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## President's Letter by Nancy Shepherd

Spring is here with unusually warm weather. Plants with new growth and bright flowers are popping up all over.

Most MEOW groups do their planning for the next year in June.

This is a good time to reflect on the past up to now. Meow started in the late 1980's. Freemotion was the order of the day. The tools we had to work with were more limited than what is available today. Currently Quilting Arts TV Show airs on Public Broadcasting Stations and features freemotion. Not much has changed here.

The big change since MEOW started is "The Digital Age". I just saw a parent hold up a flash card with the number 11 on it. The young girl insisted that is a pause button. Youngsters are growing up with computers and they see things differently. Just think how computers have changed thru the years. Our sewing machines have changed also. Early on some machines used floppy disks. Today it is much more common for machines to use USB sticks or a direct connect to the computer. Technology marches on. You may be sitting there thinking these changes really do not affect you. Most household today use computers. A big change is coming April 2014. Microsoft will no longer support or update XP or Vista operating systems. It will not be safe to use these operating systems on the internet at that time.

Email me if you want to read more about the operating systems and what it means for you.

Another change since MEOW's beginnings has been Mult-Media. They continue to look at backgrounds and different products to incorporate into our freemotion projects.

Who knows what the future will bring, but I'm sure someone in MEOW will be there punching the envelope and trying anything new that comes to light.

Lastly,

October 4,5 and 6th will be the next retreat at Collins Retreat Center just outside Sandy Oregon. Watch the MEOW Web site, <http://www.sewmeow.org> for information as the classes are finalized. Last year this was the best retreat MEOW has ever had. Come this year and see what made it so much fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Nancy

Nancy Shepherd

## Upcoming Events

Board Meeting  
July 27, 2013  
Vancouver, WA  
At 9:00 am Regular  
Board Meeting

## Due Dates for:

July 2013 Newsletter  
Articles and Reports  
August 2, 2013

## Need Schedules from:

Area Groups for  
September 2013,  
October 2013 and  
November 2013

Sew Expo  
, 2014

Mark those dates!  
November Quilt and Craft  
Show  
November 14-16, 2013

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Stray Cats

If you know of someone who has paid for their Newsletters, but is not receiving them, please have her contact either Sandy Radtke, Membership Chair, or Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress, and we will take care of sending a new copy out to them and verify the address that we have is correct.

Thank you for your time on this!

Tami Bennett, Newsletter Editor



## Thank you to the newsletter proofreaders!

You have a very hardy task each Newsletter. I would like to thank the last Newsletter proofreaders: Karen Bennett, Nancy Shepherd, Ruth Jones and Roberta Strebe and anyone else I might have forgotten.

If you would like to become a proofreader for an upcoming Newsletter, drop me a line at [pse@oz.net](mailto:pse@oz.net) and I will place your name on the list. We always need bodies, even if it is only for a proofreading job!

Tami Bennett,  
Newsletter Editor

## What is Happening to Windows XP and How does this impact you!

This is from the Kim Kamando Show dated 5/1/2013 via the internet at [Kamando.com](http://Kamando.com) . . .

**Question:** I read in your [Breaking News newsletter](#) that Microsoft is "killing" Windows XP next year. What does this mean? Will my two XP computers suddenly stop working? What should I do when that happens?  
-Greg, from McAllen, TX,

**Answer:** I can understand your concern, Greg. Despite being more than a decade old, XP is still the second most-popular operating system around. It was the most popular up until about this time last year when Windows 7 edged it out.

The main reason is that XP has one of the best combinations of power and simplicity. Plus, it's what many people are used to after all this time.

All good things have to come to an end, though. Microsoft says Windows XP's end-of-life ride off

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date is April 8, 2014. After that, Windows XP will ride off into the sunset knowing it changed the computing world forever.

What does that mean for people still using XP, though?

The good news is that your XP computers won't suddenly stop working, Greg. Any XP computer will still work just the way it did on April 7, 2014.

"End of life" means the total end of official Microsoft support, from updates to customer service.

Microsoft already ended mainstream support a while ago, which means no new features or non-security updates. (I should point out that Windows Vista's mainstream support ended last year as well.)

After April 8, 2014, Microsoft won't provide any security updates for XP. That means any security flaws that hackers find won't be fixed. Your computer will be a sitting duck.

(In Microsoft's defense, it extended XP's "end of life" date several times due to its popularity. It really should have ended years ago.)

Plus, once Microsoft stops supporting XP, other companies will follow suit. It takes a lot of time and money to make sure programs and hardware work on all the versions of Windows out there.

