

## 55 Class Descriptions

(alphabetical by category)

These classes were offered for the first time this session or last, or have not been offered for a while. **NEW**

### KIDS' & TEENS' CLASSES

#### Kids' Sewing-Let me pick a project!



A great way to increase your child's sewing skills or develop a lifelong hobby. When the child picks her own project and fabric, there's additional motivation and pride. Kids can choose from a variety of patterns to



make a project that interests them. Becky will help them build on the basic skills they have. (Not for beginners.) Kids need to be 8-12 years old. (Machines provided.) 4 weeks, starting Thu, Feb 2, 4:00-6:00pm 4 weeks, or starting Thu, Mar 8, 4:00-6:00pm **NEW**

**Kids' Sewing-Pajama Pants**—Hey Kids, join Becky for another fun-filled class. Kids will continue to improve on skills learned in Kids' Sewing I (or must know basic sewing) and will work on reading patterns, layout and cutting. Students will then learn to make a casing, work with elastic, and learn to hem. This



is for 8-12 year olds. (Machines provided) 2 weeks, starting Wed, Jan 25, 4:00-6:30pm **NEW**

#### Teen Sewing-Pajama

**Pants**—This is the same class as for the younger kids, but for teens who have taken our Kids' Sewing basic class or have basic sewing skills and want to learn more by making the Pajama Pants. Class pack

(pattern and elastic) is \$12.19. (Machines provided) 2 weeks, starting Wed, Feb 8, 4:00-6:30pm **NEW**

### NEEDLEWORK

#### Choose Your Own Needlepunch Project

—It's another of the old techniques that has become new again and a is way to use your floss stash. An ancient Russian technique, worked from the wrong side of the fabric, it's fun and easy to learn. It's quick and easy and portable, and the projects are generally just 3-4 inches in size. Choose your own design from the many kits and or patterns we have available. Class pak, the needle kit, is \$13.60 + tax. 1 class, Thu, Feb 9, 6:15-8:15pm

#### Crochet-Baby Sweater, Hat,

**Booties**—Join Sarah as she shows you how to crochet a pretty cardigan, bootie and hat set that would be perfect as a learning project or for a

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gift. This set can be worked in any lightweight yarn (we used ultra soft bamboo yarn). To take this class, you need to know how to chain and single crochet. Skills in pattern reading, gauge, increasing, decreasing and the lace design for this project will all be taught. 2 weeks, starting Fri, Mar 23, 10:00a-12:30p

#### Crochet-Beyond the Basics

—Do you know the basics, but want to learn more? Are you intrigued by more elaborate stitch patterns? Do you want to try new stitches, but aren't sure what to do? Join Janet for this class, where you'll expand your crochet skills and learn new techniques and stitches to take you beyond the beginner level. Increase, decrease, gauge, stitches and reading a pattern will all be covered. Class pack, the book, is \$19.95 + tax. 3 weeks, starting Sun, Mar 4, 1:00-3:30pm,



## 56 Crochet-Ruffled Baby

**Afghan**—Angie will help you through the process of crocheting a pretty baby afghan. The pattern calls for a light weight yarn, and includes a ruffle around the edge, with ribbon run thru for a beautiful accent. You'll need to know how to chain and single crochet. Angie will work with students on reading patterns, working eyelets, clusters, the puff stitch and making a ruffle. Class pack, the leaflet, is \$3.50 + tax. 3 weeks, starting Mon, Mar 12, 6:30-9:00pm, Skips March 19th



**Crochet-Shawl**—Shawls are very popular right now, whether used as a fashion statement, for warmth, or glitzy for parties and proms, they are a great addition to your wardrobe. We've chosen a yarn with a bit of sparkle to make the project shine, but you may choose any sport-weight yarn. You'll need to know how to chain and single crochet to take the class. You'll get practice reading a pattern and Janet will teach you how to double and treble crochet as she guides you through the steps to make this charming triangular crocheted shawl. Class pack, the book, is \$9.95 + tax. 3 weeks, starting Thu, Mar 8, 12:45-3:15pm, skips Mar 22nd.

