



The Sewing Notion

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Oklahoma City, OK Chapter of the American Sewing Guild
Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.



Pat's Pointers
By Pat Fritze
Oklahoma City Chapter President

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Oh, the Good Ole Summer time. Lots of time to sew, trying to keep cool and even vacation time for some.

OKC ASG is moving along. We have had great programs and of course all the great friends are so important. ASG means so much to me and all the friendships around the country I have formed. May program was presented by Jacquelyn Powell, who presented costume design sewing, even though the weather was not the best. But there were a few brave souls that came to hear the great program. June program will be presented by Kerry McNutt on sewing techniques. July program will be presented by Southside Scissor Wizards Neighborhood group. They will be showing many Christmas and holiday quick projects and ideas.

Those of you that missed going to the annual retreat, certainly missed some good sewing time. We had a nice new place with lots of good light and good air conditioning. Plenty of room to display our sewing things and even good food. Please plan to attend this annual event next May.

Annual Conference time will be here in August in Atlanta. It will be my last time to attend as Region 6 Representative. I have enjoyed representing the region and I know that there are many good leaders in this region helping further advancing sewing as an art and life skill.

Service projects this year are the stockings for U R Special and the bags for the service men. Please contact Brenda Fonzi for more information about this project or check the ASG web site. During the retreat there were 50 little dress sewn, which I got from the Austin chapter that were already cut out and button furnished to complete the dresses. These will be sent to a missionary in Africa. The little girls will sure look cute in these dresses. Thanks to all of you that helped with this project.

Keep sewing and will see you all at our monthly meetings.

Pat Fritze
OKC ASG President

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Meeting Location

2nd Monday of each month

6:30 pm

LaQuinta Inn on Meridian just south of I-40 Park near the main door. Go in the main door, through the lobby and turn to the left. At the end of the hall you will go through the door on the right.

See you there.

Say Hello to our Newest Members!

We welcome you and encourage you to get involved in a Neighborhood Group

Darlene Martinez
Bonnie Young
Elizabeth C Lee
Ronda Hill
Katie Nau-Ferris

**OKC Chapter Name Tags are available
for \$5.00.**

**Contact Eleanor Todd Fuller at
405-350-3339 if you'd like one.**

NOTICE

This newsletter will always appear on our website for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Visit the site on a regular basis as the content changes often. Note this web address in your

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Have you visited the ASG website? At the bottom of the page is a "members only" listing. To enter, the user name is "sewing" and the password is "friends". You will find a wealth of good information on this website. www.asg.org

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NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Neighborhood Groups are small, personal, and fun. This is a wonderful place to meet new friends who enjoy what you like most - sewing. All ASG members are encouraged to attend a group and may participate in as many as you wish. Find the one that fits you best. If there is not a group in your neighborhood, start one! Bring a guest. Nonmembers wishing to learn more about ASG may visit two group meetings before being asked to join our Chapter. Contacts are below.

The Happy Sewers

4th Friday of each month at 10am
Meets at members homes-call for info
VaughnCille Weidner
405-354-1603

Southside Scissors Wizards

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am
B-Sew Inn
1624 W I 240 Service Rd
Pat 366-8295 or Jane 946-3580

Stitch'N Bitch Neighborhood Group

1st Wednesday of each month at 10am
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Marilyn Traub
405-843-7538

Sew Fine Sisters

3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00-4:00
at The Stitching Post Classroom
Rustyne Harris
405-745-3065



HAPPY SEWERS Come join us this summer - relax, have a cool beverage and talk sewing and other craft projects with us. We meet the fourth Friday of each month at individual homes. You may contact me, VaughnCille Weidner, at vweidner@cox.net or 354-1603 and see where we will be meeting and visit us. In June, we plan to visit the Oklahoma City Museum of Art and see the "Sketch to Screen" display and eat at the restaurant there. If you would like to go with us, call me. The picture is Patricia Self at one of her spinning wheels giving us a demonstration at one of our meetings. VaughnCille Weidner



The **Southside Scissor Wizards** are having a great summer. In May Susan showed us how to use the ribbon weaving to make Christmas decorations. It is amazing how everyone's is different, but yet so beautiful. Several are still working on the wreath's and even making 4th of July and Fall wreaths. We will be teaching this class to the chapter on Aug. 28. This is really a fun project. June was spent making bags for the service members. This can be done with the serger as well as the sewing machine. We will also be making Christmas stockings for U R Special, so get out your Christmas fabric to help make this project a success.

Any one can join the group on the 1st Tues of each month at B-Sew Inn from 10:00-noon.s We have a fun time of talking and sewing. Contact Pat Fritze 366-8296 Jane Brown 946-3580

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rustyne , for the recent loss of her husband.