If you do use Windows XP after April 2014, it's basically at your own risk. Having [security software](#) installed will help, but it will get more and more dangerous to use as time goes on.

I don't recommend using a Windows XP computer as your main computer after next April. You will want to start using a new operating system. If you plan to stick with Windows, that means upgrading to 7 or 8.

Windows 7 is the closest in look and feel to XP. In fact, it's shaping up to replace XP as the operating system that people will be using as long as they can

You could upgrade Windows on your existing computer. However, if your computer is more than three years old, I'd buy a new one. Even today's budget computers can outperform computers from 2010 and earlier. And, in the case of

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Windows 8, new computer hardware can take advantage of Windows 8's new speed and security features.

Find the right computer for you in my [laptop](#) and [desktop](#) buying guides.

While Windows 8 has its good points, it's so different from previous versions of Windows that I had to write a whole book on how to use it. [You can pick that up here.](#) A Windows 8 update later this year might bring back some familiar elements, like the Start button, but the learning curve is still going to be high.

Either way, don't worry too much about your old programs. They'll more than likely all be able to make the jump to a new version of Windows. [I'll help you start transferring them in this must-read tip.](#)

The exception is if you have a version of Office 2003 or older. Those will be out of support at the same time as XP.

[You'll want to upgrade or find an alternative.](#)

That brings us to the last thing you need to figure out: what to do with your XP computers? You could sell them to try to [make a quick buck](#) or [recycle them](#) if you can't find a price you like.

There are a few repurposing tricks you can try, too. For example, [an old computer can make a great DVR with these ideas.](#) You can [use this tip to help it turn your HDTV into a smart TV.](#)

If you don't want to make it a part of your home theater, you have other choices. Some people like to use old computers to practice upgrades or fixing problems. Since you don't have to worry about breaking it, this could save money in the long run.

Macs have been making former Windows users happy for years. [Pick the right Mac for your home and budget.](#)

Google's new operating system is turning heads thanks to low prices. [Find out if a Chrome-book is right for you.](#)

Tablets can cost less than a new computer and offer many of the same features. [Could a tablet replace your computer?](#)

Meow Board Meeting Minutes

Felida Fire Station

11600 N.W. Lakeshore Avenue

Vancouver, WA

Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Executive Officers:** Nancy Shepherd - President, Karen Bennett - Vice President, Peggy Bodle - Secretary, Vicki Nelson \* - Treasurer

**Directors:**, Texanna Cato, Sharon Hults, Betty Cooper, Barbara Belgrave\*

**Committees:** Sandy Radtke\* (Membership), Tami Bennett (Newsletter Editor/Web Mistress); Kathy Brock, Mediation Caroline Burton, Mediation, Kim Keller\*, Mediation, Carla LaBrousse\*, Sunshine, Sali Lusk\* - Historian, and Dee Finney\*-Meeting Site Coordinator

\* Signifies an Excused Absence

**Guests:** Roberta Strebe

Nancy Shepherd, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A sign-in sheet was passed around for the Board members and guests to sign to identify members that were present. See the above following list:

Roll Call was taken and there was a quorum.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Were approved as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Vicki reported monies in checking and CD accounts....She asked if seminar checks and membership renewal checks could be deposited after Sept. 1, in the new fiscal year

**Secretary's and Sunshine Report** – Nothing to report.

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**Vice President:** gave the community service numbers, I sent out Director's Report requests and received three reports back. We (MEOW) has delivered 144 completed cards to Willow Gardens Retirement Community in Puyallup, Washington and they were very appreciative to receive them. They will be utilizing them in their small community store for their residents.

**Director's Reports:** The Directors reported on each of their groups. Any information relating to the Area groups along with schedules can be found in the Newsletter.

**Membership:** Tami reported that we had 87 total members with one returning member. Five (5) members wanted printed newsletters.

**Newsletter Report** – Membership newsletters and the five (5) mailed newsletters were mailed at a cost of copies- \$8.50 to membership committee---\$7.32 to members receiving copies

**Website Report** – Changes are being made on an ongoing basis as necessary.

**Scholarship Committee:** No report.

**Seminar 2013** — It will be held in the same location. The dates will be October 4, 5, & 6. New information will be posted on the website as it becomes available, so please watch it closely. samples of seminar projects were viewed...discussion of teachers and projects and a proposed class schedule...these are yet to be finalized. Seminar)- evening activities will again be making cards to give to homes for seniors... Bring supplies, such as blank cards and envelopes, cardstock for card making...also any appropriate stickers, ink pads, stamps , cutting machines, markers, pens----etc. etc.

