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Oklahoma City, OK Chapter of the American Sewing Guild
Advancing sewing as an art and life skill.

2026 Programs

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For each "Meeting" - see Andrea's Challenge on the page 5!

January 8th, 2026 (Thursday) 6:30pm - At our **NEW** location.

4301 N Classen Blvd. Suite C Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Don't forget to turn in your finished heart bags and get a ticket for a very special prize drawing at this meeting!

Karey Landers will be our speaker and pick up heart bags!

We will be making Heart Bag grab-n-go kits again for this coming year. Please bring the following to the January meeting:

- any juvenile / kid friendly fabric you may have in your stash that would make good heart bag
- rotary cutter
- cutting mat
- fabric marker
- chocolate - for inspiration

February 7th (Saturday) 9:00am-5:00pm One Day Sewing Retreat at Crown Heights Christian Church 4020 N Western Avenue Oklahoma City OK 73118 Bring your own projects and sew all day. We will have a potluck lunch.

February 12th (Thursday) 6:30pm at our new location. Andrea will show us her setup for projecting a pattern onto a table for cutting out. Andrea has an inexpensive alternate to the commercial systems. Possibly Drago with OKC Fabric Market.

March 12th (Thursday) 6:30pm at our new location. We will have the reveal of our Christmas fabric exchange. National Quilting Month. Bring a quilt to show. Maybe an old quilt with history.

*Brown bag dinner meeting is where we each bring our own dinner and work on a sewing or craft project together. to visit and get to know other members.

When you bring stuff for the "free" table, at a regular meeting or a mini retreat, please remove all items that you brought at the end of the event. Each person is responsible for their stuff they have brought. Any items that are thrown away must be put in the dumpster at the west end of the parking lot, not put in the trash cans inside the building.

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Welcome

Meeting Location 2nd Thursday of each month 6:30 pm

Newview Oklahoma Building
4301 N Classen Blvd. Suite C
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(see map in this newsletter and on our website)

Say Hello to our Newest Members! We welcome you and encourage you to get involved in a Neighborhood Group

Julie Myers

OKC Chapter Name Tags are available

Magnet backing: \$8.00

Contact Carolyn Schulz : (405) 706-4670

or

okcasg@gmail.com

if you'd like one.

NOTICE

This newsletter will always appear on our website for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Visit the site on a regular basis as the content changes often. Note this web address in your

Favorite Places to visit.

<https://okcasg.org>

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Have you visited the ASG website? At the bottom of the page is a "members only" listing. You will find a wealth of good information on this website. <https://asg.org/>

If you know a friend who has a sewing interest, encourage them to join us. We have business size cards with our meeting location and time to share. It makes it easy to give out the information. Check with Membership Chair or pick some up at the next meeting when you sign in.

From the President

Hi everyone,

I'm so excited to be starting this year with all of you at our new meeting location in the New View Building at 4301 N Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. It's a great space, and I'm really looking forward to everything we'll do there together — sewing, learning, and just enjoying time with one another.



Thank you for making our raffle such a success. It went so well, and that's all because of your support and participation. As we start thinking about this year's raffle, I'd love to hear any ideas you might have — no pressure, just lots of creativity!