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**Crochet Basics**—Sarah will show you the basics of how to crochet in the first class. After that, you'll learn how to read instructions, and start with a simple potholder to get you going on a project. Class pack (book & hook) is \$11.10 + tax. 2 weeks, starting Wed, Jan 25, 6:30-9:00pm



**Hand Embroidery Basics**—Join Mary R as you learn the fun, relaxing art on a small spring decoration or ornament. She will teach



you basic stitches on a small project to get you started. Hand embroidery projects are very portable, great in waiting rooms, etc. Embroidery is often beautifully combined with quilting. Class pack (most supplies) is \$1.50 + tax. 1 class, Sat, Feb 4, 9:15a-12:15pm

## Knitting-Choose Your Own Project

—Is there a project you've been wanting to try, but knew you'd need help? Come in and we can help you find a pattern and yarn for that project. Tekla's patience and knitting skills will be available to you as you spend each class working on your chosen project. Because this class is longer, you will be able to make progress on your project and learn each week as you go. Tekla will also teach a stitch or technique each week, just bring any skein of yarn and needles and you will be able to learn on your practice swatch. Gauge will be worked on and discussed in class. 4 weeks, starting Sun, Feb 5, 1:15-3:15pm

## Knitting Basics

—Learn how to knit as you make a quick and simple scarf. The class will teach you what you need to get started: casting on and off, and knit and purl stitches. Angie has patience and skill as a knitter, so you're sure to enjoy learning. Continental, or European style knitting is taught in this class. Class pack (book and needles) is \$10.05 + tax. 2 weeks, starting Mon, Jan 23, 6:45-9:15pm



## Knitting-Fancy Socks From the Toe-up

—Have you started knitting toe-up socks, but want more than stockinette stitch? Try a simple yet elegant lace pattern and cable pattern. The lace pattern is great for showing off those solid-colored and gently variegated sock yarns. Another variation from the basic stockinette toe-up sock features a mock cable stitch with no cable needle required. Great for men's dress socks, especially when worked in a neutral



**57** colorway. A follow up of the basic toe-up sock class. Skills required: knit, purl, cast on, bind off, toe-up technique. We'll use the book from before, and there is homework before class. 2 weeks, starting Wed, Feb 22, 7:00-9:00pm, Skips Feb 29th

**Knitting-Beyond Scarves**—If you can cast on and knit as a beginner, this class is for you. Angie will help you make small samples and concentrate on learning additional stitches and effects, other ways to cast on, increasing and decreasing, without a large project to finish. After this class you will be ready and confident to move onto a sweater or vest or shawl and she can help you pick out your project. Class pak, book, is \$4.95 + tax. 2 weeks, starting Mon, Feb 20, 6:15-9:15pm

**Knitting-Felted Bag**—This uncomplicated little purse will add flair to any outfit. Tekla will teach you to work in the round, pick up stitches, increase, decrease, and felt a knitted project. This pattern is great for those who want to learn a few new knitting techniques without stress since felting hides most minor flaws! Skills required are cast on, knit, purl, bind off. Class pack includes the pattern booklet, \$8.30 + tax. 2 weeks, starting Wed, Mar 21, 6:30-9:00pm

**Knitting- Mittens with Cables**—Tekla will get you started with this introduction to cables in a small, easy project. Learn basic cable techniques with a simple yet beautiful pattern worked on straight needles. These cozy mittens work up fast so you can knit up pair after pair for anyone this winter. Class pack, (\$6.80) is the book and a cable needle. You need to know how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off 3 weeks, starting Wed, Feb 1, 6:30-9:00pm

**Knitting-Modular Knitting**—You'll want to try this fun and easy knitting technique! Here's a great way to use up that stash while creating any project, but in a block-by-block way,

making it so portable. Blocks can be joined as you go or after completing them, to make scarves, pillows, afghans, just about anything - and you can design it as you go! You'll need to be able to cast on, bind off and do the basic garter stitch (knit only). Mary P will teach you how to decrease to shape the blocks. 3 weeks, starting Thu, Mar 8, 6:15-8:15pm