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**Historian:** Sali is working on a CD of MEOW projects

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Snowflakes for Mary Bridge----link was in the last the newsletter but can also be obtained from Tami Bennett of Tacoma Tabbies.....several snowflakes were handed in

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

New Business: insurance expired March 31...it was switched to a new agent, as the current one was difficult to reach. Tami made a motion to change agents, Kathy seconded it...passed. Nancy reported the next week, it was done.

Elections—26 members voted with these results

Vice President—Kathy Brock

Secretary-Bev Carpenter

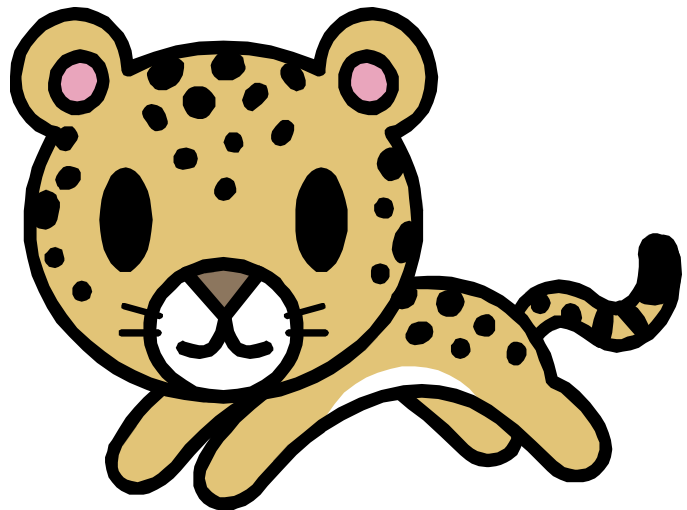
Directors (2)- Karen and Peggy

Honorary member vote-4 were selected

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. (approx.) Betty made motion, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Next meeting-July 27, 2013

Sincerely, Peggy Bodle, Secretary



## RENEWALS

All renewals from now to October will be found in the New Roster which will be printed in October 2013 and mailed to you. If from now until then you need information on a new member or correction mentioned in this newsletter or previous newsletter, please contact either a member of the Board of Directors, your Membership Chair, or the Newsletter Editor/Website Mistress and they will be able to help you with whatever you might need

Thank you for your patience with this.

### RENEWED MEMBERS:

Judi Young                      Hollywood Stars

### NEW MEMBERS:

We had 87 returning, new and former members combined as of May 16, 2013. As a new member and returning member, you will find that we are no longer listing any information for any of our members, like phone number, address, email address (unless specifically necessary), other than their name and area group.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Joanne Gibeaut                      Country Kitties

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Barbara Herget    Mt. Hood - New Email Address  
Lyn Daugherty    Mt. Hood - Attding Mt.Hood only

### Directors Reports

#### **BARBARA BELGRAVE**

#### **BYTES & PC's**

No Report received.

#### **COUNTRY KITTIES**

No Report received..

#### **MOUSE CONNECTIONS**

No Report received.

#### **BETTY COPPER**

#### **DESIGN DIVAS**

This group of ladies are continuing the Rose Cottage series that explains digitizing and different embroidery techniques. They have a fun group and seem to have a lot of fun together.

#### **MT. HOOD**

These loving kitties are running 6-8 members and in April completed a Zentangle drawing. May they will be skipping their meeting because of Memorial Day and June is their pot luck planning meeting. We hope that they come up the lots of interesting things to do in class.

They are doing lap quilts for community service and giving them to a local nursing home.

#### **MULTI-MEDIA**

They have been blessed by Beth Heesacker who loves to do research. She has been researching interesting topics like printing without a press, lettering, college with rice paper, book bindings, paper sculpture, textures, etc, just to name a few. She has given the web sites on YouTube to find the information if we want to look further. She finds ideas for Multi-Media and then they get to do it during the year. In May they will be looking at Print Design Compose on DVD in June Playful Paper

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backgrounds on DVD then in July, Aug and Sept. they will be doing dying and other messy work at Caroline Burtons home.

### **TEXANNA CATO** **CYBER KATS**

This group's area rep has been having some challenges, but the group is persevering. They are down to 4 members and are always looking for easy ideas for projects to complete. Anyone that is willing to provide them a teaching idea, it would be greatly welcome.