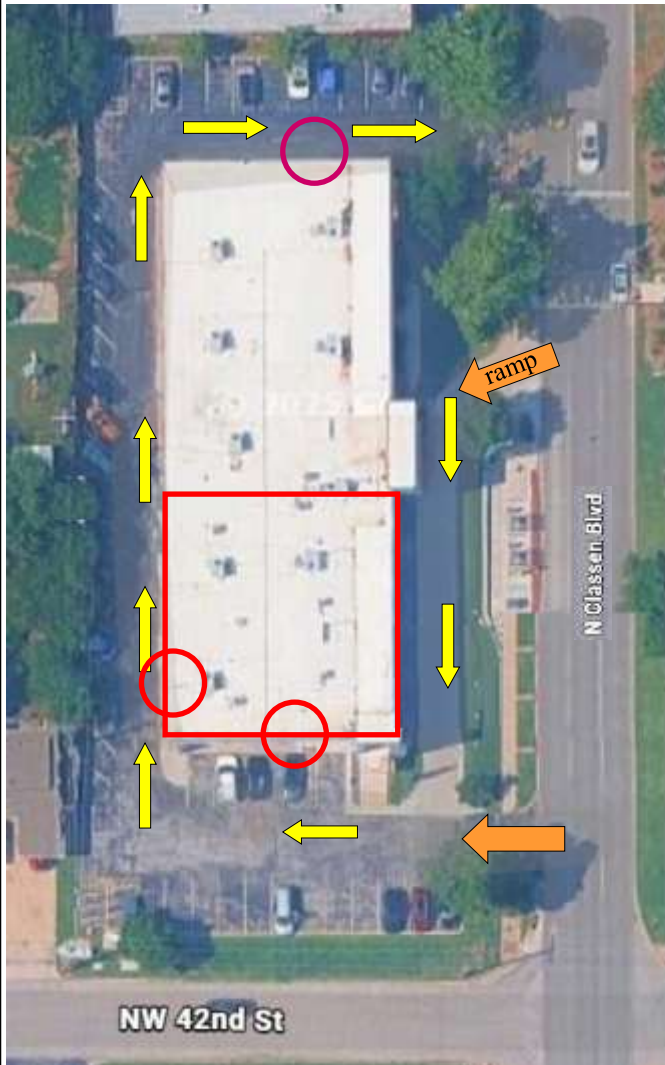
Our community service project was another big win. You all did an amazing job on the heart bags, and finishing early gives us a wonderful head start for this year. That says a great deal about this group and how willing everyone is to pitch in and help.

I'd also love to see more members get involved with our Community Advisory Board (CAB). If you've ever been curious about it, we'd love to have you join us for the February CAB meeting. It will be held the same day as our Sew Day Mini Retreat on Saturday February 7th 9AM, at, Crown Heights Christian Church , so it's a great opportunity to come see what it's all about.

I can't wait to see what we create and accomplish together in the coming year. Thank you all for being such a fun, generous, and talented group — I'm really looking forward to what's ahead.

Happy sewing,
Andrea Mulkey

Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild
New meeting location starting January 8th, 2026
6:30pm
Newview Oklahoma Building
4301 N Classen Blvd. Suite C
Oklahoma City, OK 73118



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call 405-209-0431
(Marilyn) to be let in

○ Direct doors to our room

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Parking all around building



South side of building

Andrea's 2026 Monthly Challenge

2026 Andrea's Challenge			
Month	Theme	Description	Ideas
January	New Year, New Skill	Choose one technique or notion you've never tried (or rarely use).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garments: Hong Kong seams, rolled hems, welt pockets Bags: zipper tabs, vinyl sewing, boxed corners Quilts: mitered borders, FMQ basics, rulerwork
February	Cold Hands, Cozy Makes	Warm, cozy, comforting projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilted throws, lap quilts Hoodies, cardigans, flannel garments Padded bags, insulated totes Texture-heavy or layered projects
March	National Quilting Month	Make a small project (not required to be quilted).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12" mini quilt Mug rug Small pouch Mini garment accessory (scrunchie, headband, belt bag)
April	Spring Clean the Stash: Use that Fabric!	Use a fabric you've been saving, avoiding, or hoarding. The interpretation is half the fun!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your oldest stash fabric Something orphaned A "why did I buy this?" print
May	May I Touch That?	Focus on how your project feels, not just how it looks. Use texture in any form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilting: trapunto, FMQ texture, puff quilting Garments: pleats, pintucks, ruching Bags: cork, vinyl, waxed canvas, quilting texture
June	Switch It Up: Try a New Category	Make something outside your usual comfort zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilter → small bag or garment accessory Bag maker → quilt block or quilted panel Garment maker → patchwork or quilted garment
July	Scrap It Like It's Hot	Use up some of those scraps!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilters: crumb blocks, improv Garments: scrappy pockets, patchwork skirts/totes Bag makers: scrap linings, pieced exteriors
August	Too Hot to Seam-Rip	Quick Make Challenge- Make something you can finish in under 2 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zip bags Pillow covers Luggage tags Simple tops Placemats or hot pads
September	Back to Basics	Revisit a fundamental skill and improve. Or use a technique you want to get better at.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garment: darts, zippers, buttonholes, french seams Quilting: half-square triangles, binding corners, free-motion quilting Bags: strap making, interfacing choices
October	Layer it up	Focus on layers—fabric, batting, pockets, panels, or textures. Build depth into your project in any way you like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garments: vests, cardigans, layering pieces Bags: pockets, flaps, layered exteriors Quilts with borders or pieced backs
November	Sew Sustainable	Use something recycled, upcycled, or repurposed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denim jeans → tote Old shirts → quilt blocks Leftover batting → pot holders Scraps → zipper pouches
December	Giftable Makes	Make a handmade gift:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilted table runner Tote bag Pajama pants Apron Ornaments Hot pads Pouch sets