**Knitting-Wave Pattern Shawl**—This wonderful shawl is intermediate skill level. It can be worn as a shoulder wrap or as a scarf. The fashionable, lacy stitch has timeless appeal. There are seven different stitches, with a four-row repeat with lots of variety to create the design. (You need to know basics to take this class. Class pack, the book, is \$12.95 + tax. 3 weeks, starting Mon, Mar 5, 7:00-9:00pm

**Silk Ribbon Embroidery**—Come join Mary R and learn the basics of silk ribbon embroidery. The floral project will teach you many basic stitches and include a bit of floss embroidery as well. Must have basic embroidery knowledge. Class pack, everything but hoop and needles, is \$42.75 + tax. 2 weeks, starting Wed, Feb 15, 6:30-9:00pm

## OWNER'S CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

*These classes are especially for people who have bought their sewing and embroidery machines at Erica's, as a "thank you" for supporting us.*

*If you've recently moved into our area and have a Viking or Baby Lock, please contact us about participating with us. Note-all other classes shown in other categories are open to everyone.*



**Erica's Creative Sewing Club**—If you bought your serger or sewing machine from Erica's, a year's membership is automatic for most models, and you'll get special discounts at the meetings. Mary Ann Lienhart-Cross, the Sewing

Department ladies, and I share our excitement and enthusiasm for quilting, sewing, and fabric crafting, giving you hints, patterns, and sewing and serging updates. The same presentation is given in the evening and the next morning. We have a wonderful group of people who share this common interest of sewing, and you can make new friends while you get new ideas. This is an opportunity specifically for our sewing machine and serger customers, but if you have a Viking or Baby Lock and just moved to our area, or didn't know about us, please check with us if you're interested. See page 52 for Club dates.

### Handi Quilter

**Club**—This is an opportunity for Erica to share techniques and ideas with our Handi Quilter Frame System owners. Each meeting will include hints and tips, a technique or two, and a project to work on at home. Everyone is encouraged to bring along quilts they've done, or want help with. Club fee is \$30 for 6 meetings, and there will be a small charge for handouts at the meeting. If there is space, we will add people who were not able to purchase their frame systems from us. Please sign up on the waiting list if you're interested. The fee will be \$50 if not purchased at Erica's. Club dates are on page 52.



### Embroidery Clubs

These are groups where you explore more alternatives for the embroidery aspect of your Viking or Baby Lock and try all kinds of things you might not have tried on your own. We have several groups going now. Members will tell you how much fun they're having and how much they're learning! Membership is \$30 for the six-month session and club packs average around \$15, always including a few or several embroidery designs for your collection. Projects feature Judy Nowicki's



embroidery designs especially for our Embroidery Club members! You get information on project costs and a list of what to bring before each meeting. There are openings in some of the groups, so let us know right away if you're interested! (For our owners) See page 52 for Club Dates.

**Viking Digitizing Club**—This club meets the third Saturday of the month. Linda uses prepared projects and step-by-step instructions. We include Viking 3D, 4D and 5D formats. It is not necessary to have a laptop to join us, but it would be helpful. If members have taken the Digitizing Introduction class or have tried digitizing on their own with some success this will be helpful but not absolutely necessary. You will be doing mostly manual digitizing over Linda's drawings. You will receive a paper handout as well as a CD with drawings and a video of the class as your class pack. Come join the fun! See page 52 for club dates.

*If you're one of our new owners and haven't had a chance to take a basic class yet, please talk to someone in our sewing department.*

## QUILTING

**Four-Patch Stacked Posies**—Come join us on a sewing adventure using one larger print fabric to make the blocks and borders in this simplified stack 'n' whack style quilt.



