Quilting tips & techniques with Bonny Voice***

***4 pm - Tips & Tricks for easy garment making***

**Please note this year you must book your spot for demos as we have a limited amount of room and masks will be required while in the lecture**

**On September 23 we are offering on line classes with Janome**

**10 am—Hemming & Mending like a pro**

**1 pm—Coverhem Know how**

**3 pm—Notion Commotion for Quilters**

**This is an exciting new concept in learning that we are excited to offer.  
You must pre book these classes and pay a \$10 booking fee for each session which will be refunded to you on any purchase made at open house.**

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