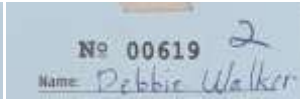
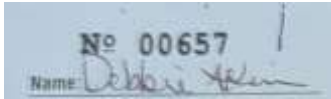
Please interpret the theme as you wish. There is also a theme color every month if you choose to use that in conjunction with or in place of the theme.



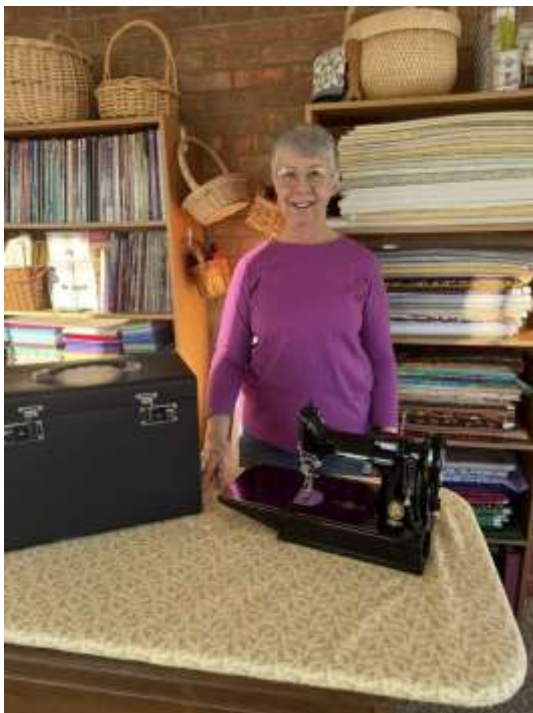
If you turned in any finished heart bags you received a ticket for a drawing at the January 8th meeting. The names drawn will receive an ASG/ Sewing machine necklace made by our member, Jonathan Guilliams.



**The Oklahoma City Chapter of the American Sewing Guild Raffle
Total made for OKCASG was \$966.00!**



**An Amazing Quilt sewn by one of our members
Winner Debbie Akin**



**A 1953 Singer Featherweight.
Winner Debbie Walker**



A WOW bag full of Batik fabrics

Winner Sue Hadley

OKCASG ROCKS!!!!

Salvation Army Women's Center—Georgann Giudice

If you did not get a chance to donate items and are still interested contact

Georgann Giudice (405) 996-7945 majorg16@yahoo.com

Sample size/travel size/full size:

Shampoo/Conditioner

Hand Cream

Body Lotion

Deodorant

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss Makeup, Lipstick, chapstick Perfume

Feminine Hygiene Products

Clothing - New or Used in good condition

Hats Scarves/Mittens/Gloves Shoes, Boots

Coats, Sweaters, Pants, Socks

Large Tote bags/ cosmetic bags or any kind of bag for the clients to store or carry their things in.