You will be amazed how easy the technique is and how different and personalized your quilt will be. Diane will show you different sashing options that can be used to change the tone and "feel" of your quilt. As always, our staff will be happy to advise and/or help you



choose a great fabric if you'd like their help. Class pack, (the pattern) is \$8.00 + tax. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Fri,

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Feb 3, 10:00a-12:30p 2 weeks,  
starting Thu, Mar 1, 6:15-8:45pm

**Amish with a Twist Club**—See  page 40

**Applique of All Kinds**—This is a “notebook” class, where you’ll learn and make samples of 7 different applique techniques, both hand and machine. Joan will give you instructions in ruching, needle turn, freezer paper hand applique, fusible, soft fusible, buttonhole and satin, and invisible applique. You’ll do samples of them all and have a wonderful reference book that will be invaluable in future projects. Class pack (binder, book, instructions, fabric, and notions) is \$45.50 + tax. 3 weeks, starting Tue, Mar 6, 6:30-9:00pm

### E-Reader Wrap

Take your e-reader with you in style, with a personalized carrying case. This simple project is a great way to introduce novice sew-ers to the art of binding, while creating a one-of-a-kind case for your favorite literary gadget. Abby says it’s easy to open, and it closes securely with an elastic or Velcro closure, which will keep your reader safe during travel. She welcomes all experience levels to her class. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Mon, Jan 30, 6:30-9:00pm



**Hand Quilting**—A great love of Mary P’s is hand quilting. In this class you’ll use a preprinted wholecloth design. She’ll also teach you about using a stencil to transfer the design, layering, basting, and the relaxing art of hand quilting. Class pack is \$17.25 + tax. 1 class, Thu, Mar 01, 6:15-8:45pm or 1 class, Thu, Mar 29, 6:15-8:45pm



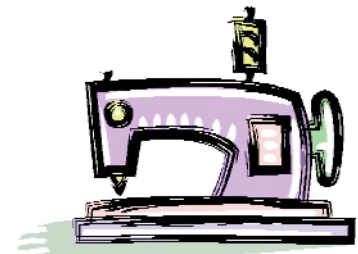
**How to Quilt—From Start to Finish**—This class is planned for beginners with no experience, but also



perfect for those who learned on their own and/or would like step by step instruction. Nancy will start with discussions of fabrics and color choice. You’ll learn proper rotary cutting, strips, and piecing by machine. As you learn, you’ll complete a lap quilt or wall hanging, layer it, quilt and bind it, so it’s done! For a good, basic foundation in quilting, this is a great way to go! Class pack is \$12.95 + tax. (Machine required) 4 weeks, starting Sat, Jan 28, 12:45-3:45pm, (Skips Feb 18) or 4 weeks, starting Tue, Feb 7, 9:45a-12:45pm

**Machine Quilting Basics**—In this class you will learn basic machine quilting

on your home sewing machine. Techniques taught are stitch-in-the-ditch and straight line quilting using a walking foot, free motion techniques including continuous pattern quilting, stippling and meandering, echo quilting, and continuous curve quilting. Joan will teach you some simple all-over quilting designs, background quilting designs, and some sashing and border treatments that you can use to enhance your quilts. She’ll discuss marking techniques and preparing your quilt top to be quilted. Class pack (book) is \$13.25 + tax. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Mon, Jan 23, 9:45a-12:15pm



**Preparing a T-Shirt Quilt**—T-shirt quilts are a great way to preserve memories. Recycle that collection of concert, sports, or vacation t-shirts into a great quilt, or gather a teenager’s accumulation of t-shirts to make a wonderful graduation gift. Any number from just a few to thirty or more shirts can be made into a quilt. Joan will help you get started. She will help you plan your quilt, show you how to prepare your t-shirts, calculate fabric yardages, and demonstrate the tools and tricks that will make it easier. Class pack is \$4.00 + tax. 1

class, Thu, Jan 26, 6:15-8:45pm

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**Making a T-Shirt Quilt**—If you've taken Joan's Preparing a T-shirt Quilt class and your T-shirts are ready to be made into a quilt, this is the next step. Joan will show you how to cut and sew sashing for both straight and diagonally set quilts. She will discuss where to use half square and where to use quarter square setting blocks in a diagonally set quilt and you will learn how to determine what size those need to be. She'll show you how to determine the length of your border strips and how to sew them. She'll also talk about the finishing steps of preparing your quilt sandwich, quilting the quilt, binding it, and sewing a label for it. You need to have taken the Preparing a T-shirt Quilt class before taking this one. Machine required. 1 class, Sat, Mar 24, 9:15-11:45am

