



# Linda Chang Teufel

Look Who's Sewing with BERNINA...



**Linda Chang Teufel**, publisher-author-educator-designer-extraordinaire is the founder of Dragon Threads, which specializes in publishing innovative quilting, sewing and textile arts books. Linda has enjoyed a broad-based career in both the fashion and sewing arts and today concentrates on publishing extraordinary books featuring the world's top quilting and textile artists.

Follow Linda at [www.dragonthreadsopenbook.blogspot.com](http://www.dragonthreadsopenbook.blogspot.com) as she shares her world of creativity!

Visit [Dragon Threads](http://DragonThreads) to preview an exciting array of textile art books, including those authored by Linda. Inspiration guaranteed!

## Linda's Sewing Journey

"My mother went to college in New York City for fashion design. Some of my earliest memories were going with her to fabric stores in Boston's Chinatown, then sitting under her sewing machine pressing the pedal as she turned those fabrics into clothes for the family and home dec items. In my elementary home economics class, I continued by turning out a fake fur plaid coat, dresses, and a lined wool cape. Later I got a BFA in Fashion Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY.

I stayed in New York city for a while, working in the fashion and textiles industry. I worked for Cathy Hardwick, as a colorist for a textile firm and for Koos van den Akker. I did a stint as an assistant buyer for Macy's and Victoria's Secret Catalogue.

I met, then married my German husband who swept me away to the Midwest. There I got certified from Ohio State University to teach home economics which I did for a few years until I found myself pregnant . . . with a boy. My eager plans to make smocked or French heirloom dresses were stymied! Never one to take "no" for an answer, I invented some boy clothes-friendly techniques, named it "Fabric Origami" and wrote my first book. I taught all over the country at the major shows. I met wonderful people and talented stitchers, and I started publishing more books. I don't have a chance now to teach as much as I'd like to (although I will be offering a class on a cruise to the Panama Canal in 2013) since my publishing company, Dragon Threads, takes up most of my time."



## DragonThreads

EXTRAORDINARY TEXTILE ARTS BOOKS



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## Dragon Threads

“Over the years Dragon Threads books have been nominated for many awards by the publishing industry. Most recently, we received the 2010 prestigious **Independent Book Publishers Association's Benjamin Franklin Gold Award™ for Crafts Book** for *Fibreart Montage: Combining Quilting, Embroidery & Photography with Embellishments* by Judith Baker Montano. My talented, creative staff of designers, editors, and I search constantly for new and innovative art quilters for books. I have been fortunate indeed to work with some of the world's top quilters and textile artists.”



## Linda's Favorite BERNINA Features

“BERNINA has outstanding FEET and accessories that make it easy to successfully do so many techniques. There has been a lot of thought into the design of these feet used in conjunction with the features of the machine.”



BERNINA is constantly improving on all the facets of how we use the machine, and it was a most exciting experience to be a part of the artisans that offered input for the revolutionary new 830 model!”



*Koos Couture Collage*

## Linda's Advice for Beginners

“I believe that you should take as many classes as you can in all areas of interest, read as many books and magazines as possible, and keep practicing. You have to make a lot of ‘bad’ art or unsuccessful garments before you can get to the ‘experienced’ level. You should enjoy the process if not the results.”

## Koos Mobius Spiral Scarf

Be sure to download Linda's Koos Mobius Spiral Scarf project to create your own wearable art accessory! Project is available at [www.bernausa.com](http://www.bernausa.com).