### **TACOMA TABBIES**

This group is small but still going very strong. The ladies always have a great time when they get together, though recently that hasn't been as frequently as in the past. There has been illness and family issues to deal with.

On a lighter note, they have been getting a lot of their ideas from the Cloth, Paper, Scissors book. This is a great source of inspiration to Karen Bennett, the Area Rep. She also watches the public TV station on Saturdays and picks up tips and more class ideas there. I know that you have probably heard this before, but if you have this resource give it a try. This has been wonderful for her and saved her time and helped when she thought there wasn't anything else left to do. There is always something new and exciting to contemplate how to make work in our realm of realty (free motion).



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### **SHARON HULTS** **DIGI-CATS**

Next meeting is May 20th at 6:00pm. They will be doing folded origami. June is their planning meeting. They will decide what July's project will be at that time. They will also be deciding on disbanding.

We really hope that they decide to stay will us.

### **FANTASY FELINES**

May was beading a tennis bracelet with Virginia, June is the planning party, July is tassels with Letha, and August is beading an X & O bracelet with Virginia.

Vicki Nelson was voted Woman of The Year at the Sons of Norway last month.

### **HOLLYWOOD STARS**

Hollywood Stars will be working on 12 X 12 quilt squares which have spring or flower themes. This will be their last meeting (May) until autumn since they do not meet during the summer.

### **VICKI NELSON** **STRAY CATS**

**Roberta Strebe** is in the process of helping with the Seminar wherever she can and when she has been asked. She still comes to the Board meetings and has been an inspiration to many of us.

**Kathy Brock** has had several family coming up for graduation. It is always nice to see the younger ones growing up.

## ***Seminar 2013 Information***

***By Karen Bennett***

Several teachers have been approved by the Board of Directors after the meeting on April 27th. The schedule is being worked on and we are close to being able to send out the teacher contracts. Once those have been returned, we will put together the brochure for publishing.

The cost of seminar this year will include the following: room and board, all meals (Friday Dinner, Saturday, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch) and 4 3 hour class sessions. Coffee, tea and ice water are provided in the main dining room and ice water is provided in all classrooms and available all evening. We will have four (4) sets of three (3) hour classes. The seminar will be earlier in October this year (4, 5 and 6th), which should give us the ability to even enjoy the outdoor areas. For those that did not attend last year, this facility is an amazing exclusive area. Sometimes it is so quiet, that you can even hear yourself think. The rooms include two (2) twin beds; the bathroom includes a walk-in shower that is wonderful, small desk and a dresser for clothes, plus individual's decks. The walkway to the rooms is all under-cover. They have a small gift shop and library on the second floor. There is a host family available from early morning until at least 10:00 pm, if you need help and they take care of any requests quickly and join us at every meal.

We have a chef with each meal that tells us what we are being served to eat and it is family style. All attendees are **REQUIRED** to include the "Special Meal Request Form" filled out and signed to make sure that any and all food needs are met. Your registration will not be complete without the "Special Meal Request Form" and it is important that you show up for the meals on time or you could be left out. All meals are produced in house.

We ask that attendees (if you wish) bring supplies for making greeting cards which are part of our yearly community service requirements and we will make them Friday and Saturday evenings. We have not determined where that will be held as of yet on the complex grounds.

Since we are in an all inclusive facility, the teachers are available in the evenings for help if you happen to need it. The atmosphere is fun, friendly, relaxing and we all had an absolutely wonderful time last year. Everyone said it was the best seminar they remember attending in the last few years.

This will be your chance to join an amazing time with friends that you have made over the years at previous seminars, across time and distance. There is no need to travel anywhere once you arrive at your destination. You just can sit back and enjoy the facility and friendship. We hope to see you there with us!



***Sunshine Report - Due to unforeseen issues, Sunshine Report will be updated in the next issue of Newsletter. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.***



### **Kitty Tips**

Some “facts” you don’t really need to know:

*The act of snapping one’s fingers has a name – It is called a fillip.*

*25% of Americans don’t know their astrological sign.*

*The mouth produces a quart of saliva a day.*

*There are no clocks in Las Vegas Casinos.*

*All the planets in our solar system could be placed inside the planet Jupiter.*

*More people are allergic to cow’s milk than any other food.*

*There are about 1,750 ‘o’s in a can of Spaghetti ‘O’s.*

*Technically the banana is a berry.*

*Crocodiles kill 2,000 people a year, by contrast Sharks kill about 25, Elephants 250 & bees kill about 1,500.*

*The earth experiences 50,000 earthquakes a year.*

*In Hong Kong Soy Milk is more popular than Coca Cola.*

*A kangaroo can only jump if its tail is touching the ground.*

From Carla LaBrousse in an email



### **Newsletter Statement of Policy**

The MEOW NEWSLETTER is published electronically at least four (4) times per year by the Machine Embroiderers of Oregon and Washington and is available to all members paying \$35.00 annual dues. If paper copies are desired, an additional fee of \$10.00 is required to be paid to the Membership Chair.

