

Sew Biz

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Hello Friends:

It's fair time already. Come visit us at the Kansas State Fair and/or visit the store (we are still open at the store during the fair!)

New Fabrics have been & are still arriving daily! And, they are not all cottons. Come in and look at the new Fashion materials. We have wools that do not feel like wools. There are also linen mixes, silk mixes, cotton mixes and polyesters. All are imported and you will not find them anywhere else.

New quilting cottons are also arriving daily. You really need to come in and take a look at them. You might accidently find a piece or two to add to the special project you are working on! And, don't forget that we carry a large variety of 108" wide materials. These are great for quilt backs!

We also have other sewing notions. There are lots of new things to help make sewing easier. Our stabilizers come in bulk or we also have the Floriani stabilizers. As you know from the last Floriani Event, it is recommended that a person use a topper on everything that is embroidered. The topper will keep the threads from going down into the fabric.

Are you thinking about trading in that old machine, we can help you there too! What a great Christmas present a new sewing machine would make for the special sewer in your family! Or, maybe you just want to get an extra machine so the granddaughter(s) can learn to sew!

Come in and meet our two new employees: Matt (computer work and machine servicing) and Parrishon (Let's get the Bling out!). Both of these new employees have knowledge in their special areas. Matt is a great asset. Parrishon will be working with the Artistic Software and the Cameo cutter. There will be lots of Bling! Watch the calendars for the "Let's get the Bling out" classes.

TIPS FROM BEV.....

Can you believe that it is September already? Has your summer been as hectic as ours was here at The Sewing Center? We had a successful July 4th sale. And our day with Susan from Janome, trying out the Embroidery and Quilting machines was a great success! Then in August, we had the Floriani Event with Marilyn. What an awesome seminar. And, the instructor, Marilyn, was dynamic. The Floriani Event has created a new class. We will be offering a new Class on the new Floriani FTCU Software and we have started a new Embroidery Club.

Speaking of new, we want to introduce something new to you in the way of classes. We are finding out that there are many embroidery machine owners, of all brands, that are having issues with their machines because they do not understand how they work, or have not been told how to use their machine. So we, The Sewing Center, have decided to begin an Embroidery Club. Each time the club meets, we will feature a "show and tell" of a project that is made up for everyone to view. You will be asked to make the project, on your machine. You will receive full instructions for the completion of the project. During club time, we will be able to answer questions and offer assistance with the project.

THE EMBROIDERY CLUB will be open to anyone who has an Embroidery Machine (Brand does not matter). There will be a 6 month trial period for the Embroidery Club There will be a small fee of \$15 each month. This will help with the expenses of putting to gather projects for you to try. You will not need to bring your embroidery machine. The club will be a learning experience through show-and-tell. You will make the project at home and bring it back with you to the next meeting.

At the end of the 6 month trial period, we will evaluate the club. We will look at the participation and time element. We really want the Embroidery Club to be worth your time and ours. Our goal is to get people to use their embroidery machines. You can invite your friends, even if they own something other than an Elna, Janome or Juki machine!

Questions can be called in to Bev or the other instructor. (316-832-0819) Currently our Friday class is full. There is still room for more people in our Saturday class. Friday classes will meet from 1 pm – 4 pm and Saturday classes are from 10 am – 1 pm.

Let's all learn together. Check the calendar for days and time (in case of changes.) Each month we will have a new project. We will talk about the stabilizers and other special items that were used to create the project. You might want to bring a Flash Drive with you to download the project that you will need to make for the next club meeting!

Our September project is to make a Chanotoline to hold your sewing supplies. We have the dates of the club meetings scheduled through December:

October	Friday, Oct. 24, 1pm to 4pm	or	Saturday, Oct. 25, 10am to 1 pm
November	Friday, Nov. 7, 1pm to 4pm	or	Saturday, Nov. 8, 10am to 1 pm
December	Friday, Dec. 12, 1pm to 4pm	or	Saturday, Dec. 13, 10am to 1 pm

Don't forget.....we still have the Elna 9600 Sewing / embroidery machine on sale for \$2,995.95!

The Elna 9600 Sewing/Embroidery machine has around 350 built-in stitches with fonts for lettering and monogramming.

The 9600 also has the following:

1. 1-step buttonholer
2. Automatic thread tension
3. Automatic needle threader
4. Snap on presser feet
5. Memorized needle up/down
6. 7-piece feed dog
7. Free Arm
8. Drop Feed
9. Start / Stop button
10. And many more options



The 9600 machine is an Open Arm Machine. Come in and test drive one!

GET TO KNOW YOUR MACHINE

Due to the number of people purchasing new sewing machines, we have had to change the class schedule for the Janome and Elna machine classes. Please look at the new calendars (October through December); you will notice that the classes are now set up by machine model and number. For example, The 12000 and 15000 are not in the same class. Be sure and mark the dates so you don't miss your machine class. Please call in and reserve your spot in the class. Our telephone number is 316-832-0819.

