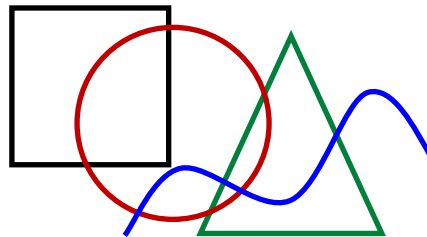


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What's Your Shape?



Quick - before you read the next paragraph - choose a shape: square, circle, triangle or squiggle. Don't think about it, just picture one of those shapes in your mind.

Got it? So what was your shape? Why does it matter? There is a theory that your shape is an indicator of your core personality. This is just for fun and everyone will probably see a little of themselves in more than one of the following, but it may be surprising to see how closely you identify with the traits of your dominant shape.

So those squares mean you are detail oriented, hard working and very dependable. You hate clutter and approach life analytically. Change makes you uncomfortable...some might accuse you of being stubborn. You probably only buy fabric for one specific project at a time (those scraps are your only stash). Try letting go and have a bit more fun...give others a break...maybe even splurge from time to time.

Circles are the world's huggers. You love being with people, tell great stories (with great exaggeration and greater detail), laugh a lot and enjoy food. Basically you are party people! If only you could learn to say "No", because you may feel overloaded with all the commitments you've made - like all those charity quilts. Don't take everything so personally; you can't please everyone and you can't fix them either.

OK triangles, you just want me to get to the point! (Why didn't I just list you first?) You're so busy with all that multi-tasking you don't have time for the superficial. You are smart and self-motivated bringing you success, but try to relax and give others a chance to take the lead. It is possible you may never get *any* of those quilts done if you're always working on something else. (Got to go now ;-)

Now that you squiggles have my attention you can stop being bored, or have you already lost this newsletter? You are full of ideas - and very energetic about them - but are you always this scattered? I dare not tell you what to do, but if you slow down and focus on the task at hand it may keep you from having to rip out that seam again. It is bound to turn out different no matter what, since you're dancing to your own tune.

Now that you've found your shape, we thought it would be fun to have you use it in a quilt block and let us share it on Pinterest. Read the sidebar to the right of this article for all the details, including the prizes anyone can win.

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Play The Shape Game

Using your dominant shape for inspiration, make a 12" square quilt block. You can use any method or style you like. If you prefer you can finish the block as a 12" quilted square (ie - with batting and backing).

Bring your finished block to Top Stitch during normal store hours so we can photograph it and post it to Pinterest. (You can keep your block or leave it to be donated to a charity group.)

All participants that enter a block by Dec. 19, 2015 will be entered into a random drawing for one of 3 prizes. Two winners will receive a gift bag with 25 fat quarters of AMB Solids (\$85 value). First prize is a Bernette Seville sewing machine and a jelly roll of Moda fabrics (total value \$288). Winners will be notified by 1/5/2016.

Have fun!

BERNINA CLUB Lifestyles

BERNINA CLUB lessons incorporate presser feet, accessories and creative machine techniques into projects for everyday living. Go home with a CD that contains hand-outs and instructions. This is a demo/lecture format so no equipment is necessary to attend.

Fee: \$10.00 per session Space is extremely limited - pay at sign-up.

Thursday, September 17, 1:00 - 3:00 Home is Where: Modern improvised quilting techniques result in high impact accents for the home

Thursday, October 8, 1:00 - 3:00 Mug Mat Mania: Create little works of art with simple painting, piecing, echo quilting and faux free-motion. Mug mats make perfect little gifts anyone can use.

Thursday, November 5, 1:00 - 3:00 Courier Bag: The secret of this large bag is in making a stylish and comfortable strap.

Thursday, December 3,, 1:00 - 3:00 A Serge in Sewing: Needle felt-ing and serger details make a vest that's fun to make and to wear.

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Remember to click the **HELP DESK** for our most common fixes for your sewing mishaps.



Online **NEWSLETTERS** have extra coupons not in the printed copy.

DesignWorks DECODED

New for 2015!

Learn how to use DesignWorks Software with ease and the techniques to get custom results when using DesignWorks tools. **FREE for anyone who has purchased DW tools from TOP STITCH!**

Thursday, October 22, 1:00 - 3:00 Dingbat Designs: Create stencils and embellishments using fonts

Thursday, December 10, 1:00 - 3:00 Winter Wonderland: Snowflake quilt features applique and coordinated quilting patterns with PaintWork and CrystalWork embellishments.

