

Sewing's A Brees

Today I heard on an interview that if you didn't make mistakes you weren't trying. That person must have been watching me in my sewing room. I was sewing a pair of crop pants to take with me on vacation. A couple of weeks ago I made two pairs from the same pattern without any problem. I don't know why I couldn't put them together but I sure took out a lot of serger thread!!! I finally gave up and went back to them the next day. I still had problems but finally got them finished, still not sure what the problem was. What do you do when your project gives you fits?

Before the newsletter goes to press the County Fair will have come and gone. Our chapter continues to support the Style Review. All participating 4-Hers received a token gift and we give three gift certificates from one of our advertisers to the Intermediate Reserve Champion, the Junior Champion and the Junior Reserve Champion. Some of the participants will model their garments at our August meeting.

Also at our August meeting we challenge you to make something from fabric that you have purchased from the Fabric Fund. It could be

a garment, home dec, toy, pet item, or anything else you dream up.

In August I will travel to Los Angeles for the National Convention. This will be my last year as the representative of our chapter and I want you to know that I appreciate the opportunity. I have met some great and talented women and learned much; I hope I've been able to share some of that knowledge with our chapter. Michele Brakewood, Anne St. Clair, and Denise Dias will all be going from our Chapter. Next year the convention will be in Houston so maybe more members can attend.

The Nominating Committee will be asking for volunteers to help keep our chapter functioning and fun. Barbara Blackman is the chair this year and Valarie Fisher and Nancy Boewe round out the committee. If you are called, I hope you will be able to say yes.

Don't do like me and ...

Sew much, rip less,

Betty



ASG on the Web

Find current information about ASG activities on the Internet:

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Address Change

If your address, phone number or email changes, please report the changes to both the local membership chair and to the National office (you can use the website at asg.org.)

A Note About Photos

As you have probably noticed, we love photos! If you take photos at an ASG event, please consider posting them to Facebook or emailing them to the newsletter editor.



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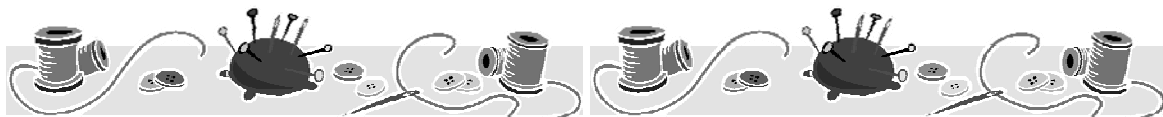
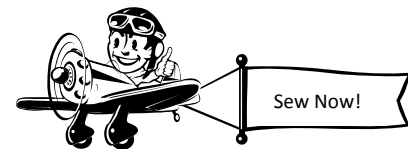
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Eat and Shop - What a Great Idea!

We have been doing this since the beginning of the year, and it seems that many of us are enjoying it. On May 18, we ate at De Fazio's in Twin Lakes and then shopped at the Sewing Center. In June, twenty one ladies went to El Dorado to eat at Beijing Bistro and shop at Friendship Star Quilt Co. and Sugar Bunny yarn shop. At some point, the merchants heard about our little excursions and have started giving our members extra discounts on these special shopping days. (Doesn't Wichita and area have a wonderful bunch of shops and shop owners?) July 16, a Saturday, drew only about thirteen of us, but we had a lovely lunch at N & J Bakery, and then shopped at A-1 Singer, Sew Much and Needle Nook Fabrics. (Anne even put up a welcome sign!) As you will notice in the events pages (pages 4 & 5) we intend to continue this decadent practice on a monthly basis, and each month will be a different day of the week. We have determined locations to the end of the year, but would welcome suggestions for next year. Please speak to any board member or send an email if you know of a great place to shop (or eat!)



Community Service Project

On Tuesday June 21 at 10 a.m. we met at Sew Much fabric store to make crib sheets for the Community Baby Shower in the fall. Thirteen members participated. We made 30 elasticized crib sheets (even after having to re-do a few due to a measurement error.) We also completed 14 receiving blankets by piecing the squares that were cut from the corners of the sheets.

Bev Seyfert of The Sewing Center donated 50 yards of baby print fabric. Denise Diaz donated elastic from the Needle Nook. Cindy at Sew Much provided some thread and had some sewing machines on hand.

We also went out to eat at N & J Bakery! !!! (and shopped the store there – the whole wheat pita bread is delicious.)



