



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2026 Newsletter

President's Message

Gayle C

"Happy New Year to all!

As we begin our new year, we can reflect on all that we accomplished in the one past... memories to cherish, friendships made stronger, trips to reminisce about... and all the fun we've had playing with our favourite fabrics!

Since January is often the coldest month, or perhaps the wettest, we will be holding our **regular meeting by Zoom**. I expect that our sharing of Christmas adventures with family and friends will keep us warm though.

My wishes for all of you wonderful ladies, is that you stay healthy, find joy in every day, and look forward to another year of creating, sharing and being inspired. Here's to a great 2026."

Upcoming Meetings

Date: January 15

Meeting Location:

Via ZOOM

EXECUTIVE

President Gayle C

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Program

Margo N

As a general practice of late, we have been having our January meetings from home via **ZOOM**.

Following Executive reports and some virtual visiting, those of you who are interested, can participate in making a project at your sewing machine.

Together we will walk through how to make "Sweet Pea Pods".

These are small zippered pouches which are handy for storing stuff such as sewing clips, jewelry, small toiletries or, as gift bags for coins, chocolates, Easter eggs, etc. (Also a great way to use up scraps!)



For the project you will need two 10" squares of fabric (one outer and one lining), one 10" square of fusible fleece and a zipper (16 - 18").

You will end up making two pea pods using these supplies, so you could make two the same, alternate the outer and lining fabrics, or use 3 or 4 different fabrics.

Those of you who attended our December meeting will already have picked up the fleece square and zipper. If you were not in attendance but would like to make the pea pod please contact Laurie C and make arrangements to get the supplies from her, or use your own supplies. If you don't have fusible fleece, thin quilt batting should work fine.

"Sweet Pea Pods" is a commercial pattern by Lazy Girl Designs, however, the designer has posted a series of YouTube videos outlining all you need to know to make these pouches.

The hardest part is attaching the zipper pull ...

You can check out these links, or wait until the guild meeting!

Getting started <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoFytbXQv7Y>

Zipper installation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHJ1pOhX41k>

Finishing off <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IH647A0Ncl>

I will send out the ZOOM link for the meeting on January 12th. If you do not receive it please let me know.

Margo N

quilting

AWARDS THAT DON'T
EXIST, BUT WE'RE TRYING
TO WIN ANYWAY...

Which Award Are You Winning?

1. Most projects underway at one time
2. Most WIPs that might never get finished!
3. Most downloaded quilt patterns
4. Biggest fabric stash
5. Best excuse to start a new project
6. Slowest to finish a quilt



Members News

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Coming Saturday January 17 2026
Discover this relaxing art form to create your own artwork
Register now to reserve your spot

Zentangle 101: The Basics Class
Natasha Dash, Certified Zentangle Teacher
Jade CraftHouse
#103-1346 Marine Dr, North Vancouver, BC



Zentangle is a relaxing, easy-to-learn drawing method that uses eight simple steps to create beautiful artwork. It's calming, creative, and accessible to everyone. No drawing experience required!

Saturday, January 17, 2026,
2pm-4pm
\$75 includes official Zentangle Kit



In this 2-hour class, you'll explore the basics of the Zentangle Method—its history, philosophy, and key terminology—guided by a Certified Zentangle Teacher. Together, we'll work through 4-7 foundational tangles and create two beautiful, unique tiles. Your official Zentangle Mini Kit is included and yours to take home so you can continue your creative journey long after class ends.

REGISTER: DM @jade_crafthouse or text 236-833-6642



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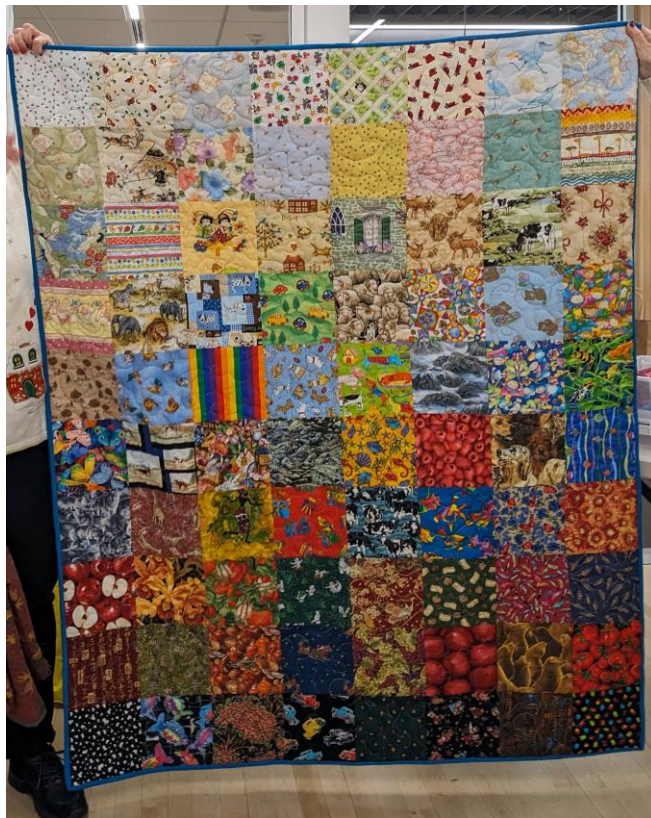