DVD Movies

Heart Bag Report—Kelli Howery and Brandy Tsonetokoy-Burns

Heart Bag Update: We're packing up our 225 completed Heart Bags and will be presenting them at the January Meeting, to Karey Landers for use at the Children's Hospital in their Valentine celebrations.

This year Brandy Tsonetokoy-Burns will be the new Heart Bag chairman. If you have any Heart Bags that you're working on - KEEP GOING! We are planning on providing another 225 Heart Bags in 2026!

We finished with time to spare this year due to the fantastic efforts of our membership. I thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our cause!

Also, at the January Meeting we will be making Heart Bag grab-n-go kits again for this coming year. It seemed to be a good system - having the bags pre-cut.

Same rules apply - if you make 3 bags - you'll earn a raffle ticket!

Of course if you are inspired to make bags with your own fabric or cutting your own, PLEASE do that too!

Please bring the following to the January meeting:

any juvenile / kid friendly fabric you may have in your stash that would make good heart bag

rotary cutter

cutting mat

fabric marker

chocolate - for inspiration

Cheers,

Kelli

Hope Pregnancy Center

Boutique Needed Items

Books for babies/toddlers	Gender neutral onesies for our positive bags
Boys 6-month – 12-month clothes	Boys outfits with long pants 0-12 month
Diapers	Wipes
New baby bottles	Receiving blankets
Hooded bath towels	Bath soap/lotion sets
0-24 month age-appropriate toys	Bathtub insert for bathing infants

Gift basket items for our Empowered Parenting Clients

(Each month we have a door prize drawing for our EP clients--both male and female)

Practical Items

Gift cards	Baby Care Items
Personal care items for Mom and Dad	

Fun Items

Fuzzy Socks	Tools/Chargers
Games for the family	

Older Sibling Dinner Activity Kit

(Older siblings often come to our Parents Empowered dinner)

Activity kit with crayons and fun worksheets	Puzzles
Games	



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FUN at OKCASG—Carolyn's Slow Stitch Book
Zoom in and see the detail



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-Marilyn

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<https://www.asg.org/join-asg/>

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January

Leslie Duran (AR)
Kelli Howery
Martha Duerksen Christy
McCarthy (AR)
Michaelene Bolinsky
Annette Myers (AR)

February

Barrett Mary
Butler Joquita
Howard Royalia (AR)
Rodgers Linda (AR)
Thiessen Amy

March

Cawood Rosalinde
MacSwain Karla
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Neighborhood Groups

Scissor Wizards

Scissor Wizards neighborhood group meets the second Tuesday of each month. 10:00am-4:00pm. We are now meeting at Beth's Quilting Quarters 114 N Main Blanchard, OK 73010. FYI after our group meeting is over you can use the sewing room for the remainder of the day unless they have a special event planned. Please 405-315-5852 (Dorothy Niles) for any updates on location and program.



Fashion Sewers

With a concentration of sewing garments, we have a new group! We work on our own clothing projects, help each other with fitting and solve garment sewing problems.

We are meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Hilltop Assembly of God, 419 SE 47th, 73129. As we are still acquiring equipment, bring a power strip, electric cord, and any chair cushions you may need.

Also, the cost of the church is 5 non perishable food items OR 5 household items, ie toilet paper, laundry soap, hygiene items. This supports our monthly food pantry.

Next meeting is October 18th. Contact okcasg@gmail.com for any updates.

Sewing Happy Hour

No Alcohol is to be served at sewing happy hour. Meeting the 4th Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM. (a little different for Nov and Dec because of holidays-see calendar on 1st page) The meeting place is Trove Arts and Crafts Store. Members should receive a reminder before the meeting.

Erica and Andrea

Feeling stressed after a long day at work? Come to happy hour... Sewing Happy Hour!! Socialize with friends while making a fun and easy project!