**Raw Edge Applique & Freehand Quilting**—Join Joan for this workbook style class. If you have loved a pattern, but not known how to freehand stitch around the edge, this is the class to get over your fear and finally learn how. Class time will be spent stitching around shapes of fabric that have been cut and fused. They are practice pieces, not actual projects. You'll also do stippling, meandering, and other designs so that you'll be able to freehand machine quilt your own projects. The class is 3 weeks, so that at the end, you will feel comfortable with the technique and will have built the basic skills needed. Basic information sheets will be included for you to note specific settings, feet, etc., for your machine. Joan is very skilled and patient—come learn a new skill! Class pack is \$14.25 + tax. (Machine required) 3 weeks, starting Mon, Feb 6, 9:45a-12:15pm



**Scrap Therapy Cutting Workshop**—Do you feel like your stash is overflowing and you just don't know

what to do? Scrap Therapy is the answer! It's a two-part program that is a proven system to organize and use your fabric scraps. Put a new blade in your rotary cutter and Sandy will help you brush up on fast and efficient fabric cutting techniques. You'll cut your fabric into three useable sizes and store them in special see-through storage bins. (You'll get a bin free!) The classes that follow the workshop will help you convert your cut scraps into fun useable table runners, quilts, and other things as we go along. If you have already attended a workshop, coming to additional workshops gives you a set time to get your scraps ironed and cut, learn cutting tips, and enjoy others' company. 1 class, Sun, Jan 29, 1:15-3:15pm

**Scrap Therapy Star Light Star Bright**—

This class, one of the great Scrap Therapy patterns, will make a 60" x 72" stunning scrap quilt from the pieces you started cutting in the Cutting Workshop. Bring in your scraps and sit and sew these neat stars—they will fit together perfectly, and the pattern includes instructions on which way to press your seams for simple assembly. Come in and bring your scraps or squares before class if you'd like help choosing the main color (the sashing) and border color, if your stash doesn't have a piece that is perfect for it. Sandy will be teaching this class and will be providing great piecing, border and binding tips. Class pack, the pattern, is \$9.00 + tax. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Sat, Mar 10, 1:00-3:30pm, Skips March 17th



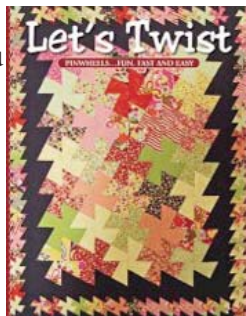
**Seasons & Reasons Club**— See **NEW** page 39

**Seasonal Angels Club**—See **NEW** page 39

**Twister Patchwork**—Here's a fun, easy method for creating pieced pinwheels without the difficult and time

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consuming piecing! Sandy will show you how to sew together simple squares, add a border and then, using the special Twister tool, cut blocks for the pinwheels. The tool does the work so all your pieces fit together to make a stunning table topper or small wallhanging. What a fun and addictive technique! Choose either large or small ruler to vary the size of your project, we used the small ruler for ours. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Tue, Mar 6, 6:30-9:00pm, Skips March 13th



### Zippy Strippy—

This lap quilt is so much fun to make! You join 40 strips of a jelly roll or other strip collection, then sew five seams, and you're done! We're having a morning class where Joan will show you how to join the strips on the bias, and you'll get them ready for the Zippy Strippy Race in the afternoon. Bring your lunch, then make the quilt top in the afternoon. You'll be amazed at how easy this is to do! And every quilt top is different. It'll be so much fun to see all the different combinations. Every one is different! It's hard to stop with just one of these, we warn you. (Machine required) 1 class, Sat, March 3, 9:15-11:45am continuing 1:00-3:00pm



## SEWING

**Embroidered Jenny Haskins Table Runner**—This project is based on a class Lynn took with Simon Haskins. The pattern includes the use of Krinkle Magic, with lace and ribbon as part of the applique. Jenny's and Simon's designs are our best selling collections, and this is a beautiful example of why they're so popular. Many people have admired this table runner in our sewing department. Now Lynn will help you make your own. Class pack (everything but thread) is \$28.00 plus tax. (Embroidery/sewing