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August Events

General Meeting – August 2

“Summer of Style”

- 1:30 pm and 7 pm, Extension Center
- 4-H Style Review
- Challenge: Fabric Fund Creation
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – Aug. 15

“Bobbin Work”

- Bring: sewing machine, decorative thread wound on bobbins, regular thread, scrap fabric for practice, 19” x 19” fabric to start a project, if desired.
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – August 16

“Easy Zipper Purse”

- Bring 2 pieces of fabric, 6 in. X 12 in ea.
- Bring 2 zippers, 6 in. each.
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Eat and Shop – August 17

- Charlotte’s Sew Natural, 710 North Main, Newton, KS
- Lunch at 11:30 am. The Breadbasket, 219 North Main, Newton, KS
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

Serger Neighborhood Group – Aug. 22

“Ruching; Stitch and Flip Tote Bag”

- Bring: serger and manual, 3 – 5 cotton fabrics (supply and cutting list will be emailed)
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734

CAB Meeting – August 23

- 1:30, Ingle Room, Extension Center
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Derby Neighborhood Group – Aug. 25

- Aurelia Lobban-Beck will present an evening of Puyallup Sewing Expo Ideas.
- Join us and see floor cloths and jewelry made from your stash.
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS, 7 pm
- Marsha Volz 789-9193

5th Tuesday Sew-In – August 30 & 31

- 9 am to 5 pm, Extension Center
- Bring your own projects or work on a Community Service project.
- Get some advice or give some, and see what others are working on
- (It’s Becky’s birthday...will there be cake?)
- Becky Wondra , 722-0939

On-Going Fundraisers

We continue to have two regular fund raising activities: At the Fabric FUNd table, fabric donated by members can be purchased for \$1 per yard. **NEW! Penny has reorganized the fabric into content types and new storage boxes for an enhanced shopping experience!** Funds raised go into the general budget.

At the library table, we have magazines that have been donated by members for sale for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Funds raised go to buy items for the library.

Tables open before and after the meeting and during refreshment break.



September Events

General Meeting – September 6 “ASG Birthday Party”

- President's Report from Conference
- Announce Winter Challenge
- Betty Brees, 838-3709

Eat and Shop – Sept. 12

- Sunflower Quilts, 405 Osage Road, Derby, KS
- Meet for lunch at 11:30 at Pizza John's, 208 South Baltimore Ave, Derby, KS
- Marsha Volz, 789-9193

Sew Inspired Neighborhood Group – September. 19

“Wing Needle”

- Bring: Sewing Machine, wing needle, rayon or cotton thread, woven fabric
- 23 Chisholm Creek, Wichita, KS, 1 pm.
- Shirley Binder, 687-7257

East Side Neighborhood Group – Sept. 20 “Ruffler Demo and Puzzle Blouse”

- Blouse: drapable fabric, width and length of your high bust measurement
- Needle Nook Fabrics, 7 pm
- Theresa Corle 689-6702

Derby Neighborhood Group – Sept. 22 “Remaking Old into New”

- By Jean Mulford
- Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 South Woodlawn Boulevard, Derby, KS, 7 pm

Serger Group – September. 26 “Zipper Pocket in Bag Lining”

- Bring: Serger, tote bag project from August, 6 in. plastic zipper
- 1208 N Emporia, Wichita, KS, 1 pm
- Julia Waterbury, 722-0734
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CAB Meeting – Sept. 27

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There is a charge of \$1 per item per month for items returned late. Any item not returned within 6 months will be considered lost and the member will be responsible for replacing it. A complete listing of library holdings is available at the library table during our monthly meetings.

*Look for the additional storage cart (we now have two)! Our intrepid librarian has been busy getting it ready to hold some of our new books. Remember, we moved the magazines to the storage closet (where the round tables are.) They are *much* easier to browse! Be sure to sign them out when you borrow them.*

New Titles:

- Quilter's Complete Guide by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter, 1993, Oxmoor House and Leisure Arts Inc.
- Make Room for Quilts – Beautiful Decorating Ideas, by Nancy Martin, 1994, Martingale & Company.
- Couture Sewing (Revised and Updated) by Claire Schaeffer, 2011, The Taunton Press, Inc. (Watch for a review in an upcoming issue.)
- The review on page 7 is for a book listed in the June Newsletter.

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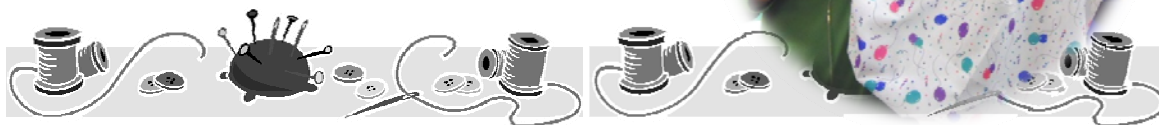
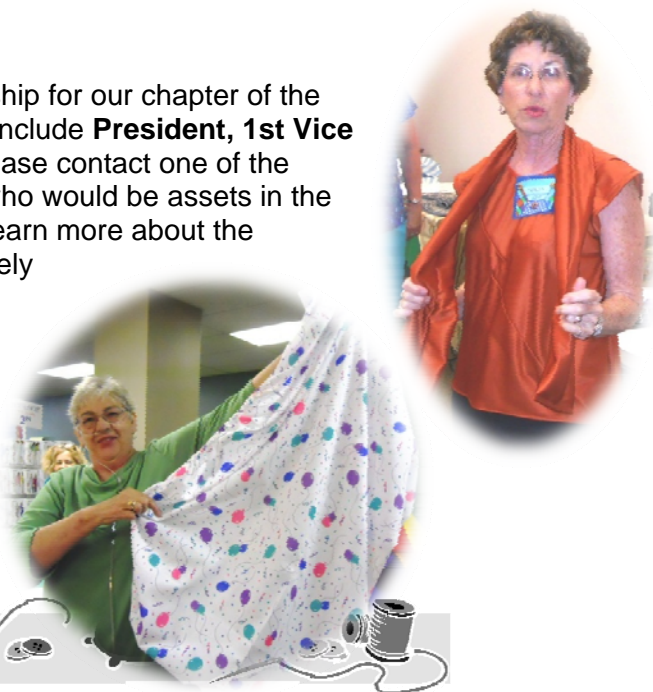
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Call for Nominations

