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# SEW PORTLAND

## I CAN'T GET THIS BLEEPING THING OPEN!

It's been a great holiday season and if you are like most of us, you had a few gifts to open .. And as much fun as that was, how did you make out with the packaging? I find myself quite frustrated trying to remove plastic wraps and tops and cases. But this year, I had a plan ....

I was in a hardware store a few weeks ago and saw a nice pair of utility scissors. I have been having a lot of pain and muscle aches with my hands so I thought it might help if I had a good pair of scissors to help open packages and stuff. And right beside the scissors was a utility knife - I could use that, too! So I purchased both and took them home. I was feeling quite proud of myself for spending some money to get "armed" for the tasks that lie ahead. So, my first challenge was a heat-sealed, plastic wrapped package to open, so I was delighted to go get my new scissors to cut across the top of the package. Well, the scissors were also tightly heat-sealed in plastic, I couldn't get at them; however, no problem - I'll get my utility knife to open the scissors package. Well, it turns out that the utility knife was shrink wrapped! So I had to resort to my kitchen knife to cut into the plastic of the utility knife, to cut into the plastic for the scissors, to open up my original package ... then, I got to unwrap and dispose of all that packaging that caused such grief!!!! What an insane world we live in!!

At the shop, I try to purchase as many package-less items as I can - less aggravation, less waste, and always less money. Did you know that the packageless zippers are on the average 50% less money than the packaged? I often bulk-buy tape measure, needle threaders, seam rippers, D-rings, and more. Keep your eye for those items to save time, money, and the environment!

### Winter Hours

Mon -Friday:

10 to 6

Sat.:

10 to 5:00

Sunday:

1 to 5

Call ahead on blizzardy days and holidays. We close early if the snow starts to pile up too much or gets icy.



## WINTER CLASS PASS

We are again offering a class pass for the winter. Purchase a pass by January 15 and take any class taught by a staff member without any extra class fee. Some specialty classes may only be discounted. The pass is \$80 this year, an increase from the past. However, the pass will also entitle you to 20% off all purchases of batting and threads.

### Saturday Sit and Sew

Bring your own project, tools, and lunch and use our tables and irons to work on your own items. This is not a time to receive instruction, but there might be someone to answer a few questions.

10 to 4 for only \$5.00

(Not held if another class is in session)

*Did you know that we have a few Singer sewing machines and have access to many? It is a machine we only recommend for those who want to dabble at sewing, or purchase for a child, or maybe just don't have the budget. But, if that is what you want, **BUY LOCAL!***

**Dakota  
Collectibles  
Embroidery  
CD's  
Now in stock!!**

**January Intro  
25% off**

## MACHINE SPECIALS FOR JANUARY

**smarter™**  
BY PFAFF

**MSRP: \$1600**  
**Our price: \$1399**



Did you know that the Expression 4.0 was rated best buy for computerized machines without embroidery?

And that was at the \$2500 price!

Our everyday price is \$2299!



Also, if you purchased one of the earlier 4.0's and are still having difficulty with thread falling out of the take-up lever, call up and make an appointment to have the lever replaced with the new style at no charge.

### SEW WHAT'S NEW?

We are thinning out our stock to make way for new items coming in the spring. A number of bolts are 50% off as well as some books and patterns. These won't hang around a long time since I plan to donate them.

A few new items are arriving: **Liberty Art Fabrics** by Rowan (Westminster) are a little more traditional than their usual offerings and we ordered some in the red colorway just in time for Valentine's decorating.

We've ordered fabrics from **Quilting Treasures** and they are trickling in - just received a couple of pieces with **moose** and **bear** and we are expecting a few of the **cloth book panels**.

We're also expecting a group of **velveteens** by **Anna Marie Horner** that will be fabulous in little girl's dresses, cosmetic bags, and even quilts.

Our inventory of **wool felt** and felting supplies is also expanding; more colors of the felt, roving, needles, and a few books. Let us know if this is an area of interest.