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**Bytes & PC'S** \*\* Gresham, OR \*\* September 2005

Meets: 2nd Monday 10:30 am—2:30 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Ave,  
 Contact: Linda Rigby  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 August: TBD

**Fantasy Felines** \*\* Lynnwood, WA \*\* May, 1994

Meets: 2nd Monday 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station #14 , 18800 68th Ave W  
 Contact: Letha Dawn McKinnon/Joy Gonclaves  
 June: Potluck and Planning Meeting  
 July: Tassels with Letha  
 August: X&O Bracelet with Virginia

**Country Kitties** \*\* Hood River, OR \*\* February 1991

Meets: 2nd Friday 10:00 am — 3:00 pm  
 Place: Parkdale Fire Hall  
 Contact: Carla LaBrousse  
 June: TBD  
 July: Planning Meeting  
 August: TBD

**Hollywood Stars** \* \*Portland, OR \*\* October 1991

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 8326 SE Stark  
 Contact: Kitty Young  
 June: No Meeting - Summer Schedule  
 July: No Meeting - Summer Schedule  
 August: No Meeting - Summer Schedule

**Cyber Cats** \*\* Renton, WA \*\* April 2004

Meets: 4th Thursday 9:30 am — 1:00 pm  
 Place: King of King's Lutheran Church, 18207—108th Ave SE  
 Contact: Toni Colby  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 August: TBD

**Mouse Connections** \*\* Beaverton, OR \*\* August 2005

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Fire Station , Murray Blvd & Butner  
 Contact: Ginger Christmas-Beattie  
 June: TBD  
 July: TBD  
 August: TBD

**Design Divas** \*\* Clackamas, OR \*\* July 2010

Meets: 1st Monday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue  
 Contact: Mary Rust  
 June: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons  
 July: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons  
 August: Rose Cottage Non-Machine Specific Digitizing Lessons

**Mt. Hood** \*\* Gresham, OR \*\* July, 1988

Meets: 4th Monday –Program 10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
 Place: Montavilla Sewing Center, 971 NE Kelly Avenue  
 Contact: Barbara Herget  
 June: TBD  
 July: TBD  
 August: TBD

**Digi-Cats** \*\* Bothell, WA \*\* Nov. 2005

Meets: 3rd Monday 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm  
 Place: Bothell PD (Community Room) ,18410 101st Ave NE  
 Contact: Arlette Wentz  
 June: Planning Meeting  
 July: TBD  
 August: TBD

**Multi-Media Kats** \*\* Milwaukie, OR \*\* August, 2003

Meets: 3rd Monday 10:00 am — 4:00 pm  
 Place: Gladstone Nazarene Church  
 Contact: Beth Heesacker/Apral Harrel  
 June: Playful Paper Backgrounds  
 July: Dying or other Wet/Messy items at Carolines' house  
 August: Dying or other Wet/Messy items at Carolines' house

All area groups must be organized according to MEOW By-laws and Area Groups Guidelines, under the direction of the MEOW Vice-President. Please contact her for assistance.

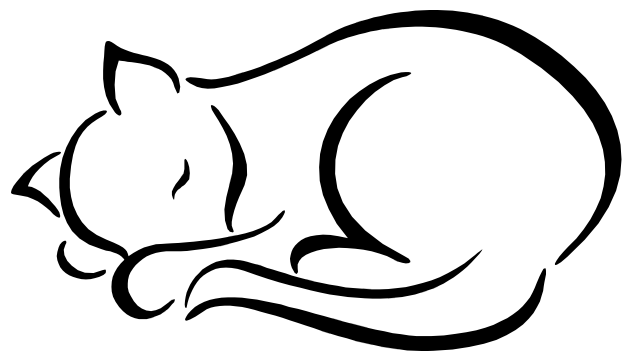
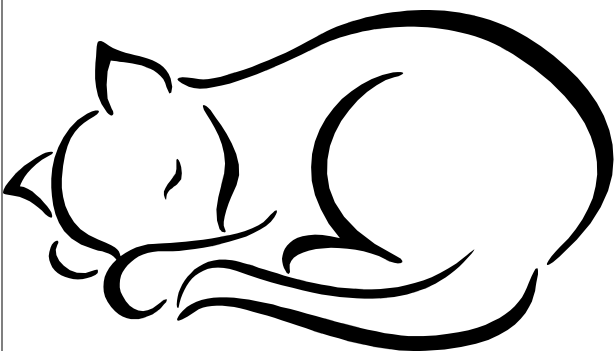
**Tacoma Tabbies** \*\* Tacoma, WA \*\* January, 2002

