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Look who's sewing with BERNINA...

Debbi Lashbrook

Debbi Lashbrook, BERNINA of America educator, specializes in all types of software and in garment-making techniques, but she has sewn almost every type of project, from drapes, slipcovers, and comforters to tailored men's and women's suits. She also loves to digitize original designs in the software. Debbi presents the My Label webinars and some of the BERNINA Embroidery & CutWork software webinars. In addition, she travels the country presenting machine embroidery, accessory, embroidery software, serger, and My Label programs.

Debbi writes the My Label Blog and enjoys manipulating patterns to create new designs for the basic My Label garments and discovering new ways to use embroidery software to make garment sewing faster and easier. Contact Debbi at dlashbrook@berninausa.com and follow her latest discoveries on the [Bernina Blog!](#)



Debbi's Favorite BERNINA Features...

Precision, Quality & Altered Stitch Memory!

Debbi purchased her first BERNINA machine when she began teaching at the local BERNINA Sewing Center in Plano, Texas. She bought one as soon as she could after her sewing machine wouldn't do what the BERNINA machines would do! Her first BERNINA was an 1130. She loves Temporary Altered Memory and doesn't understand how she ever sewed without it. Sewing almost all of her daughters' clothes when they were small was a special treat with the BERNINA. It was a pleasure to sew with such precision and quality.

A Passion for Sewing...

Debbi began sewing at the age of nine and has her mother to thank for developing her interest in garment-making. She thanks her mom to this day for creating a passion for sewing and creativity. Debbi began sewing for her Barbie doll and recalls that even back then, she hated "hand" sewing. If a machine couldn't accomplish the task, string and safety pins

would work to hold a garment together on her dolls! Even today, she makes as much of a garment as possible without hand techniques. The BERNINA presser feet and accessories make this easy to accomplish!



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Debbi's BERNINA Journey...

Debbi holds a BS degree in Retailing and a MS in Textiles and Design from the University of Illinois. She has always been employed in some facet of the apparel industry or education. For many years, she taught textiles, textile chemistry, tailoring, apparel production, garment fitting, and flat pattern either at the University of Illinois, at an apparel design community college, or for fabric stores. She worked as an educator and as a manager at a Bernina dealership before joining the education staff at Bernina of America in 2005.

Debbi loves to work with fitting challenges. For a number of years, she sewed prom dresses and wedding dresses for the public and during this time, she learned a great deal about fitting every type of body. Many avoid garment sewing because of fit challenges; Debbi loves the challenge. Nowadays, Debbi spends more time in front of a computer than she does sewing, but she still loves to make and design patterns. She has worked with many consumers over the years to teach them how to draft personal patterns that fit.



Digitized Beach Embroidery



My Label T-shirt with Embroidery

Software Aficionado...

Debbi enjoys dissecting technical software and making it easy to understand. In addition to developing software education programs for BERNINA dealers, she has written articles for *Designs in Machine Embroidery*, *Creative Machine Embroidery*, *Creative Needle*, and *Through the Needle*. She also has a self-published book on *Time-Saving Smocking Construction* and once designed, developed, and distributed a line of children's smocked patterns. She has also designed smocking plates and appliqué patterns. Debbi has appeared in two episodes of the Fons & Porter *For the Love of Quilting* where she demonstrated how software is used for quilting.



Embroidery Software Creation

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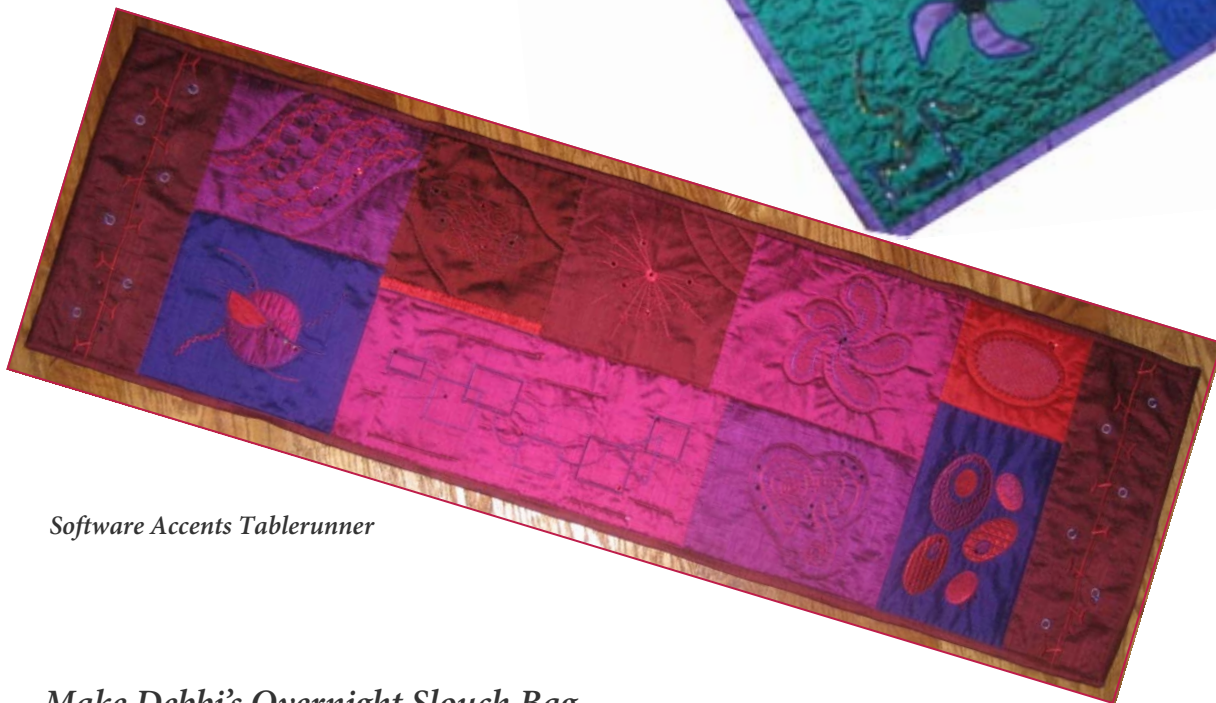
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Debbi's Advice to Beginning Sewers.....

Don't be afraid to experiment and don't be afraid to throw something away if it doesn't work. We all have had unsuccessful projects that discouraged us. It is a way to learn. Don't be so focused on the project that you forget the process. It is all a process to reach a new level of achievement. Also remember you can learn from anyone. I learn every time I teach another class... so keep your mind open and enjoy the process!



CutWork Quilt



Software Accents Tablerunner

Make Debbi's Overnight Slouch Bag...

Sophisticated on the outside; practical on the inside, the Overnight Slouch Bag has a removable inner pocket that stores necessities for an overnight trip! This fun-to-make bag also doubles as daytime commuter bag. Download the directions using the link on Debbi's Sewlebrity Page at www.berninausa.com