## UPCOMING CLASSES

**Hat and Scarf with Maggie:** Make a Polartec hat and a scarf with Maggie. If you missed the mitten class, she might be able to help you with that in this session. \$15 includes patterns; class pass holders pay only \$5. January 11 from 6 to 8

**What a Whale of a Kid's Class!** Make this adorable stuffed whale from cute cottons. Fun to sew, fun to cuddle with! January 17 from 10 to 1 \$30 includes pattern and materials. Casey and Kathy will be teaching this class.

**Sewing Café:** Bring any project you would like to work on. Kathy will be there to offer assistance. If you need a machine, please let us know in advance when you preregister. You will need to bring your own sewing supplies: thread, needles, pins, scissors, cutters, and project instructions. \$10 per session Free to class pass holders. January 10, 17, and 24 from 5 to 9. February 7, 14, March 7, 14, 21, 28

**New Owners:** January 17 from 2 to 4 (or during Café) Making a crazy patch cosmetic bag \$10 to anyone who is not a new owner from Sew Portland.

**Embroidery Club:** Valentine Placemats or Pillow- January 18 from 10 to 1 \$15 Free to class pass holders

**Groovy Girls Club:** We will be making a wallet roll up for this session. (must already be enrolled to take this class) January 19 from 6 to 8

**Doll Making:** Make a 20" cloth doll from muslin in this Saturday class. This is a good class for first time doll makers, or for the more experienced. \$25 includes pattern. Class Pass holders pay \$5 for the pattern only. January 29 from 10 to 4.

**Baby Bibs and Burps!** Need help making these essentials for a new baby? I'll have several bib styles from which to choose and an easy burp cloth. \$20 includes patterns. Sunday, January 23 from 2 to 4 \$5 to Class Pass Holders

**Wool Scarf:** Appliquéd circle makes this a fun scarf; the wool makes it elegant! Maggie will be teaching this January 25 from 6 to 8. \$15 includes pattern. Class pass holders pay \$3.

**Baby Blocks and Balls:** Make some soft toys for your favorite baby! Class fee of \$15 includes pat-

terns. Sunday February 13 from 2 to 4. Class pass holders pay \$3 for patterns.

**Jewelry Roll Up:** Pockets will help organize your bling for storage. Maggie will instruct this class. Feb. 8 \$15 includes pattern. Class pass holders pay \$5.

**Skirts with Maggie:** Choose from several styles to make a flirty skirt/ It will take two sessions. Feb. 22 and March 1 \$30 includes pattern. \$8 to class pass holders for pattern and tracing material.

**Fan Runner:** A interesting array makes this fun runner. Feb. 7 and 14 from 1 to 4 \$20 includes pattern only. \$3 to class pass holders.

**Friendship Star Small Quilt:** A great beginner class. I will precut the fabric for you using our Accucut. Be sure to register ahead of time so that I can prepare your kit. Feb 1 and 8 from 1 to 5 \$25 includes cutting of kit but not the fabric you select. \$4 to class pass holders.

**New Owners:** Arm chair sewing caddy includes a pin cushion. **Tuesday**, Feb. 15 from 2 to 4 %10 to anyone who is not a new owner from Sew Portland. (Note the different day here.)

**Groovy Girls Club February** (last one): Aprons February 15 from 6 to 8

**Natasha's Fans:** Use a jelly roll for convenience, or precut 2-1/2" strips to make this unique lap/wall quilt. February 19 from 10 to 3. \$20 includes pattern only. Class Pass holders pay \$3 for pattern.

### March Classes

I must attend a Pfaff Creative Conference in the beginning of March, but they have not given us the date yet! I have classes planned for March but need to keep dates flexible. Here is some of what is planned:

**Nesting Baskets**

**Baby's/Toddler's Spring Jacket**

**Adult Spring Jacket**

### ***Winter Wednesday Wonders!***

Check your e-mail or Facebook to see what is coming each week on Wednesday only, or call the shop the morning of the special!