Musings about the recent OKC ASG Retreat

I just went to my very first ASG Sewing Retreat and had soooooo much fun! 30 crazy ladies sewing before dawn and late into the night. Learned so much just watching and sharing with each other, but best of all, got to meet some of the most wonderful (and funny) women around. The facility was top notch--clean, spacious and well lighted. Can't get any better than that! Carol Crosby

As a new member of ASG, I recently experienced my first sewing retreat. St. Crispin offered a very serene and comfortable environment. Thirty-one ladies brought their sewing machines, sergers, embroidery machines, cutting boards, scissors—pretty much the entire sewing room. Projects ranged from purses to slacks, skirts, children's clothing, quilts, aprons even holiday wreaths. It was a sewing marathon! We shared sewing tips and shortcuts, patterns, threads, needles, material and delicious snacks. I made several new friends and look forward to seeing them at the next retreat. It was a very enjoyable weekend. Brenda Fonzi



Pay \$150 to move 1/2 of my sewing room 75 miles from home??!! Absolutely! If it means I'm attending the OKC ASG Retreat! What a great way to spend the weekend doing some serious uninterrupted sewing! I think this was the 7th retreat I've been fortunate enough to attend over the years and I believe they just keep getting better. If you have ever considered going, but aren't sure what to expect, or don't know if you'd like it-- here's a peek! Need help with a step in the construction of something?

There is someone there that can help you! Having some trouble with your machine? There's someone there that either has or has had a machine just like yours and knows the solution! Wondering the best way to cut out something? There is someone that can help you lay out a pattern, help with the color selection, offer you a spool of thread, an extra pair of scissors or an extension cord. It's all about the friendships and common love of a craft that brings us together for this weekend. Want to sleep late, or stay up late and sew? I'll bet there is someone else wanting to do the same thing! St. Crispin's east of Seminole is a great location! Great lighting in the large room to sew with ample electric plugs. The sleeping rooms are comfortable and quiet. The meals were served promptly and were great. We have a large room for relaxing and snacks, and great areas to just sit outside and enjoy the Blackjack trees and the local cats! If you start saving right now, 50 cents per day, by May 1st you'll have the funds to attend! If you don't want to drive by yourself, I am sure we can find a ride for you to share. Come join us!



Five new attendees were there this year. I think all of them are planning to return! It will inspire, relax and renew your spirit! And you just might complete a project!!! Kerry McNutt

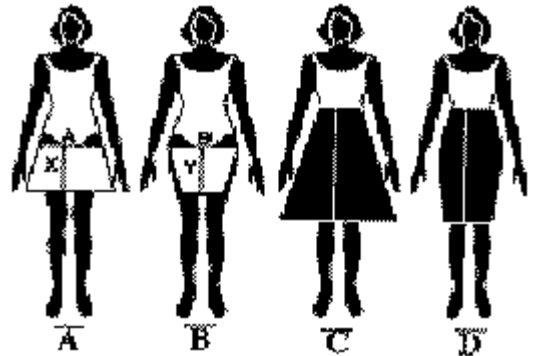
The sewing retreat at St. Crispin's was a lot of fun. I accomplished a lot of work on the sewing projects I took with me. I am glad I was able to attend the retreat and am looking forward to next year's. Jana Burgess

Skirt Savvy – A Quick-to-Sew Style Choice for Spring

Want a surefire, speedy wardrobe update for spring/summer? Sew a skirt! Compared to pants, skirts are quicker to sew, far easier to fit, cooler to wear and suddenly much more stylish too.

Choose a style based on your body type:

Classic hourglass shapes look great in slim styles, dart-fitted to the waistline. Triangles – lower body dominant bodies – are also better in slim styles that don't add unwanted bulk. Plan on taking in the waistline to accommodate your higher hip:waist ratio. Rectangles – figures with little waistline definition – will find the easiest fit in patterns with a drawstring, elastic finish or facing instead of a traditional waistband. Slender rectangles appear to have more curves wearing a skirt with a skimming fit and flippy lower fullness. Inverted triangles – with dominant shoulders/bust and slim hips/thighs – can balance their figures with slightly fuller skirts. The supposed flattery of A-line skirts is widely overstated, as the diagrams below illustrate. See how line A appears longer than Line B? And Y appears longer than X?



