



Mastering Your Machine Class Series

These classes are free and unlimited when you purchase your new Bernina from Pine Needles!

We highly recommend that you take your Mastery Class Series in order, beginning at number 1. This will ensure that you have the basic operating knowledge of your machine, and each class to follow will make more sense, and be simpler for you! Thanks for your cooperation!

Mastery 1: General Information

Get to know your new machine in this “overview” class. Really, from A to Z (accessories to zigzag), we’ll cover it. We will discuss presser feet, tension, machine features, needles, thread, and proper care and cleaning of your machines, and yes, you will get to sew! You will practice several basic stitches and learn about your machine’s special features. Mastery 1 is a very informative and fun way to start using your new sewing machine the proper way from day one.

Instructor: DECORAH – Sandy Rethwisch
RACINE – Chris Mulhern

Mastery 2: Practical Stitching

Learn and master four different stretch seaming techniques and six different ways to hem and edge your projects. This is an essential for anyone interested in garment construction and/or home decorating, and there are even a few things to learn for all of the quilters out there! You will also have the opportunity to experiment with double needle work...an adventure that quite often requires a bit of supervision! Mastery 2 will leave you saying, “I wish I would have known that years ago! I didn’t know it could be so easy!”

Instructor: DECORAH – Sandy Rethwisch
RACINE – Chris Mulhern

Mastery 3: More Practical Stitching

This session covers more than you ever thought there was to learn about button holes and eyelets! We will also cover elastic edging, turned-under elastic, darning, centered zippers, and invisible zippers. You will not believe the presser foot aids that are now available for these functions! Again, you are not going to believe how easy your new Bernina sewing machine can make your projects! It literally is, most of the time, as easy as pressing a button and putting the petal to the metal!

Instructor: DECORAH – Margaret Ward
RACINE – Terri Hill

Mastery 4: Decorative Techniques

You will master four different ways of gathering, including several especially unique presser feet that can make the task quite simple and enjoyable. Also emphasized will be pintucks, double needles, triple needles, wing needles, double wing needles, and entredoux. After completing Mastery 4, you will no longer have to wonder, “How’d they do that?”

Instructor: DECORAH – Jill Amdahl
RACINE – Terri Hill

Mastery 5: More Decorative Techniques

Join us in this course for decorative detail and embellishments galore! You will master lace insertion, fagoting and bundling, fringing, and piping! Wait...it gets better! We will also cover patchwork and quilting, appliqué, and surface embellishment topics including crazy patchwork and decorative stitching! If you think that's a mouthful, wait until you experience all those ideas swimming around in your head after you finish Mastery 5!

Instructor: DECORAH – Sue Chailquist
RACINE – Bonnie Kane

Mastery 6: Stitch Manipulations

A = Model Numbers: 125, 135, 145, 153, 155, 210, 220, 230, 240, 430, 440, 450

Discover the basics of function and memory in this exciting session! Program your machine to do just what you want it to. You will learn about motor speed, continuous reverse, basting, stitch selection, mirror image, pattern repeat capabilities, securing functions, and much, much more! After you've worked up your appetite, you will be invited to explore the wonderful world of stitch recipes. You will not believe all of the capabilities your new purchase has to offer you!

Instructor: DECORAH – Connie Tlusty
RACINE – Bonnie Kane

B = Model Numbers: 165, 180, 185, 200, 630, 640, 730, 8-series

In this session, you will have the opportunity to work with numerous function and memory features. You will learn, in detail, "what does this button do?" Learn to alter your machine features to suit your own personal styles and discover all the ways your machine can help you answer your own questions! Mastery 6 is essential to understanding the many, many, many components of your new top-of-the-line machine.

Instructor: DECORAH – Connie Tlusty
RACINE – Bonnie Kane

8-Series Mastery

Come learn what a fantastic machine you have! We will delve into the basics and a number of the 8-series "WOW" features. The class may be taken using your 8-series machine or on your laptop computer using your Emulator Software. While the computer works fine, there is nothing that compares to actually bringing your machine in and pushing buttons and sewing on the real deal! We will happily help you transport your machine from vehicle to store and back to your vehicle when we're finished. Get ready to be wowed!

Instructor: DECORAH - Connie Tlusty
RACINE – Bob Hill



Mastering Machine Embroidery Classes

Intro to Embroidery

To begin, we will discuss the parts of the embroidery module and how to correctly attach it to your sewing machine. We will also help you to understand stabilizers and notions that are essential to embroidery. The best part: you will learn to select a motif and then duplicate, rescale, resize, rotate, stretch, and much, much more! After you've altered the motif to your liking, you will actually get to stitch it out and take your very first masterpiece home to show off!

Instructor: DECORAH – Jill Amdahl
RACINE – Chris Mulhern



Advanced Embroidery

In this class, you will have the opportunity to stitch out a complete alphabet sampler using the fonts programmed in your machine. Also covered will be selecting, adding/deleting letters, saving text designs, manipulating alphabets, stitch density, and combining motifs – just to name a

few! You will not believe the opportunities available to you through your embroidery program!

Instructor: DECORAH – Jill Amdahl
RACINE – Chris Mulhern

Editor Software

Learn how to open designs and several ways to manipulate them to suit your purposes. We will also cover, in detail, lettering, from basic to advanced techniques. Likewise, you will discover how to download designs from other media sources. Be prepared to be “wowed!” *Take this class first, even if you have Designer level software.*

Instructor: DECORAH – Connie Tlusty
RACINE – Suzie Diemer



Designer Software

Several interesting topics will be presented in this class. You will learn about auto-applique, digitizing and auto-digitizing, and the magic wand...after all, every queen deserves a magic wand of her very own! You will truly be amazed at all of the things you will be able to do with this software! *Prerequisite is Editor Software class.*

Instructor: DECORAH – Connie Tlusty
RACINE – Suzie Diemer

Mastering Your Serger Classes

Serger Mastery 1: General Information

You will learn about the parts of the serger, as well as accessories such as presser feet, needles, and thread. You will also learn how to *identify* a balanced 4-thread overlock and correct any imperfections. We will also discuss tension, stitch length, cutting width, differential feed, and securing ends. This is a great foundation serger class to help you get started!

Instructor: DECORAH – Teresa Watson
RACINE – Marcia Nagel

Serger Mastery 2: Four-Thread Techniques

In this session, we will be constructing seams with knits. We will adjust presser foot pressure and differential feed. You will also have the opportunity to attach ribbon to your sample! Finally, we will experiment with two serger quilting techniques and explore the elasticator. This course will leave you eager to go home and finish (or begin) your projects!

Instructor: DECORAH – Teresa Watson
RACINE – Marcia Nagel



Serger Mastery 3: Three-Thread Techniques

The first hour and a half of class will be exploring decorative threads with two, three, and four thread stitching. In the second portion, class will be directed towards serger models 1300 and 009 only, as we will be experimenting with the cover and chain stitch. Everyone is welcome to participate in the second portion of class...even just if you are curious!

Instructor: DECORAH – Teresa Watson
RACINE – Marcia Nagel

Check www.pnqs.net for more information and class supply lists!