Basic Sewing Machine Class is a single two hour class scheduled for persons who have purchased a sewing machine from The Sewing Center. This class includes the basics of machine operations and the best methods for using all the accessories of your machine. Bring your machine with all its attachments and your basic sewing kit, we will teach you how to use it. **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

MACHINE OWNERS CLASS Please check the calendar for the dates of your machine model class. Please RSVP if you plan to attend class. There is no charge for this class.

MACHINE QUILTERS are given 6 sessions of class when they purchase their machine.

SERGER CLASS are free for those who have purchased a serger from The Sewing Center. Bring your Serger and accessories and learn all that it can do and learn to do it efficiently. Please R.S.V.P. for the class. We will be working on Christmas type projects.

Elna e720/730/740/760/7200/7300 and Horizon 7700/8200/8900: 6 classes free

September 25th – Heirloom Class. Learning to use the heirloom techniques in projects.

October 23rd – Boot Camp. This is the basics of the machine.

November 20th - Basic Quilting

December 18th – Creative Quilting

It is suggested that you attend the Basic Quilting class before trying to attend the Creative Quilting Class.

SPECIAL NOTE: Horizon MC12000/15000, Elna 9600 and Elna 900 and 860: Free to those who purchased their machine from The Sewing Center. The classes are being split out according to machine models. 15000; 12000; and 9600. Check your calendar for class dates!

ALERT! You are not automatically enrolled in ANY of the machine classes even if you have purchased your machine from the Sewing Center. YOU **MUST PRE-ENROLL** ONE WEEK BEFORE CLASS IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! IF YOU HAVE ENROLLED AND ARE NOT COMING, PLEASE CALL TO CANCEL YOUR SPOT!

Class Policies

PRE-ENROLLMENT: Required for ALL classes. A class will not be held if there are fewer than two students.

REFUNDS: If you cancel one week prior to class you will receive a full refund. If you cancel within 6 days of class you will receive credit towards another class or store merchandise only.

CLASS ATTENDANCE ISSUES: Please be mindful of starting class times. The stated class time means you have your machine and supplies ready so the instructor can start the class. Arriving late or unprepared with regards to machine, accessories, etc. means a delay for everyone attending the class. Unpreparedness or tardiness turns a two hour class into a three hour class that many did not schedule themselves for including the instructor. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early so your questions and issues may be addressed and you can set up your sewing space prior to the start of class. Thank you.

CELL PHONES: Please be respectful of others around you. If you must be available via cell phone during class, please excuse yourself from the classroom during lectures and demonstrations

BASIC SEWING/QUILTING KIT: Bring scissors, pins, tape measure, fabric markers, rotary cutters, mat, and safety pins.

USE OF SEWING CENTER EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES: There will be an **additional charge of \$5.00** to use our machines and/or supplies.

CHILDREN: Please do not bring your children with you without permission from the instructor prior to class.

CANCELLATIONS OR INCLEMENT WEATHER: If we cancel or postpone a class, you will have the choice of receiving a full refund on the class fee or full credit. Classes will be cancelled if road conditions are hazardous. If you are not sure if class will be held, **PLEASE CALL**.

CLASSES

Sewing Techniques

ADULT BASIC SEW: 4 SESSIONS, \$65 INCLUDES BOOK, SUPPLIES EXTRA. This class is designed to teach the novice or to reacquaint the reluctant sewer with basic clothing construction. Sewing projects are individually geared to each student's skills and desires. You will learn many speed tips and correct measuring techniques of the pattern and body for a more accurate fit. Come sew with us on Wednesdays.



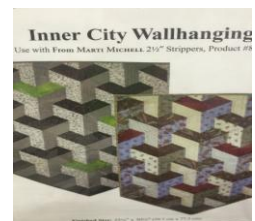
**APPLIQUED STOCKINGS
HANGING**



DRIPPED IN ICING



ELECTRIC MIXER



INNER CITY WALL

APPLIQUED CHRISTMAS STOCKING: Cost is \$35, book will be included; or \$55 kit & book included. This is an exciting project. You can make a stocking for someone special or just for fun. There are a variety of stockings to choose from plus other great patterns in the book you will receive. When you sign up, and you are electing to have a kit, you must choose a design to make at least 1 week before class time to give us time to make up the kits. This will be a 1 day class.

BEGINNER QUILTER "DRIPPED IN ICING": Cost of this class is \$50, book will be included. Supplies will be an additional expense and they will be your choice of fabrics. This is a beautiful, easy quilt to make. This quilt screams "let me embroider, or use those bits of batiks that you have been saving for a special project!" Looking at this quilt, you might think that it is difficult, but, actually it is very fast & easy to assemble. This quilt does take some knowledge of sewing. What you will learn with this quilt is proper rotary cutting and precision piecing. This will be a 2 day class.

INTERMEDIATE QUILTER "ELECTRIC MIXER": Cost of this class is \$50, book will be included. Supplies will be an additional expense. What a fun quilt to make. This quilt has corner stones & sashing to accomplish as well as constructing the blocks. You will learn proper rotary cutting, precision piecing, how to use a ruler at a 45 degree angle, sashing with corner stones, and how to correctly apply borders. Remember to pick up your supply list when you sign up. This will be a 2 day class.

