

Trio T-Shirt, Top, and Pants



Lotus Skirt and Mimoso Top



Liberty Shirt

Project Sewing Workshop

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No question about it – garment sewing is on the map again. There is definitely a buzz in the air, and BERNINA is part of the noise. A new generation of sewer/crafter is looking to have fun making some cute clothes. Add to that a group of serious sewers who are looking for fit and fashion in a world of ready-to-wear clothing that no longer addresses their needs and you have the makings of a new sewing revolution.

Both groups are looking for the same things – great fashion fabrics (not just any fabrics, but the kinds of fabrics that are seen in ready-to-wear) and interesting patterns that are easy to sew and easy to fit, for a unique style at an affordable price.

San Diego Jacket**Trio T-Shirt, Top, and Pants****Mimosa Top****Valencia Jacket**

Linda Lee, the owner of The Sewing Workshop Pattern Collection, has teamed with BERNINA to produce a product that fits this need. She has selected six of her best-selling patterns, paired them with the right fashion fabrics, and is packaging them in kits. BERNINA dealers across the country will be selling the kits and offering garment-making classes in their stores to give the new stitcher, the rusty garment sewer, and the experienced one, too, all the tips and tricks needed to sew beautifully-fitting and stylishly-customized garments.

In addition to the kits, dealers will also be able to order three-yard minimum cuts of an array of additional basic fabrics. Fabrics in six categories are offered, with many beautiful colors in each group. Included are linens, wools, silks, cottons, rayons, and knits in a variety of fabric contents.

The patterns were selected with a core-wardrobe concept in mind. Start with the Trio T-Shirt and pair it with the Trio Pants for a casual look. Add a Liberty Shirt to the pants or wear it as a jacket for a three-piece ensemble. Wear the same T-shirt with the Lotus Skirt and then add

the Mimosa Top. This top also looks great under the Zigzag Shirt or the San Diego Jacket. Make either the Valencia Pants, a comfortable one-seam, elastic-waist pant, or the more tailored Mimosa Pants and you have an eight-piece ensemble.

Linda's philosophy is to produce patterns that have unique architectural styling, but are easy to sew and flatter many body types of all ages. The styles are fairly deconstructed with little need for lining and interfacing, and they have simple details that are easy to construct. Linda's thorough and well-written guide sheet instructions make for can't-miss sewing. Her styles are contemporary but not too trendy, ensuring that you will be able wear your handiwork for many seasons to come. For example, although her San Diego Jacket pattern has been in the pattern line for several years, it continues to be very wearable and gets rave reviews when sewn in a variety of different fabrics. Linda likes to take a great piece of fabric, sew up the garment, and let it speak for itself. The styles she's included in the kit program also lend themselves to adding surface design and embellishment techniques for truly one-of-a-kind dressing.

Linda has made a career of selecting fine fabrics, both in the interior design field and the garment industry. Her impeccable taste and ability to seek out the perfect fabric for the right pattern ensures that this program will add a new perspective to the sewing machine dealer's product mix, emphasizing the idea that the local BERNINA dealer is a one-stop shop for the garment sewer, too.



Linda Lee is the owner of The Sewing Workshop Pattern Collection, a group of patterns for distinctive garments using innovative

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