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## Welcome to Michelle's Designs Monthly Newsletter

### Hello to Everyone

A few weeks ago I attended the yearly Bernina Dealer Convention in San Francisco. It was a lot of fun seeing so many friends and meeting new dealers. There were many dealers in my classes that spoke very little English, and it is just wonderful how sewing can be our universal language.

Many of the students told me how much they enjoy the projects, books and designs; and I was truly grateful for their kind words, which inspire me to work on new collections.

Speaking of new collections, everyone at Michelle's Designs has been working hard to bring you new and fun projects! I'm so excited to show you the new book and design collection. It is amazing how just a few months ago these new collections had been an idea and now they are here!

The first item is the "Rosie and Me" Dress Collection. This book includes a darling little girls dress from sizes 2-7, a matching 18" doll dress, and all the designs needed to complete your projects. The collection was designed while coming back from a sewing convention. I had lots of time to think and draw since it was a 5 hour flight. The dresses have lots of cute detail with a touch of heirloom. I know you will just love it!

We also have the fabric available to re-create the exact look. We have done the fabric shopping for you!

Other items that have been so popular for the past 5 years have been "A Day With Rosie I" and "A Day With Rosie II" Embroidery Designs. We now have completed Version 3 and it is just adorable as can be. It is called "Rosie's Garden". Rosie is surrounded by bunnies, strawberries, flowers and more.

We have had great response from our question and answer section so we will continue to offer this in the newsletter for the next few months. So please check it out below.

Those of you that will be either in the Phoenix area or Northern California will be

happy to hear that we have several classes scheduled in those locations. So please view our [calendar](#) section for more details.

## Rosie and Me-Dress Collection



This adorable ensemble includes a darling little girls dress from sizes 2-7 and a matching 18" doll dress. There are 6 custom embroidery designs included with the book.

### Project features:

- Mini Cording
- Pintucked Band
- Scalloped Border
- Collar Created in the Hoop
- Flower and Leaf Embellishment
- Pretty Eyelet Detail

Be sure to check out the "Rosie and Me" fabric kit. You will have plenty of fabric for both a child's dress and a doll dress.



Click on photos to view dress collection and fabric kit.

## Rosie's Garden-New Embroidery Design Collection

Rosie is back in a beautiful new collection by Michelle Griffith. She is surrounded by bunnies, strawberries, scallops, eyelets and dainty flowers. [Rosie's Garden](#) is sure to delight!



Click on photo to view the entire collection.

## Questions from our Dear Friends

**Question:** I see several of your projects feature ruffles and puffing strips. Do I use a gathering foot or a ruffler foot to do these techniques?

**Answer:** Thank you for your question. The type of fabric you are sewing with will help to determine which foot to use. For heavy fabrics such as home dec fabrics or fabrics that are doubled, you will need to use the ruffler foot.

For single layer fabrics or very lightweight fabrics, you will need to use the gathering foot.

**Question:** I saw that you have a Holiday Embroidery Design Collection available at my local sewing store. Do you carry this on your website? They have sold out and I am now trying to hunt it down.

**Answer:** The collection that you are asking about is called "Holiday Elegance" and it is only available at your local sewing store. This collection is a "one of a kind" Exclusive Designer Series through Brewer Distributor. Your store will need to order the designs from Brewer. You will want to ask the store to re-order it for you.



**Question:** I loved your latest free design! How often do you have new free designs?

**Answer:** We try to offer new free designs about every 3 months.

Until next time,  
My very best,  
Michelle Griffith

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