EXPERIENCED QUILTER "INNER CITY WALL HANGING": Cost is \$50, pattern & templates included. This pattern uses 2 1/2" strips. You will learn how easy "Y" seams can be to construct. This is for experienced quilters. The wall hanging is a different take on building blocks. You will learn proper rotary cutting, how to cut using a template & how to correctly mark your fabric for piecing and perfect "Y" seams. This is a 1 day class.



The Stars are Out Tonight
Bed runner



Mystery Christmas
Lap Quilt

BEGINNERS - THE STARS ARE OUT TONIGHT BED RUNNER! Cost of this class is \$50, pattern & templates included. You select your fabrics at your expense. This is a great project for the beginning quilter who has only done squares and half squares. In this bed runner, you will learn how to construct a star within a star. This bed runner of scrappy stars creates a dramatic effect at the end of a bed. The bed runner will measure 84" x 36" and the block size will be 24" x 24". Come join us for a couple fun afternoons & leave with this wonderful bed runner. And if you select Christmas fabrics, you me ready for Christmas. This is a 2 day class.

MYSTERY CHRISTMAS LAP QUILT. The cost is \$35. Supplies and material will be an additional expense. We are going to be creating this mystery Christmas Lap Quilt. The material we will be using is a new Christmas Print for this year, one of the prints is a Panel with a Snowman in the center. There are 5 coordinating prints to go with the Snowman panel. I have a pattern we will be following. The fun part is going to be watching how each student uses the material in the pattern. This will be a 1 day class. .

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Visit our website & check your email for special sales and coupons. If you are not on our mailing list, you are missing out on early announcements, class schedule changes/additions and special deals or coupons. You never know when that certain notion or fabric special might occur if you have not signed up to be on our email list. Your email will not be sold or used in any other way by The Sewing Center. See us on the web at www.thesewingcenterwichita.com or you can email us at staff@kansassewbiz.kscoxmail.com. We have discontinued mailing hard copies, but you can get a printed copy by stopping by the store!

Floriani - U

Something exciting is coming to The Sewing Center. The new Floriani-U is here! This will be a FREE class for those of you who purchased your software from The Sewing Center. (If you purchased the software elsewhere, the class fee will be \$50.00.)

Kristi Patton will be teaching a class on how to use the new Floriani software we had an awesome day with Marilyn, a certified Floriani instructor. We now have a lot of new options that were not available to us before. We will be holding classes, starting in October, where we will start with the basics. You will **NEED** to register for the class because there will be handout. We want to be sure we have enough handouts for everyone who registered for the class. If you are working with your software on a laptop, please be sure that you have loaded the software before class.

In this class you will be introduced to all the new icons, as well as the old ones! Call or email your name, address and email address to us when you sign up. Classes are limited to 10 people per class. Please be sure you enroll before the end of Sept. 2014. The dates through December are:

Sat., Oct. 4 from 1pm to 4 pm
 Sat., Nov. 1 from 1pm to 4pm
 Sat., Dec. 6 from 1pm to 4pm

Mon., Oct. 13 from 10am to 1pm
 Mon., Nov. 10 from 10am to 1 pm
 Mon., Dec. 8 from 10am to 1 pm

Let's Get the Bling Out!

What in the world is Bev talking about now? I think that she is talking about the new Janome Artistic Software, a computer and lots of glitz and bling. Are you curious yet?

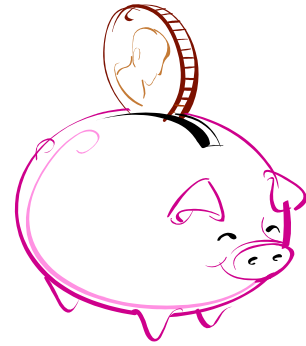
Parrishon has been learning the Artistic Software and all the great things that you can do with it. With this software and a cutting machine, such as the Cameo or the Zing or the Emachine, a person can create what every they can dream about now in clothing decorations, home furnishing decorations, children's notebooks, etc. Parrishon will be teaching classes on this Software. She will be showing you how to make those special Christmas home decorations or maybe a glitzy Christmas blouse with a special design you want on it. Classes will be held in October and November to begin with.

Tues., Oct. 21 from 10am – 12pm
 Tues., Oct. 28 from 10am – 12 pm
 Tues., Nov. 11 from 10am-12pm

We will schedule more classes if there is an interest. The Sewing Center has all the equipment and supplies necessary for these machines and software. The cutting machines would make great Christmas gifts for that special hobby enthusiast or for yourself! Below are some ideas.....



Start saving those pennies now.....The big New Year's Day Sale
Will be here before you know it!



EMBROIDERY & CRYSTALS COMBOS

Remember how easy it is to use
the Embroidery & Crystal Combo
kits that we have here at the
Sewing Center. This kits can be
used to make pillows; to decorate
a shirt, and lots of other uses.