Layer those shapes onto a body and see how the converging side seams in Fig B/D (representing a slight taper) slim and lengthen the silhouette, while the diverging side seams in Fig A /C (representing an A-line) make the figure appear shorter and wider. Unless you have super-model shoulders to balance the fullness below, steer away from flared or A-line skirt shapes. Most slim skirt patterns have side seams that follow the straight fabric grain. Ramp up the figure flattery by drawing in a new side seam, tapering from just below the fullest point of your hips to the lower edge, taking off at least $\frac{3}{4}$ " and remembering to angle the seam back outward at the hem. Or cut the garment from the original pattern and pin-fit the new tapered shape before trimming away excess fabric. Narrow skirts obviously require some accommodation for your stride – a slit, kick pleat or center back godet detail. One unique solution: a separating jacket zipper that opens from the top to get into the garment, and from the bottom to create variable degrees of walking room. Or accomplish the same goal more inconspicuously with an invisible zipper at the bottom of the back seam. [Speaking of zippers: placing your regular zipper at center back – even if you have to create a seam to accommodate it – sidesteps the challenges of a smooth insertion in a curved hipline area.] Of course fabrics with a soft hand and gentle drape can be sewn into fuller styles and still create a narrow silhouette. The soft folds of fabric create a series of vertical lines that slim and elongate the body. The soft drape of bias-cut fabric can soften the angularity of a rectangular figure, but may hug too closely and accentuate the fuller hips of a triangle shape.

Body type also influences color choice, since lighter, brighter or warmer colors make your lower body appear larger, while darker, cooler and more muted colors minimize. Solid fabrics are an obvious choice, providing wardrobe versatility and emphasizing interesting design details like creative seaming and pocket treatments. When choosing plaids for skirts, make sure the dominant stripes run up and down the body, not across. And plan your layout so a significant horizontal stripe falls at the hemline to anchor the entire look. Sophisticated prints can also make beautiful skirts – florals are a huge trend for spring – especially in soft, drapable fabrics. Even large motifs can be figure flattering if they aren't spaces too far apart on the background. And the soft folds of a fuller skirt break up the print and keep the eye from jumping from flower to flower across your backside. Skirts are an obvious way to spotlight beautiful border-print fabrics, but beware of placing a border at the hemline where it pulls focus down and moves attention side-to-side – both pounds-on effects. Instead, place the border along the edge of a front-wrap panel. Or position a narrow border edge-to-edge at a center front seam (even if you have to create a seamline where the original pattern was cut on a fold).

The right hemline can make or break a skirt's flattery. Rule # 1: be sure that the garment, on your body, appears longer than it is wide. Therefore the fuller the skirt is (or the fuller you are) the longer the skirt must be to maintain visual balance. For those over 30, just above the knee is probably the shortest length worth considering. Long enough to cast a shadow just below the knee is flattering to nearly every leg. Mid-calf lengths can look clunky, but the spot where your calf starts to narrow toward the ankle is another flattering option. And irregular hemlines – asymmetrical, handkerchief, diagonal – make both your body and your legs look longer for an elongating effect. You can create the slimming illusion of a longer torso by keeping skirt waistbands narrow. Or eliminate the waistband entirely by stabilizing the waistline to size with $\frac{1}{4}$ " stay tape and enclosing the raw edge with a narrow self-fabric binding.

BIO: Nancy Nix-Rice is a wardrobe consultant with a life-long sewing background. Former Baby Lock education director and author of the image classic "LOOKING GOOD", Nancy teaches her style secrets for ASG groups around the country. Check out her workshops at the ASG National Conference in Atlanta. And sign up for her electronic newsletter at www.NancyNixRice.com.

coming events There is a lot to do in 2010!

**Pieces of Time: Quilts from the
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July 8th—OKC ASG CAB (Chapter Advisory Board) meeting

July 16-17—Norman quilt show is at Cleveland County Fair Grounds.

August 3 - 8, 2010 ASG Conference

Hilton Hotel Atlanta Georgia

Conference brochures will not be automatically mailed this year. It will be posted on-line at asg.org on March 31, 2010 with on-line registration starting April 5. You can request a mailed copy—see your Winter 2010 Notions Page 44.



August 28th—Fabric Wreath workshop

September 16 - 26, 2010 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

http://www.okstatefair.com/documents/10_CA_needlecraft.pdf

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Community Service

Giving back is a vital part of a full and rewarding life. What could be more fulfilling than doing what you love to do (sewing) while contributing to the quality of life of others in need within your own community? Throughout the country, ASG has become synonymous with charitable acts of sewing.

2010 National Community Service Project

U.S. Troops Drawstring Bag

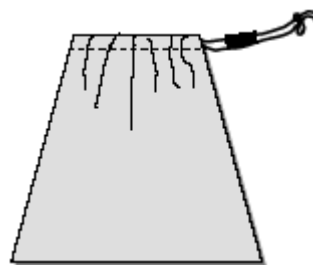
Operation Care Package is a non-profit organization that receives, fills and mails drawstring bags to deployed service men and women from all branches of the armed forces. The drawstring bag pattern for this project was designed by Laura Martell of The Creative Thimble. The 14" drawstring bag holds a filled gallon baggie. The troops use the bags for personal use and some pass them on to the children in Iraq. When finished send to

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Membership Benefits

- Local Neighborhood Groups provide opportunities for sharing ideas and “hands-on” sewing experiences.
- Current information on sewing related events and sewing classes offered by local retailers.
- Chapter events presenting local and national speakers, fashion shows and workshops.
- Annual National Convention featuring workshops and seminars taught by nationally recognized professionals, special events and administrative meetings.
- Local Publication, *The Sewing Notion*, bi-monthly. National Publication, *Notions*, quarterly.
- Discounts from local, independent retailers and national fabric store chains.
- Renewed enthusiasm for creative sewing.
- New product information from the sewing industry.