Software Inspirations

Be inspired to create with software! Lessons show how to work with the **BERNINA Software 7** and incorporate embroidery into projects. You will receive a CD that includes handouts, a PowerPoint Presentation, instructional VIDEO and completed designs in .ART format.

Fee: \$10.00 per session

Thursday, September 24, 1:00 - 3:00 Going in Circles: Create your own stitch patterns from scratch to make beautiful embroideries.

Thursday, October 29, 1:00 - 3:00 In-the-Hoop: Make a pouch with all stitching - including zipper installation and quilting - in the hoop.

Thursday, November 19, 1:00 - 3:00 Coming Up Roses: Use a photo as a template and add needle punch for additional effect.

Class Policies:

Space is limited; as a courtesy to others, please inform us immediately if you need to cancel (there may be others on a waiting list)

We will cancel a class three days in advance if we do not have the minimum number of students.

You are expected to put a reservation on your calendar; we do not make reminder calls.

These classes are complimentary with purchase of a machine from TOP STITCH.

- If you purchased your machine from us you are welcome to take the New Owner's Guide classes additional times at no extra charge as long as space is available.
- Choose one of the options listed below then call or come in to reserve your space (pre-registration is required).

BERNINA SEWING MACHINE USAGE - \$200.00 (*Free with machine purchase*)

- Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7, 1:00 - 4:00 pm (both days)
- Saturday, November 7, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (both days)
- Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 2, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (both days)

BERNINA EMBROIDERY USAGE - \$100.00 (*Free with machine purchase*)

- Wednesday, September 30, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

BERNINA SERGER USAGE - \$200.00 (*Free with machine purchase*)

- Saturday, October 24, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (both days)

When you Buy a **BERNINA** at **TOP STITCH** the following services are included:

1. Complete Class Instruction for use of your new machine at no additional cost.
2. Free, unlimited trouble-shooting assistance by phone, e-mail or in-store.
3. Full warranty coverage performed on our premises by a BERNINA specialist.

Plus our **exclusive BERNINA BUYERS' BONUS** Discounts:

- ▶ **15% off** regular priced fabrics, notions, books, machine accessories, embroidery designs, etc.
- ▶ **Discounted** maintenance & service on purchased machine (saves you up to \$110. for each service).

Your 15% discount is good for one full year after purchase and will be renewed automatically for another 12 months whenever you pay for maintenance on the machine purchased (at the discounted price).

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FREE Suitcase Set
with purchase of
B 880 or B 790⁺
September 15-21, 2015

0%
Interest for
60 Months!*

On all BERNINA
purchases of \$3,000
or more made with
your BERNINA
Credit Card
Sept. 15-21, 2015.
60 Equal Monthly
Payments Required.

*Some exclusions may apply. Available while supplies last. At participating BERNINA Stores only.
*Offer applies only to single-receipt qualifying purchases. No interest will be charged on promo purchase and equal monthly payments are required equal to initial promo purchase amount divided equally by the number of months in the promo period until promo is paid in full. The equal monthly payment will be rounded to the next highest whole dollar and may be higher than the minimum monthly payment that would be required if the purchase was a non-promotional purchase. Regular account terms apply to non-promotional purchases. For new accounts: Purchase APR is 29.99%; Minimum Interest Charge is \$2. Existing cardholders should see their credit card agreement for their applicable terms. Subject to credit approval. See store for details. Participating Stores Only.

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Monday—Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Saturdays 10:00 - 4:00

FALL SALE
SEPTEMBER 10-14
THE B 215 ONLY
\$699

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Only available on new models. While supplies last.



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Thanksgiving:
November 26

December 25 &
December 26

December 31 -
January 1, 2016



Holidays Are Coming - and we have
the fabric you need NOW!

Lots of NEW Christmas including
Stocking Panels and Advent Calendars,
whimsical to traditional, woody
realism to graphic Scandinavian.
Surely something for anyone!

Halloween comes first so we've got that too - including
Jack Skellington from "The Nightmare Before Christmas".

Autumn colors and manly-man looks with "Adirondack
Crossing" or North Coast images with "Totem"

Shop early for best selection, Sew early for less stress!