



# SewDepot

by The Nimble Thimble



## Thoughts From Ruth...

Welcome to the Nimble Thimble. For those of you who are not familiar with our little shop, let me fill you in. We are a dealer for Elna & Babylock sewing machines, sergers and presses. We have been machine dealers for over 30 years! Our repair department has received rave reviews; both to the quality of our work and our most reasonable pricing! We service any brand or model of machines.

We carry a large selection of sewing machine parts and accessories; twin needles and cams for the Elna Star series as well as newer models of machines.

We carry daytime fabrics (no glamour & glitz!) Our notion department is extensive. One of the better notions we carry is the "stitch in the ditch" foot. If you haven't tried it yet, you should! It comes in very handy and is available for most machines; low shank, high shank and snap on.

We hope you find our newsletter informative. If you would like us to touch on a particular topic, let us know. Let us know what kind of sewing you're into...clothes, crafts, drapes, etc. We will do our best to accommodate your requests in future issues.

*Ruth Nierenberg*

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## From our Service Department

Here are a few helpful hints for some of the most common problems you'll encounter. We know they can be so frustrating. So, try these quick fixes before you call the repair person.

- **MACHINE SKIPS STITCHES**
  - Reinsert needle
  - Put in a new needle
  - Make sure it is the correct type of needle for the fabric you are sewing
- **UPPER THREAD BREAKS**
  - Clean bobbin area and re-thread the machine
  - Adjust thread tension---It may be too tight
  - Is the thread too old, or of poor quality
- **LOWER THREAD BREAKS**
  - Re-thread the bobbin. Rewind bobbin.
  - Clean bobbin and hook area.
- **MACHINE DOES NOT FEED PROPERLY**
  - See if the feed dogs are in the raised position.
  - Clean the feed dog area

### **One Final Tip...**

*When finished with your sewing project place a piece of fabric (double thickness) under the presser foot and lower the presser foot. This will prolong the life of the sewing machine tension.*



### **Stitch Along Top Stitching Guide by Dritz - \$8.99**

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*If you haven't tried **Thread Fuse** yet, now may be the time! It's great for using in the bobbin when getting hems and facing pieces to stay in place with a minimum of stitches.*

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# Upcoming Classes

## Creative DRAWings Software

March 5, 2009  
2-4 p.m. or 7-9 p.m.

Fee \$25.00

**At the end of class, the fee will be credited toward any purchases made within the week!**

In this class you will learn to use a very neat software package. Creative DRAWings software is much less expensive than most ([www.creative-drawings.com](http://www.creative-drawings.com)).

In this 2 hour workshop participants will:

- Create a design using clipart
- Add decorative fill patterns
- Add text
- Change thread colors
- Save your design

### Note:

The design will be loaded on a floppy disk or memory stick furnished by the participant in any machine language. The end product will be suitable to put on a T-shirt or tote bag.

The demonstration software will be Creative DRAWings, though the techniques are generally universal. Participants are encouraged to review the software elements on the website, [www.creative-drawings.com](http://www.creative-drawings.com).



## Sign up today!

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## Also on the horizon...

We will be holding a class by Pamela of Pamela's Patterns.



We were amazed when using her T-shirt make over pattern in XXL for men. We were able to cut them down to a

ladies s/m. (I did not cut out the labels, just so I can show off the original size.) What fun! In fact I haven't had as much fun in a dog's age!!!

You'll definitely want to come to this one!

*"I have had the unique opportunity to work with hundreds of women over the years to help them achieve a good fit from commercial patterns. While doing this, I found that many of the pattern adjustments we were doing were consistent for the majority of women. As a result, I decided to design patterns that reflect these common changes, resulting in less changes to the pattern and garment during the construction process." ---Pamela*

We have many  
**Elna & Baby Lock  
Embroidery Designs  
marked down!**

Check with us!!!

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## Ruth Sez...

*(Monthly sewing tips from Ruth)*

This month I'd like to talk about THREADS. Why do some threads work well and others don't? Are specialty threads threatening you from working on a special project? Hopefully the hints I'm about to give you will keep you moving along sewingly.

- ❖ First, you should make sure you're using a quality thread. You can't expect your machine to make up for a poor quality thread. You've invested in a good machine, invest in quality threads too! The higher quality the thread, the less time you'll spend dealing with the thread.
- ❖ Make sure the thread you select is the correct type for your application.
- ❖ Use the right kind of needle. Start each new project with a new needle and select the correct size and type of needle for that project.
- ❖ Your machine needs to be running at the right tension. If necessary, learn how to override your machine's automatic tension. If you feed a heavy thread through the preset tension guides, you'll probably shred the thread through the eye of the needle.
- ❖ Make sure your machine is in good condition. Have your machine tuned-up regularly, and keep it in good condition.



### Seam Buster by Dritz - \$6.49

- Great for hemming jeans
- Eliminates uneven and skipped stitches

### Check out the new Kwik•Sew patterns, either online or in the store.

They have come a long way since they first started. If you have never used one, now might be the time to check them out! They are multi sized, but are printed on heavy enough paper that makes it easy to trace off the size you want. The directions are very easy to follow. I highly recommend them to people who have been out of the loop on sewing. Even people who have sewn forever find them a delight to use.

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\*\*\*\*\***Paula Davis**\*\*\*\*\*

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