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Handi Quilter Pro-Stitcher

Attention quilters! Handi Quilter has just gotten even better. Handi Quilter® systems are simply the best home machine quilting systems available. And now, with the addition of the Pro-Stitcher™, your quilting possibilities are endless.



The Pro-Stitcher is an 8" color touch screen which is mounted on the HQ Sixteen Stitch Regulated machine. Here are some of the Pro-Stitcher's features:

- View and manipulate designs on the screen
- Record your own free motion design or pantograph design
- Rotate an existing design
- Resize to specific area
- Precisely position a design on the quilt
- Repeat your designs both horizontally and vertically
- Watch your pattern path before quilting
- Back up function if your thread breaks
- Set the number of tie off stitches
- Steady free motion movement with minimal extra cables or wiring attached
- No additional PC needed to run the HQ Pro-Stitcher (PC needed for downloading and creating designs)
- Simple to use integrated graphic settings with quilt friendly menus
- Ability to read most available digital quilt patterns
- Switch from computerized quilting to free motion quilting in seconds with a flick of the quick release mechanism
- Silent integrated motor control systems with fluid motion control
- Includes exclusive design software by Cabin Logic for designing your own patterns
- Easy to download your favorite patterns from a USB port

February 2008



Come see the Pro-Stitcher in Action!

Monday, February 18

6 to 8 pm

OR

Tuesday, February 19

10 am to 12 noon

FREE

Call 760-739-8222 or email us at hinde@sewingmachinesplus.com to register.

Both sessions will be held at the store, so space is limited!

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Designer's Gallery Interactive Embroidery combines digitized art with innovative software, making it easy to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind embroidery. Personalize designs with hundreds of possibilities! This exciting interactive technology is fun to use and compatible with today's most popular brands of embroidery machines.

Celtic Interactives™ - Combine interactive knots, crosses, borders and text with beautiful intertwining textures and detail.

Décor Interactives™ - Décor Interactives is an embroidery design collection that allows you to combine interactive shapes, wallpaper and inner designs to embroider customized home décor and couture fashion!

Playtime Appliqué™ - Playtime Appliqué is an appliqué design collection that enables you to pick and choose from possible animals, rotating block letters, and a toy box full of other appliqué designs. Then change the size, pose, stitches, text, and more - or add designs from other Interactive collections.

Decorative Quilting™ - This interactive quilting embroidery design collection includes 50 motifs to choose from. Pick your favorites, and customize virtually every aspect of the motifs - size, angle, and more - with just the click of a mouse.

Floral Accents™ - With Floral Accents, you can create oval accents, corners and more with this exciting design collection.

Simply Trims™ - Simply Trims allows you to easily adjust the trim height, width, spacing, and stitching to add a personalized touch to any project you desire.

Christmas Traditions™ - Design and embroider free-standing reindeer, Santa's sleigh, ornament covers, fabric-free lettering and thousands of unique snowflakes.

Dining In Lace™ - Embroider an entire dining room table setting - coasters, napkin rings and corners, centerpieces, wine duvets, tablecloth borders, candle wraps and more.

Come see this software demonstrated. Try it out yourself on:

Monday, February 25, 6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, February 26, 10 am to 12 noon

FREE at Martins Sewing Center

Email hinde@sewingmachinesplus.com or call 760-739-8222 to register.

Quilting with Your Embroidery Machine

Are you a quilter with an embroidery machine? Go beyond just embroidering designs on the surface of a quilt. With the right hoops and stabilizer, your embroidery machine can do your quilting for you.

First of all, make your quilt top. Then, prepare your quilt by layering the top, batting, and backing as you would ordinarily do. Use your favorite basting technique (e.g., spray glue, thread, or pins). Make sure there are no pins in the embroidery hoop area. You will be embroidering your quilt one section at a time, limited by the size of the hoop you use. Here are some hooping ideas:

- **Magna-Hoop:** The Magna-Hoop system works with your embroidery machine hoops. There is a metal insert that fits right inside your hoop and an acrylic cover that holds your fabric in place with the use of magnets. The Magna-Hoop comes with a set of extra long magnets which are just perfect for thick items, such as quilts. These hoops are available for most embroidery machines. You can purchase these hoops on our website or in our store. To get more information about these hoops, go to our website at <http://www.sewingmachinesplus.com/magnahoop.php>.
- **Viking Do All Quilter's Hoop:** The Do All Quilter's Hoop includes one outer hoop and two different types of inner hoops. The larger inner hoop marked "Light" leaves less space between the inner and outer hoop for embroidery on lightweight fabrics and thinner battings. The smaller inner hoop marked "Heavy" leaves more space between the inner

and outer hoop for embroidery on heavyweight fabrics and batting. The exclusive "Quick Release" opens and closes the outer hoop instantly. Place fabric and stabilizer or batting on the outer hoop, insert inner hoop and move the "Quick Release" down to close the hoop. The spring loaded "Quick Release" means there is no need to screw and unscrew the hoop. This hoop is available for many of the Viking Embroidery machines. Some machines may require a mechanical adjustment to enable it to use this hoop.