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machine required.) 2 weeks, starting Fri, Mar 2, 10:00a-12:30p

**How to Sew-A Great Beginning—**Join Diane for our How to Sew class for detailed step-by-step all you need to know to start sewing. From what tools are needed as basics, to demonstrations of the basic techniques in sewing. Learn as you work on two simple projects— a quick pillowcase and boxer shorts or pajama bottoms, and choose your next project with Diane's guidance. No experience needed. Bring your own machine (and manual) or rent one of ours for \$3 per class. Class pack (book) is \$15.00 + tax. 4 weeks, starting Mon, Feb 6, 6:30-9:00pm

### Pack and Go Bags—

The perfect accessory to your everyday life, Abby will show you how these cute, simple, zippered bags are constructed from laminated fabric. Add a nylon zipper to create a sturdy, easy-to-carry catch-all for life's little needs. Use one as a small handbag on a summer day, or to keep track of all your sewing notions when you travel to class! This is a quick and easy project for sew-ers of any experience level. Class pack is \$1.25 + tax. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Sun, Feb 12, 1:00-3:30pm



### Princess Seam (Flattering Fit) Camp Shirt—

Do you want to learn how to do collars, cuffs, pockets, button holes and princess seams? WOW! Have we got the class for you! Not only will you have fun and learn a lot with Diane, but you will also get a great shirt out of the deal! You need basic sewing skills for this class. (Machine Required) 3 weeks, starting Wed, Mar 14, 6:30-9:00pm



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**62 Professional Tote**

Whether you work in an office or just have a lot to organize and carry, this tote has it all. There is a pleated pocket on each side of the tote to hold a bottle of water, umbrella, magazine, baby bottle or telephone. There are pockets and compartments for everything! On the inside, there is a large center -dividing zippered pocket that holds file folders. There is plenty of room inside for a laptop computer. Several pockets are inside for your business cards, keys, pens, PDA, and more. To finish it off, there is a zipper that will close tight to keep the contents secure. This would also work great as a sewing tote with a place for patterns or books, fabrics and notions. Or make it a "professional" diaper bag, with a pocket for all the baby's needs. Linda G's got this one down to a science, to guide you through it but you'll need to get your fabric and pattern ahead and be sure to have all pieces cut and fused before coming to the first class to make the most of it. Class pack (zippers and vinyl) is \$11.99 + tax. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Mon, Feb 27, 9:45a-12:45pm, Skips March 5th



**Quick Clothesline**

**Carry All**—While using clothesline in projects has been around for a bit, Indygo Junction has a new method that makes construction so much faster and easier! You simply won't believe how quick or striking this new method is. Sandy will show you this great time-saving technique that gives stunning results. You'll use fabric strips (you choose) and clothesline to create a stylish tote/purse in no time! (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Thu, Feb 2, 6:15-8:45pm



**Serger Apron**—Make a cute little half apron on your serger. Are you avoiding your serger, or only finishing seams with it? Or maybe you just want to get more experience with other uses for it. Then come join Lynn as she takes you step by step constructing an apron, complete with zipper! Yes, you can put a zipper in using a serger. The class pack includes a DVD with 3 projects, and it covers different stitches, thread, and feet. Class pack, (pattern and great serger DVD,) is \$30 plus tax. (Serger required) 2 weeks, starting Mon, Mar 19, 6:30-9:00pm



**Sewing-"Emaline" Skirt**

—This A-line easy-to-sew beauty features three different skirt options. Abby will help students create their own, personalized skirt using techniques such as gathering, pleating, hemming and inserting a zipper. During class, we will also focus on tailoring and embellishing your simple skirt, to fit you and your personality. The possibilities are endless. Need basic sewing experience. (Machine required) 2 weeks, starting Wed, Mar 7, 6:30-9:00pm



**Stitcher's Garden**—Club dates are on page 52.

Sign up now! *Fritzy*

