"THE BUZZ"

October, 2025



We certainly hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather! Cooler temperatures signal the beginning of the holiday season—time to get those decorative and gift-giving projects started. We have some new kits and fabrics that will be just what you need for inspiration. Stop in to see projects that we have been making on display. Also, we would love to see what you are creating.





We have a new Halloween themed table runner kit available in the shop—perfect for adding to your holiday décor. It is easy to make, and will be a wonderful accent to your table. The kit includes all fabrics needed and the pattern. You just add batting or fusible fleece. Come in and pick up one (or two!). There are other types of kits available also.



NEW FABRICS



We have a new line of fabrics called "Urban Oasis" by Northcott. They are super soft flannels perfect for quilts, baby items, and other projects. We will be having a quilt class called "Carolyn's Cages" that will use these fabrics-- and kits are available—see our class listings below for the class date.

Carolyn's

Cages

Quilt





NOTION OF THE MONTH

This month's notion is **EZ Snips** by The Gypsy Quilter. This 5"snip is made of high-quality steel with a serrated bottom blade. It has a matte oyster finish and is made to last! Mention that you saw this item in **The Buzz** and receive a 10% discount off the regular price.





OCTOBER CLASSES

CLUBS

Tues., 10/7 – Brother Embroidery Club #1

10/9 – Thursday Sewing Club

Fri., 10/17 – Janome Embroidery Club

<u>10/18</u> – Saturday Sewing Club

<u>Tues.</u>, <u>10/21</u> – Brother Embroidery Club #2

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Wed., 10/8 – Box Bottom Bag. Everyone who has seen the 3 variations of this tote in the shop has been so impressed with it! This class is going to be popular, so you may want to sign up early. You can use up some of your scraps, or come in and purchase some of our new fabrics. This bag is sure to be one of your favorites, and it would make a wonderful gift.

<u>Fri., 10/10 – Simple Sewing Projects</u>. This class is for those who are new to sewing or are returning to sewing. This month we will make a fabric basket that can be constructed in two different sizes. We will emphasize how to quilt fabric on your machine, how to sew accurate 1/4" seams, and how to finish your project with decorative stitches. Come join us as you begin (or begin again) your sewing journey!

<u>Sat., 10/11 – Pumpkin Table Topper/Wall Hanging</u>. This is an intermediate project showcasing a large pieced pumpkin surrounded by a half-square triangle border with leaf cornerstones. It is the perfect fall accent piece! This topper can be used on your table or as a wall hanging. This class may take two days to complete depending on individual progress.

<u>Tues.</u>, 10/14 – Carolyn's Cages Quilt. (Note: This class will replace the usual 3 Yard Quilt Class for this month.) We will use the Northcott "Urban Oasis" flannel fabrics (featured above) to piece this contemporary quilt that will be a soft and warm cover for cold winter nights! We will have the pattern and kit available for you to purchase. You may also decide to use your own fabric choices as this geometric pattern quilt is suitable for so many colors and designs.

<u>Weds., 10/15 & 10/22 – Sit & Sew.</u> Join us in our bright, spacious classroom to work on your own sewing adventures. It is so enjoyable for us to see your creative projects. As always, we are available to assist you.

<u>Thurs., 10/16 – Intermediate Free Motion Quilting Class.</u> This is a follow-up to our Introduction to Free Motion Quilting class. We will explore more designs that will help you finish your table runners, wall hangings, and quilts, etc., on your own machine.

Please remember to obtain a supply list for every class that you register for either in person or online. Check our website frequently as new classes may be added during the month. Also, a picture of each class's finished project is on our website with the class listings.



As holiday time approaches, we want to let you know that if you have quilts that require our longarm services in time for Christmas, they need to be in the shop no later than October 15, 2025. Please call us if you have any questions.



Chuck, our Service Center Manager, says that it is not a good idea to "sew through known issues". By this he means, if you suspect something is wrong with your machine, it is best

to stop sewing and get it checked. Otherwise, the issue may worsen and lead to more damage. It could also ruin a project and thus be even more upsetting for you. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions regarding your machine's performance.



This month, Gloria has some advice regarding thread. If you are experiencing thread breakage (either your top thread or your bobbin thread), it may be because your thread itself is no longer usable. Many factors can affect thread including age (it may be dry rotted), humidity, and extreme temperature changes. There is a simple test to determine whether or not your thread is

suitable. Take a length of thread between your hands and snap it firmly—if it breaks, it is not going to perform well in your machine. It will be a source of frustration for you as you must constantly rethread and risk gaps in your seams. Checking the threads you will be using ahead of time will ensure your pieces will come together evenly and securely.

We welcome all our new customers – please let us know how we can best assist you. To all our customers – we wish you cool fall sewing days as we approach the holiday season. Stop in the shop to see new fabrics. We have also recently added to our Fat Quarter selections, and new projects are on display.

HAPPY SEWING!
Ron, Gloria, and Staff

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