Meets: 3rd Saturday 9:30 am — 12:30 pm  
 Place: Bennett P.S. & E, Inc., 12907 16th Street East, Sumner  
 Contact: Karen Bennett  
 June: Shaving Cream Designs  
 July: Tassels by Karen Bennett  
 August: Community Service

All area group schedules are subject to change. Please call (# in Roster) ahead if you intend to visit another group.

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. How often do sewing machine manufacturers advise that you replace your needle?
2. What is the only true way to be sure you are cutting a fabric on grain?
3. What is the "hand" of a fabric?
4. What is Silamide?
5. Which expression is said to be derived from the amount of fabric was needed to make the most fancy coat for a man of fashion?
6. What part of your body closely equals a yard?
7. How would you test a scrap of fabric to see if it was silk?
8. What is the common seam-allowance on American patterns? Do you know why?
9. What did Native Americans use for sewing and needlework?
10. What is the most common color for interfacing?
11. What is the difference between tulle and nylon netting?
12. What is a bolt?
13. What type of material tends to not wash well in any temperature?
14. If someone uses your good, sharp sewing scissors to cut something other than fabric, what can you cut to give them back at least a little of their edge?
15. Is there a difference between scissors and shears?
16. Oh no! I've accidentally poked a hole in my pincushion with my shears. Curiosity got to me and I peeked inside, what should it be made of?
17. How often should you replace your rotary cutter blade?
18. What is a tailoring ham?
19. Can you mark fabric with soap?
20. Who originally patented the original sewing machine in 1846?
21. When you haven't got the exact match for your thread, do you choose the darker thread or the lighter thread?
22. What is a complementary color for Blue? Violet, green or orange?



**TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

1. *8 hours of continuous use. Believe it or not, worn, burred, slightly bent needles are the major cause of problems in sewing machines and sergers.*
2. Pull a thread from the selvedge to selvedge. Fabrics can become incredibly twisted after being stored on bolts or rolls.
3. This is the suppleness. The drape of the fabric will help a person determine it's intended use.
4. Waxed thread. It is pre-waxed and makes hand work a breeze.
5. The whole nine yards. In England of the early 1700's the upper classes went to great excess and nine yards of a single fold fabric is approximately the amount of fabric needed for a good three piece suit, so the explanation bears some merit.
6. Distance from your nose to your fingertips. I know you have measured fabric this way.
7. Try to set it on fire. Burned silk smells just like burned hair.
8. Five eights of an inch. Patterns were developed in Europe and still hold to the convention of the metric system. 1.5 cm is five eights of an inch.
9. They used beads, porcupine quills, sinew.
10. White. It's really hard to find any other color in a fabric store.
11. Netting has bigger holes than tulle. Both netting and tulle come in roughly the same widths; they are usually the same price per yard and are made from nylon.
12. One roll of fabric cut to a specified width.
13. Acetate. It tends to discolor when water gets on it.
14. Sandpaper. Cutting sandpaper wont hurt your scissors. It will actually sharpen them. Of course, if they're really dull, it's always best to have them professional sharpened.
15. Yes. Shears are made to specifically cut fabric, while scissors are made to cut paper and various different things. If you cut fabric with scissors you will struggle.
16. Cotton, wool, or sand.
17. Always replace your rotary blade when it begins to skip.
18. A tailor's ham or dressmaker's ham is a tightly stuffed pillow as a curved mold when pressing curved areas of clothing such as darts, sleeves, cuffs and collars it can also be used to fit different sizes.
19. Yes. When it used to be just shavings, you would dry them out in the sun and use them to mark fabrics.
20. Elias Howe did, but made an agreement with Isaac Merrit Singer soon after he patented his machine in 1851, and pooled their patents and each received \$5.00 from each machine sold.
21. You chose a darker thread and it will blend in.
22. It is orange in this case because it is the color opposite on the color wheel.

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