Stitching Club

JADE CRAFTHOUSE
#103 - 1346 MARINE DRIVE,
NORTH VANCOUVER
TEXT TO 236.833.6642
(REGISTRATION)
DATE : 22ND JANUARY 2026
TIME : 11AM - 3PM (MAX)

Show and Tell







Helpful Hints

As pointed out please don't go by the colours of the needles, rather the name and size.

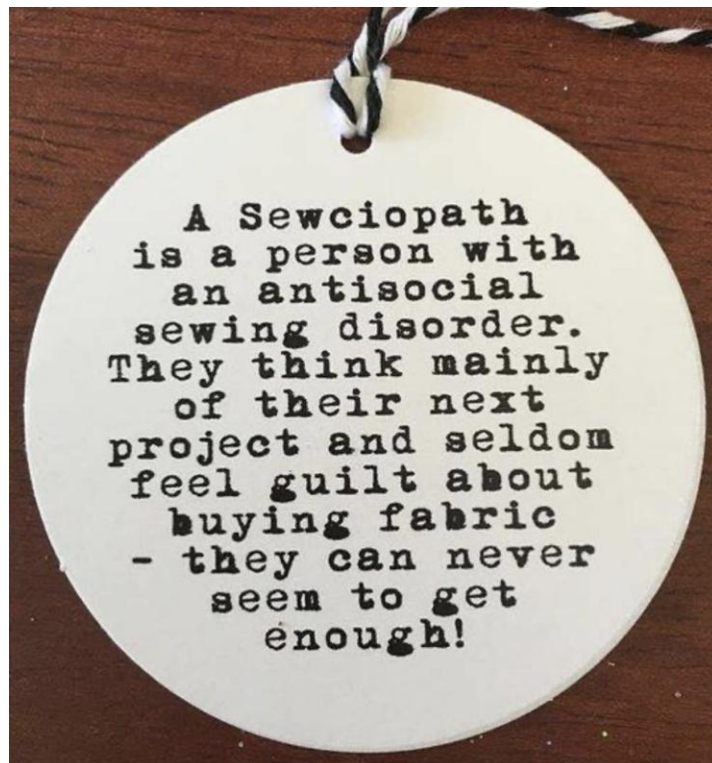
I see so many people struggling with skipped stitches, thread bunching, threads breaking etc. Each one says they have c... See more

Sewing Machine Needle Parts, Color Codes & Chart
See tutorial at <https://theseamamom.com/sewing-needle-types/>

Needle Parts	Color Codes	Size chart
	<p>None Universal</p> <p>Light blue Ball point</p> <p>Orange Jersey</p> <p>Yellow Stretch</p> <p>Blue Jeans</p> <p>Purple Microtex</p> <p>Brown Leather</p> <p>Red shaft Universal twin</p> <p>Blue shaft Stretch twin</p> <p>Green Quilting</p>	<p> 130/21</p> <p> 125/20</p> <p> 120/19</p> <p> 110/18</p> <p> 100/16</p> <p> 90/14</p> <p> 80/12</p> <p> 75/11</p> <p> 70/10</p> <p> 65/9</p> <p> 60/8</p>

The improvement to the colour coding system on needles has really changed my sewing habits. I now don't feel wasteful changing needle size or type within a project and storing the old needle (just used a little) and knowing what size and type it is when I go to look through my needle stash later. I no longer have to throw out machine needles because I have no idea what they are.

Some bits of humor to start the year



Final Words

It is a short newsletter this month. I hope you have enjoyed reading it. As our regular meeting in January will be via Zoom, there will be no Show and Tell photos UNLESS you take photos at home and send them to me. So please send me those photos of work you have done, are working on, trips you have taken, those things that take your breath away. And any interesting news that you think we would all like to hear about.

I hope you all have a great start to the new year. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Zoom.

Barbara M