- **Standard embroidery hoops:** You may have discovered that trying to get your quilt into your embroidery hoop is quite a challenge, and may result in the fabric popping out of your hoop. A solution for this problem is to hoop your stabilizer, such as a water soluble or a heat removable stabilizer. Then place your quilt on top of your hooped stabilizer, baste it in place, and embroider.

Make sure that the weight of the quilt is supported while you are embroidering. You can do this by placing a supporting piece of furniture, such as a chair or an ironing board, under the excess quilt.

You will find many commercially available quilting designs, such as Amazing Designs ADC-52J Quilting Designs II. You can purchase this program in the store or on our website. In addition, the Designer's Gallery Interactive program, Decorative Quilting, provides lots of ways to transform quilting designs before you place them on your quilt. Read the directions on your batting package to ensure you do not place your quilting designs too far apart.

February Classes-call 760-739-8222 to register

We have been getting a great response for many of our classes. In order to make sure that we have enough seating for all participants, it is very important that you register in advance for the class. Sometimes, we have had to cancel a class due to low enrollment; so again, we need to know that you are planning to come so we can notify you. We have changed the format for our class calendar this month. We hope that you will find the additional information linked to the calendar about each class to be helpful. Go to sewingmachinesplus.com/martins.php to view the calendar.

Digitizing Dilemmas, February 2, 2008 – 10 am to 12 noon - \$10 or an original design. If you are an embroidery digitizer, this group is for you. Bring an original design to share and leave with copies of other designs. Challenge the group with your digitizing questions and leave with some answers.

Know Your Serger – Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 10 am to noon - \$25.** Learn the basics of operating your serger.

Masterworks – Tuesday, February 12, 2008- 10 to noon; \$25.** Hone your skills on your Masterworks software. This month's topics are Auto Artwork, Buttonholes & More.

Appt with JC– Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 1 to 5 pm - \$20/hour. Sign up for an individual sewing lesson in hour time blocks for a topic of your own choosing.

Palette – Thursday, February 14, 2008 – 10 am to 12 noon - \$25.** Increase your expertise in working with your Palette Digitizing software, versions 6 or 7.

Masterworks – Saturday, February 16, 2008– 1 to 3 pm - \$25.** Hone your skills on your Masterworks software. This month's topics are Auto Artwork, Buttonholes & More.

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Embellisher Class – Friday, February 29, 2008- 1 to 3 pm - \$15 + \$5 kit fee. Embellishing involves the use of needles to pierce the top layer of material, catch individual fibers, and push them down into a bottom layer. It doesn't require thread, a bobbin, or any previous sewing experience. Embellishing can be done by hand or with a machine tool.

Sewing with Nancy Zieman



San Diego has a shortage of sewing shows on our television stations. Your computer can help remedy this situation.

Now you can watch Sewing with Nancy ONLINE seven days a week, 365 days a year...anytime it fits your schedule! Introducing *Sewing with Nancy* video-on demand. There is no log in, no registration, and best of all, no charge. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection (DSL or broadband works best) and you can watch your favorite Sewing with Nancy shows. You can even pause the program if you get interrupted!

Go to
www.sewingwithnancytv.com.
and start watching.

Sew What's New



See What's New!
Share a project!
Get a prize!

The "Sew What's New" club meets monthly to learn about new products and ideas in the world of machine sewing—quilting, embroidery, clothing, etc. Participants share their own projects. Everyone who shares receives a gift.

Classes for the next month are described, and you get the first chance to sign up. The door prizes are great, too.

February 20 & 23
10 am to 12 noon
FREE!



- Are you an outgoing person?
- Do you love to sew?
- Do you have a working knowledge of sewing machines?
- Do you have any accounting skills?
- Are you willing to learn?

Martins Sewing Center is in search of a few good people who can be part of our store sales and accounting force. Work hours can be flexible, but

would include some evenings and weekends.

If you think that you would fit in with the Martins Store Family, send a letter of interest to the store or by email to:

hinde@sewingmachinesplus.com.

The store address is:
711 Center Drive, Ste. 104
San Marcos, CA 92069.

We will then give you an employment application to complete.

Serger Tip

If a serged edge ripples rather than being straight and smooth, slightly tighten the differential feed. When the differential is tightened, feed dogs bite more fabric, eliminating bubbling or bowing. It's especially helpful when serging around curves such as a neckline.