

## Lezette Thomason



**Lezette Thomason** is an owner and founder of Children's Corner since 1978. Her successful company has one of the largest selections of dress-maker's patterns for children's clothes available. She designs, drafts and publishes patterns, while her invaluable business partner Ginger Caldwell manages the financial details of the business. Lezette is also a highly sought-after sewing teacher, frequently booked up to three years in advance.

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### Renown Teacher

Lezette teaches both nationally and internationally at venues such as the Martha Pullen School, Sewing in the Blue Mountains in Australia, Cape May Sewing Capers, as well as four schools per year in Nashville at Children's Corner. She teaches at many other shops and numerous smocking guilds around the country, including the SAGA National Convention. Lezette loves to teach construction of children's garments almost as much as her students enjoy her classes. "Picture perfect" sewing is so much easier to teach on a BERNINA!

Ready to share her knowledge, Lezette has posted free sewing videos on the construction of children's garments at the [Children's Corner](http://www.childrencorner.com) website.

A Lezette original dress, combining two Children's Corner patterns, which she teaches in a redrafting class.



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Children's Corner - Madeline: twirls for little girls

### Lezette's BERNINA Journey

Lezette purchased her first BERNINA in 1989 and has been endorsing them ever since. She has been a part of the BERNINA Artisan program for seven years.

One of Lezette's biggest thrills came in February 2010 when she taught BERNINA School at the Martha Pullen School. This was her 37<sup>th</sup> time to teach at the Martha Pullen School. She had 24 ladies on the BERNINA 830. WOW! What a special week. As most of the group had never sewn on the BERNINA 830, Lezette kept them hopping for four days to learn as much as they could about this fantastic machine.

### Lezette's Favorite BERNINA Feet

Lezette loves to teach students how to use sewing machine feet. One of her favorites has always been the Overlock Foot #2 or #2A for overcasting seams. Just trim those ravel from a seam, and then, using a zigzag with a width of 4 and a length of 1 and placing the little bar of the foot on top of the fabric edge, just stitch. Then press. The result will look like a baby serged seam. This is so perfect for children's clothes! The Patchwork Foot #37 for 1/4" seams and the Straight Stitch Foot #13 for French seams are must haves. For topstitching, the Edgestitch Foot #10 keeps stitching so straight.



Abbie, A Children's Corner favorite

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Children's Corner - CeCe (left) and Jackson (right)



Children's Corner - William and Winnie: perfect for toddlers



Children's Corner - Sassy: feeling feisty in Sassy Skirts

### Noted Author

In addition to all the pattern designs, Lezette has written four books. She is also a contributing writer to *Sew Beautiful Magazine*, *Creative Needle*, *Australian Smocking* and *Australian Inspirations*.

Lezette has made three DVD's on children's sewing with the Martha Pullen Company and has appeared numerous times on *Martha's Sewing Room*.

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Look Who's Sewing with BERNINA...

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Children's Corner - Jacqueline...New for Spring 2010

### Lezette's Advice to Beginners

Buy a BERNINA. I would rather have the lowest model BERNINA over the top of the line any other machine. About 20 years ago, my twin sister was struggling with her sewing on an old machine. I got her to buy the BERNINA 1000 – all she could afford at the time. What a difference it made for her. Suddenly she had the correct feet for her techniques, and the BERNINA 1000 made gorgeous buttonholes. In my construction classes I teach students with all kinds of machines. I never have to worry about my BERNINA owners – they always have the correct foot and stitches needed.



Children's Corner - The secret's out...Katie's Skirt is a hit!

### Keep Learning

Learn your machine feet and how they can make sewing easier.

Also, always pre-wash and dry your fabric. You want it to shrink before you cut out garments. Don't be afraid to try new things. All Children's Corner pattern pieces are interchangeable for different outfits. Don't forget that pressing is an important part of sewing.

We all make mistakes. Sometimes mistakes are easily fixed and can create an opportunity for creativity. I recently tore a hole in a little knit dress that I had just monogrammed. Ping! It became a great chance for an auto appliquéd flower using a scrap of Liberty of London.

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Apgar Fire

### Art Quilt Honors

Lezette has been honored by the American Historical Quilt Alliance by having one of her art quilts placed in the permanent records at the Library of Congress. "Apgar Fire" was stitched with a cluster of little pine trees that Lezette digitized in her BERNINA software through 8 colors of batik. Lezette then cut away colors to find the right one to create a forest fire. Then, she painted in details of flames and smoke. This creation is inspired by her personal memories of the Roberts fire of 2004 in Glacier National Park. Lezette stood on the mountain above their vacation home in Montana and watched flames leap hundreds of feet into the air.



### Lezette's Purse Project - Just for You

All you need for this adorable outfit is Children's Corner's Lillian dress pattern paired with this matching purse.

The dress pattern is available at [www.childrenscornerinc.com](http://www.childrenscornerinc.com)

The purse project is available at [www.berninausa.com](http://www.berninausa.com) as part of Lezette's Sewlebrity page.



Children's Corner - Lillian