Members take turns choosing and leading the class. Everyone is welcome to attend, please let Erica know if you are interested in leading a project. Date, time, location, and project details will be posted on the ASG Facebook page and emailed to all members. Snacks and treats are allowed, but please no alcohol. Thanks, Erica RagsReborn

Have you ever asked yourself why join a neighborhood group?

Who doesn't want to talk about their sewing obsession, share their latest projects. If your non-sewing friends get a glazed look in their eyes when you talk about your latest fabric score or your embroidery triumph, then you need to find a sewing group. Here are just a few more ideas why you should join one.

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Sewing Classes and Special Events

Whether you're new to sewing, returning to sewing, looking to advance your sewing skills or just want to participate in on virtual group meetings, you will find ASG's free online sewing classes and programs a major benefit of membership.

Discounts

Many local retailers offer discounts to ASG members. Be sure to ask when you shop, "Do you offer an ASG discount?"

In addition, almost half of the advertisers in Notions, our quarterly publication, also regularly offer discounts on their sewing products, publications and events, free shipping, and lots more. Those Special Offers are listed and updated every quarter on the password-protected Members Only section of this Web site. Join now to receive your password, and take advantage of the great benefits of membership in the ASG!

Chapter Meetings

Think of a chapter as a community of people who are excited about sewing. All kinds of people! Some with advanced or professional sewing skills, some novices at the beginner level, and the majority who fall somewhere between those two levels. They want to learn new skills, they want sewing friends to share their successes and challenges, and they want to belong to a group that will support their adventures in sewing.

Chapters come in all sizes - larger chapters often sponsor quarterly chapter-wide special events that may feature local or national speakers, member fashion shows, or specialty workshops. Some chapters also sponsor many smaller neighborhood or special interest groups within the larger structure which meet more frequently (usually monthly). Smaller chapters may meet on a monthly basis as one group. Often, these local Neighborhood Groups provide opportunities for sharing ideas and "hands-on" sewing experiences in a smaller, more social atmosphere. Find a chapter in your area.

Conference

ASG members pay a special member's price for conference registration where attendees participate in workshops and seminars taught by nationally recognized professionals. Members may also shop the Exhibit Hall, enjoy special events and attend optional workshops and tours. Visit our Conference page for more information.

ASG Chapters publish a newsletter 4-6 times a year that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

Notions

Members receive regular ASG Notions emails with news, articles and more. In addition, most ASG Chapters publish a regular newsletter that communicates local Chapter events, neighborhood group locations and activities, lists of discounts with retailers and features special interest articles.