The nominating committee requests your help in finding leadership for our chapter of the American Sewing Guild for the year 2012. The open positions include **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer**. Please contact one of the committee members with your recommendations of members who would be assets in the leadership of our guild. Serving on the board is a great way to learn more about the organization and to build lasting friendships. Your help is sincerely appreciated.

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Book Review

Simplicity's Simply the Best Sewing Book, Revised Edition, Anne Marie Soto, ed., Simplicity Pattern Co., 2001, 270 pages

This is a comprehensive book that will be a reference for both the beginner and the experienced seamstress. Starting at square one, the first chapter begins with a discussion of the many reasons you may want to sew. From there, the second chapter takes you through all the information you can get from a pattern catalog, the pattern envelope, the instruction sheet and the pattern tissue itself. The third chapter helps you with selecting fabric, tools and even your sewing machine.

Assuming that you are sewing garments, the fourth chapter shows how to measure and fit various body types including women, children and men, and then shows how to make pattern adjustments. By the fifth chapter, you are preparing your fabric, laying out the pattern, transferring markings and beginning to stitch. Seam finishes, including use of a serger, pressing, and hand finishing techniques are included.

Chapter 6 gets you through all the possible details. This is where you can reference any part of a garment you may want to construct: collars, cuffs, plackets, belts and loops, bindings, elastic, closures, darts, facings, gathers, easing, hemming, interfacing, mitering corners, pleats,

pockets, ruffles, shoulder pads, speed tailoring, trims, tucks, waistbands and zippers.

Special fabric types are addressed in Chapter 7, such as denim, fake fur, fleece, knits, lace microfiber, plaids and stripes, satin, sheers and velvet. Details of how to handle layout, marking, cutting, needles, interfacing, topstitching, hemming and pressing are given for each fabric type. A section on the use of stabilizers is also included at the end of this chapter.

The final chapter is entitled "Simply the Best Patternless Projects" and uses diagrams with measurements to make garments mainly from rectangles. The Kimono for adults could be a "zero waste" project if you use the minimal leftovers as pockets. Kimonos for children and babies leave more leftovers, but the baby project includes a diaper cover. A T-top, straight skirt, poncho, and a shawl with pockets are among the other projects, and no sewing book would be complete without the ubiquitous tote bag and its many pockets.

The book includes an index and eight color photo pages of the patternless projects. It is must-have source for any beginner and a handy reference for anyone needing to refresh themselves on a particular technique.



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June Show and Share



Rumor Has It...

- The Original Sewing and Quilt Expo will be in Kansas City this October. They have offered to help us organize a bus trip, so we are planning for October 14. The total fee will include one day admission, one demonstration class, a stylish pin, a shopping bag, breakfast on the bus and a boxed supper. The class schedule will be available online at www.sewingexpo.com by August 4. Full details will be available at future meetings or contact Sylvia Steinshouer at 685-6188 or Sylvia@steinshouer.com
- September is National Sewing Month, with the theme of "Sew for the Love of It". See asg.org for more details.
- The Sedgwick County Extension Center is hosting a Family Fun Day on Sept. 17. We are planning to set up a booth to do some sewing demonstrations and show off some samples from our upcoming programs. Talk to Penny Ruddle (263-4816) if you would like to participate.



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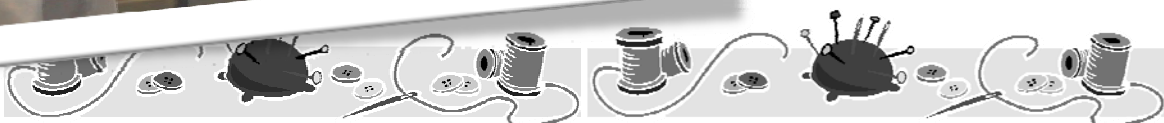
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Sally Lou Coleman used:

- Sewing Projects for the Home by Singer Sewing, 1991, available on amazon.com
- The Home Furnishings Workbook by Maureen Whitemore, 1999, available on amazon.com

Serger Neighborhood Group will be using:

- Serger Secrets: High Fashion Techniques for Creating Great Looking Clothes by Mary Griffin, Pam Hastings, Agnes Mercik and Linda Lee Vivian (Paperback - 1998); available on amazon.com; members of this group are each going to purchase this book to have as a common reference workbook.



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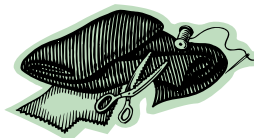
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