Top 10 Reasons to Join

1. You love to sew and love to share your love of sewing.
2. You want to improve your sewing skills like others do their golf score.
3. You want to develop sewing friends; friends who speak your language -- know what a “stash” or a “wadder” is.
4. You need someone you can trust to take your measurements and not tell.
5. You want companions for road trips who experience the same “joy in the journey” of stopping at as many fabric stores as humanly possible in a given day.
6. You have uses for the money you will save utilizing ASG member discounts.
7. You could benefit from an appreciative audience for your sewing successes and helpful suggestions for your challenges (“How to save that disaster”)...
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9. You believe that sewing is an art form as well as a valuable life skill.

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6:30pm in the**

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Please come join us!

Jun 14, 2010 Clothing Construction by Kerry. Our own Kerry McNutt is going to show us some secrets on how she makes her beautiful wardrobe.

Jul 12, 2010 Program by our neighborhood group Southside Scissor Wizards. Christmas in July

Aug 9, 2010 (open)

Sep 13, 2010 (open)

Oct 11, 2010 Bring a brown bag dinner and a drink and work on a project presented by the "Sew Fine Sisters"

Nov 8, 2010 (open)

Dec 13, 2010 Christmas Party by the "Happy Sewers"

2011 Elections

In just 6 months we will be electing new Chapter advisory Board (CAB) members. The positions that are elected are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you want to serve in any of these positions or want to volunteer someone who would want to help shape the future of OKC ASG, please contact any CAB member. There are also opening for Committee Chairs. A nominating committee will be selected in July and someone may be calling on you to serve. Think about it, the job is great, the experience and the camaraderie are second to NONE (the pay we receive for volunteering) You even get a beautiful red tote bag!



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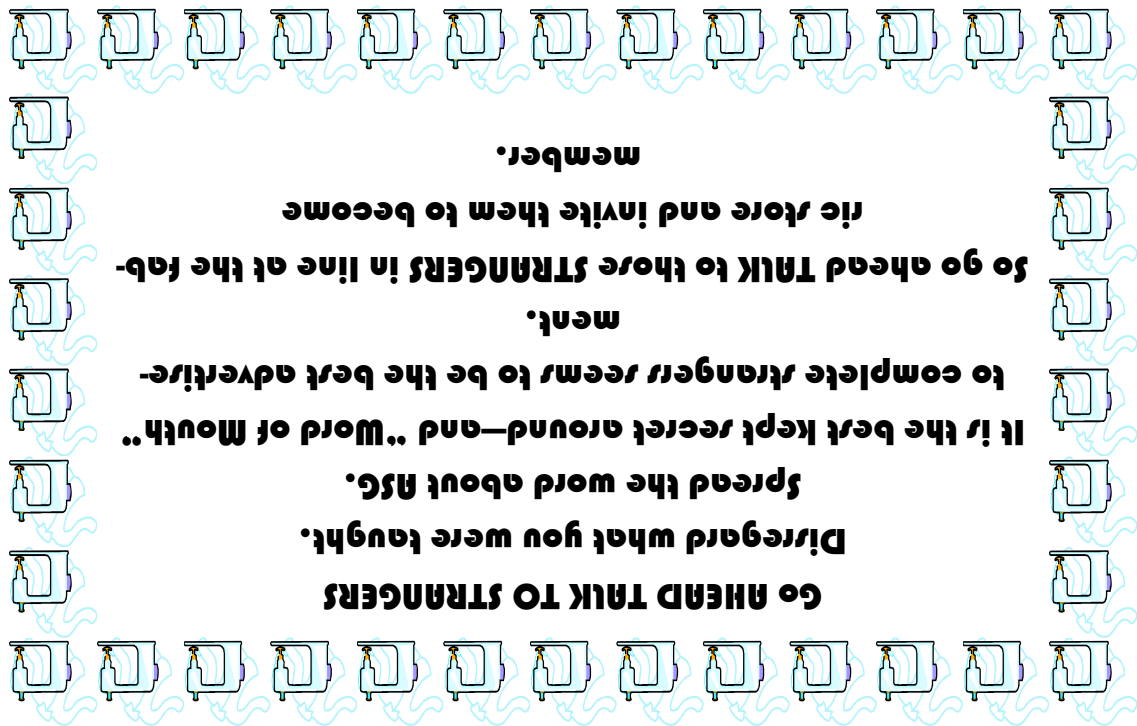
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