

# “THE BUZZ”

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Glory Bee's Sewing Center



*Hello from the Glory Bee's Sewing Center! It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner. The spirit of giving is certainly present in the shop as we assist our customers with fabric and pattern selection for gifts and home décor. Please stop by for last minute suggestions and inspiration from projects on display. You may also want to consider Glory Bee Gift Cards for those on your shopping list.*

## EXCITING NEWS!

*We are very pleased to announce that beginning January, 2025, Glory Bee's will be offering our customers three new clubs that they may join—the **Brother Embroidery Club**, the **Janome Embroidery Club**, and the **Sewing Club**. These clubs will meet once a month for the entire year. Each session will consist of a project and/or demonstration followed by sewing time. New skills and techniques will be emphasized, and both new and experienced sewists are welcome. The cost of each session is \$25. You may sign up for the entire year of 12 sessions for \$250 (a savings of \$50!) that ensures you a permanent place. If you wish to sign up for certain individual months only, you may do so. Below is a short description of each club.*

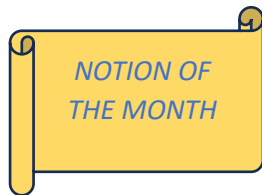
**Brother Embroidery Club.** Come join us to explore new ways you can use your Brother Embroidery machine. There may be some features you have not tried yet, or some settings that will make your sewing experience more enjoyable. Get your embroidery questions answered and complete some small projects that emphasize special features of your machine. In addition, you will have time to work on your own individual sewing projects. We will have 2 different groups divided according to your machine capability. More information to be available soon.

**Janome Embroidery Club.** Do you have questions about your Janome Embroidery machine? Come join us to get answers and also to learn new techniques to make your sewing time more productive and enjoyable. There are probably settings and features on your embroidery machine that you have not had the opportunity to use—let us show you now how to use them. You will be completing small projects in addition to having time for your own individual projects. This club will meet on the **Second Friday of each month.**

**Sewing Club.** This club will emphasize a variety of skills and techniques that will ensure you can tackle some new sewing adventures with confidence. Participants will be encouraged to suggest sewing projects they would like to try so that they can experience from designing a pattern to sewing the finished product. There will be individual sewing time also. This club will meet on the **Second Thursday of each month.**

*If you have any questions, please call the shop. You may register for these Clubs online or in person. We are looking forward to having you join us for these exciting sewing and embroidery experiences. Come spend the day enjoying learning new techniques and having lively conversations in our relaxing classroom!*

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We all know how important our cutting mat is for having accurate pieces that sew together well. This month's notion, the MAT CLEANING PAD by The Gypsy Quilter, is designed to keep our mats clean and to actually heal them in the process. This heart shaped pad helps to remove loose threads and preserve a good cutting surface for your rotary cutter. Mention that you saw this item in *The Buzz* and receive a 20% discount on the price!





We now have in the shop a collection of delightful patterns called *Prairie Quilt Seeds* by Lori Holt of Bee in my Bonnet. There are six floral patterns and one pumpkin pattern. Each pattern is in its own sturdy packet which makes it easy to store with your own notes and suggestions for future reference. The directions are clearly written with colorful pictures and diagrams to make sewing them together a pleasure. Your choice of fabrics will dramatically change the look of each flower or the pumpkin. Come in and browse the variety of choices—you might decide to sew them all!



### LAST MINUTE IDEA

Do you have a new tree in your home for this holiday? Or do you have a



friend or relative who has a new one? This **tree skirt** is actually a panel that we have available in the shop. No piecing is necessary. You can use a stitch and flip method or bind it as you would a quilt. Just add batting, backing, and quilting, if you desire, and it is ready to add a festive touch to any tree. We also have other holiday panels available, so come in and browse!

### SERVICE CENTER SUGGESTION

Have you ever wound a bobbin and found that it was uneven or “squishy”? Chuck, our Service Center Manager, suggests that it could be that your thread was not fully seated—this means it was not in the tensioner correctly. You should feel resistance from the thread itself when it is properly seated in the tension disk. Also, make certain that you are following the thread path that is illustrated in your machine manual. If you have questions, Chuck would be glad to talk with you about winding bobbins correctly.



Everyone is super busy getting ready for the holidays, but we do have a few classes you might want to attend. Take a break from your cooking, shopping, wrapping, and decorating and join us for a few hours of sewing in our classroom.

**Thursday, December 5—The Christmas Club.** This is the last meeting of this club for this year. We will be sewing fabric Christmas trees and finishing other holiday projects already in progress. Have some last-minute gifts to make? Join us to spend the day in our classroom where you may find some inspiration!

**Friday, December 6—Sit and Sew**

**Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11—Bear Tracks Quilt.** This is a 2 day class that uses a panel and surrounding blocks to produce the stunning quilt that has been on display in our classroom. Make certain that you get a supply list for this class so you will be ready—we will be happy to assist you with fabric selections.

**Thursday, December 12—Sit and Sew**

**Tuesday, December 17—Sit and Sew**



This month Ron has several extended deals from our Black Friday Specials. Please consult the e-mail you received right before Thanksgiving that will have these sales listed. Call us or stop by the shop if you have any questions.



Sometimes we like to use embroidery thread to enhance our decorative stitches. Gloria says that if you are using embroidery thread as your top thread, you should use cotton thread in your bobbin. This will ensure that your machine produces a tighter stitch and that your stitches are even.



*We wish all of our customers a wonderful holiday season and a great start to a new year. We look forward to new and exciting classes that can help you fulfill your sewing needs and desires. Look for us to be posting frequently on social media to keep you up-to-date on what is happening and what is new in the shop. As always, please let us know how we can support and assist you in your own sewing adventures. Hope to see you in the shop soon!*

**HAPPY SEWING!**

*Ron, Gloria, and Staff*

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