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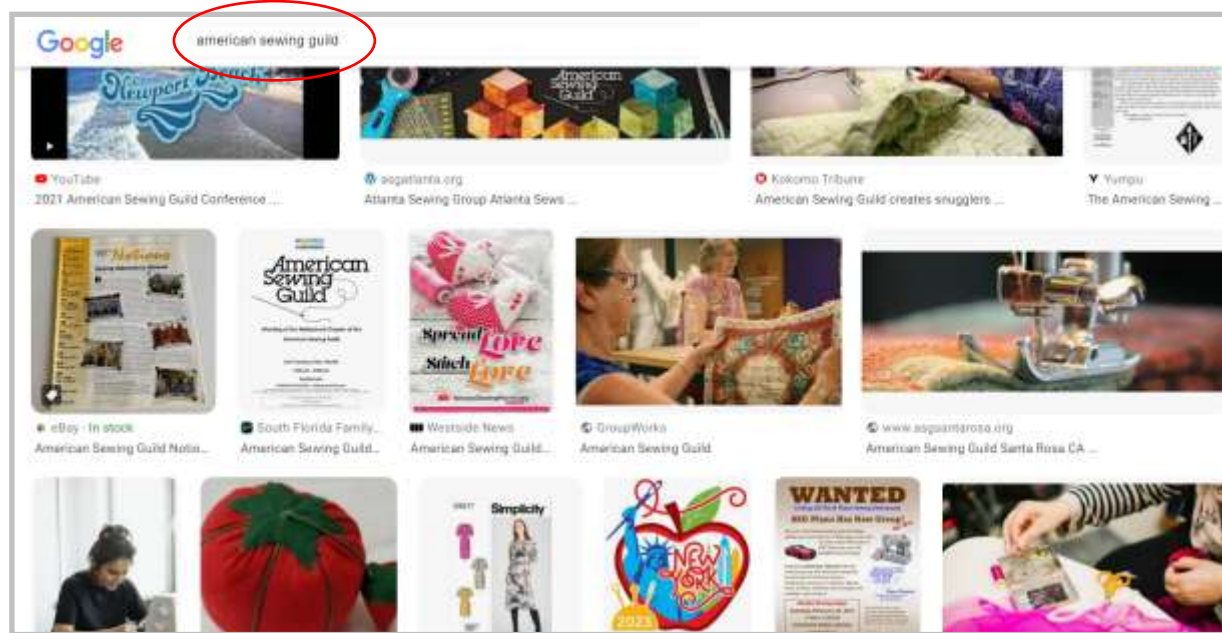
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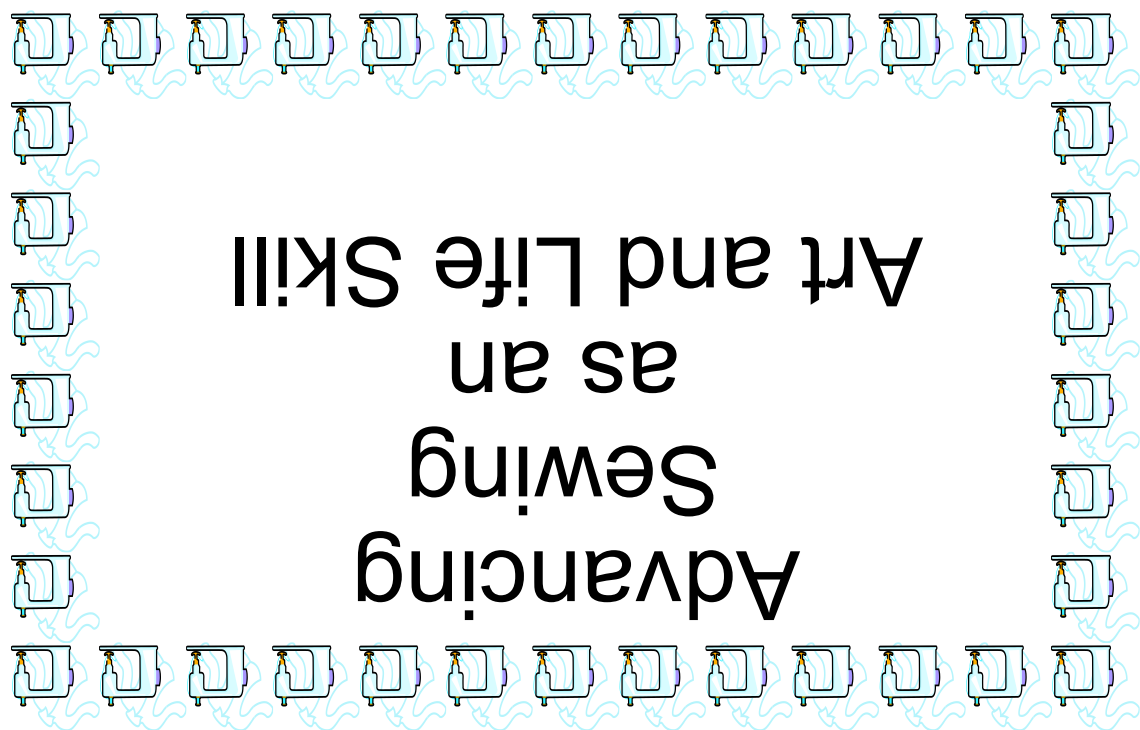
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