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Hemstitching is back! My machine is finally up and running. I really hate it has taken so long in adding this very special service at Lilies and Lace. However, my temperamental old machine needed much attention so spent the last several months in Philadelphia receiving some fine tuning and adjusting. And I must say it was well worth the investment and wait. The stitches are beautiful!

Hemstitching may be used in a number of ways. Hemstitch a sleeve to attach lace or around the edge of a blanket to attach your favorite edging or hemstitch lace directly on the spokes of a collar and around the edge. The possibilities are numerous. Although it can be used in the place of entredeux, it does not make as strong of a join between fabric and lace. So you will need to be mindful of where and how you wish to apply it in your garment.

When researching hemstitching, I discovered that the family responsible for the invention of the hemstitch machine also invented the Bernina sewing machine; my two favorite machines both in the shop!

“In 1980, Karl Friedrich Gegauf set up his own business in Switzerland, opening an embroidery and mechanical workshop for the manufacture of his own invention, a monogram machine. Through his involvement in the textile industry, he noticed how laborious it was to produce hemstitching which was only done by hand at that time. In 1893, Gegauf invented the first

hemstitch sewing machine. Fritz and Gustav Gegauf took charge of the factory after their father's death in 1926. In the 1930s, during the economic crisis, Fritz joined forces with the embroidery factory, Brutsch & Sohn.

By the end of 1932, they jointly developed the first household sewing machine which they called Bernina. In 1938, Model 117 featured the first Bernina zigzag. In 1954, Model 530 featured the first patented snap on presser foot and semi automatic buttonhole. In 1963, Model 730 featured the patented knee activated presser foot lifter. And in 1986, the first computerized Bernina machine - Model 1130 - was sold.

Today, the great grandson of Karl Friedrich Gegauf runs the company as owner and chairman of the board of directors.”

Although we are not a Bernina Dealership, we do have several different models of Bernina Sewing Machines in the shop. All About Sewing in Mobile has been so generous and allows us to use these machines for classes and also for you to “test drive”. If you are in the market for a new machine, do call me to set up an appointment. I would love to help you select the model that is perfect for your needs.

Toodles

P.S. I have found the first totally redesigned hemstitch machine on the market in over 100 years. You can purchase the Legacy Hemstitch HS-2000 for \$10,750.

OUR BIG SUMMER SALE! Saturday, July 31 - Friday, August 6

Acrylic Party

Monday and Tuesday, September 13-14 • 9 am - 6 pm

Mark your calendar for the Annual Acrylic Party. My sister Freda Rambo and I love hosting this event with over 100 items available to order, all with your choice of personalization. Prices range from \$6 to \$65 and orders are delivered in time for Christmas. Give me a call for more details.

A Very Grand Sewing Retreat - October 1-3

Our sewing retreat is only a few months away. Our guest instructor Wendy Schoen is very excited to be joining us at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear and meeting each of you. I was recently at the hotel finalizing the event. It is not only a beautiful location, but perfect for our retreat!

There are still a few places available. The registration forms can be downloaded from our website where you can also read more about the retreat and the classes being taught. The total cost is \$650 and includes your room, meals, classes and kits. I am in the process of finalizing the dinner party plans and other special events. I would love to hear from you.

* A supply list will be sent out soon to let participants know what they will need to bring.

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Tuesday thru Friday 10 am to 4 pm • Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Lilies and Lace classes and projects

All of our classes and projects have been scheduled with you in mind. It remains our goal to make them as budget friendly as possible. Classes are a fantastic way to not only learn a new skill but also a means to utilize materials we already have. We purposely keep the classes small in order to give you the attention you deserve therefore spaces are limited. A 50% deposit is required and is non-refundable if you do not cancel 48 hours prior to the class. This helps us ensure all those wanting to take a class have the opportunity. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Basic Sewing Class I

This class requires no sewing machine and is excellent for the novice. You will learn about fabrics, sewing on buttons, laying out a pattern, hemming using a blind stitch and many other tips and techniques. This is a good foundation class before beginning machine sewing. Morning and evening classes offered. Cost is \$25.

Evening • 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Basic Sewing Class II

Bring your sewing machine and put to practice what you learned in Basic Sewing I. To help you learn fundamental stitches and applications, you will make a pillow case. Sounds easy, but I promise you will find it challenging. Classes are offered morning and evening. Fee does not include your materials. Cost is \$25.

Evening • 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Basic Sewing Class III

An excellent class that teaches garment construction. For a boy, you can choose either shorts or overall and for a girl, a sundress or jumper. After choosing your fabric, you will put to practice what you have learned. If you do not have a sewing machine, one can be arranged. The class is offered mornings and evenings. Fee does not include materials. Cost is \$30.

Evening • 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Boy's Summer Shirt

Construct a little boy's shirt that may be worn with a John John or shorts. This is a one day class and will teach you many of the techniques required when sewing for little boys. Sewing machine is required. Materials are not included in class fee. Cost is \$40.

Morning • 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Children's Sewing

The opportunity for your child or grandchildren to learn the basics of sewing. We will be learning cutting techniques, proper use of the sewing machine and perfecting some of our handsewing techniques among other important knowledge for sewing. The class is broken into four sessions and includes lunch. All materials are included for the projects we will be sewing. Cost is \$100.

Day: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Afternoon: 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Hand Embroidery

Learn the art of fine hand embroidery in this beginner level class. The basics of shadow

embroidery, bullions, French knots and much more will be covered. The class is broken into two sessions with each being two hours. It includes a book. Classes are offered in the morning. Cost is \$75.

Morning: 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Evening • 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Mary Claire Dress

A two day class constructing a very sweet gored dress with lace insertions. Although it may sound complicated, it is actually quite simple. You will need to come in prior to the class to purchase your fabric and laces. Machine required. Cost is \$60.

Morning • 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Picture Smocking

Learn to stack cables to create "pictures" in your smocking. Two pleated inserts and a smocking plate is included in the class fee. Cost is \$50.

Morning • 9.00 am - 11.00 am

School Blouse

While every little girl needs a white uniform blouse, it does not have to be plain. Learn how to make a cute blouse that is far from basic. Bring your machine and spend the day sewing. Lunch and kit is included in class fee. Cost is \$50.

Morning • 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Smocking

Learn the basics of geometric English smocking. This class is for the beginner or

someone who simply wishes to refresh their smocking skills. The class is three sessions and includes a project dress which you will select during the second session. Classes are being offered in the morning and evening. Cost is \$65.

Morning • 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Evening • 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Sweet School Uniforms

Although it seems children just got out for summer break, the start of school will be here before we know it. And with that comes school uniforms. These are readily available at a number of retailers. But how fun would it be to send your little girl to school wearing a uniform you designed and made just for her!

Children's Corner patterns are perfect for the skirts and jumpers. Navy or khaki pique is a great weight fabric and adding piping or a ruffle adds a very special touch.

Our School Blouse Class is the perfect opportunity to get started on your little girl's special school uniform. Call us today to book your spot and join us for a day of sewing and lunch.

