

Dollard-Baker Dispatch



Our 105 Years of Sew Vac History

With summer approaching, it's a wonderful time to reflect on our history.



John's Grandmother & Grandfather

The Dollard family has proudly maintained the sewing machine and vacuum cleaner business since 1921. Over the years, we've continually adapted to changing times while staying true to our commitment to quality service. Our store was located in Atlantic City from 1921 until 2002, where generations of customers came to know and trust us.



John's Dad & unknown Hoodlum

In earlier years, doing business often meant going directly to our customers' homes. We would repair sewing machines on-site or bring them back to the shop and return them once completed. We also picked up vacuum cleaners, demonstrated new models in customers' homes, and repaired lamps, small appliances, and even kerosene heaters. Simply put—whatever it took to serve our customers, we did.

✨ A family business since 1921 – over 100 years of trusted service!

In the early days, my grandfather would personally deliver and finance treadle sewing machines throughout the neighborhoods of Atlantic City. At the end of each day, he would return to those same neighborhoods to collect one dollar a week—a true testament to hard work and dedication.



Model T delivering Treadle Sewing Machines

After being discharged from the United States Army in January 1970, I began learning the sewing machine and vacuum cleaner business. From 1980 to 2004, I also worked as a police officer in Atlantic City. I would complete my shift on the force and then head to the store for another shift—sometimes even making deliveries in my patrol car.

Over the years, it hasn't just been family—many friends have been part of our journey. There are simply too many to name, but all have played a role in our story.



Merry, John & Christina

In 2002, we moved to Marmora, where I purchased Baker Sew Vac and renamed it Dollard-Baker Sew Vac. Today, we are proud to be the only sew and vac business within a 50–60-mile radius, as many competitors have closed their doors over time.



Late 50's or Early 60's ad

Running a small business is never easy, with the ongoing costs of insurance, utilities, taxes, rent, and payroll. I've always made it a priority to keep our prices fair—for both our customers and the sustainability of our business.



Freddie & Penny

Of course, not everyone comes in just for the products—some stop by to visit our beloved mascots, Penny and Freddie, our border collies who have become part of the Dollard tradition.



The whole crew

Today, we are fortunate to have an outstanding team. Christina, Rebecca, Jen, and Andrea keep everything running smoothly, while Jocelyn ensures all sewing repairs are completed with care. Merry continues to keep our longarm quilting services going strong.

Since moving to Marmora, I've focused on offering only high-quality sewing machines and vacuum cleaners, including Janome and Baby Lock sewing machines, as well as Sebo, Miele, and Riccar vacuum cleaners. We invite customers to "test drive" our machines and offer a free lesson with every new sewing machine purchase to ensure confidence and success.

If you've been thinking about one of our high-quality products, then you probably need it!!

We will be here in the future for your service and eye to eye contact... hope to see you soon!

Kids Can Sew! After School Club

The Basics

We require at least **TWO** private lessons before we can allow new students to join the group. Why? So, they will be familiar with their own sewing machines and also get to know the instructors.

Other Requirements

Each student must have their own sewing machine in good working order, as well as some basic supplies, such as scissors for cutting threads, pins, and a seam ripper.

The Fee

We charge only \$30.00 per session. Private lessons are one hour each; group lessons are an hour and a half. All sessions include most supplies, unless there is a project with more expensive elements that are required. In this case we will let you know, and it is rarely more than an additional \$10.00 for one session.

Our Kids Can Sew Club meets about twice a month during the school year, with students from 6 years old up into their teens. They make amazing projects each month, and we try to end the year with a project that will benefit the community. Class size is limited to 4 students.

Kids Can Sew! Club Schedule for 2025/2026

Sessions are twice a month, Tues. (Class is Full), or Wed. 4-5:30 pm, or Sat. from 2-3:30 pm.

2026:

Jan 6,7 & 10: Hugh the Manatee Stuffed Animal Part 1

Jan 20,21 & 24: Hugh the Manatee Stuffed Animal Part 2

Feb 10,11 & 14: Patchwork Pillow

Feb 24,25 & 28: Roll-Up Pencil Pouch

Mar 10,11 & 14: Easter Parade Table Runner part 1

Mar 24,25 & 28: Easter Parade Table Runner part 2

April 7,8 & 11: Cook's Apron

April 21,22 & 25: Strapping Bag part 1

May 5,6 & 9: Strapping Bag part 2

May 12,13 & 16(last week): Community Service Project

Sign Up Soon!! These Classes fill very quickly!! **For more Information, or to sign up**, call or text Miss Jen (609) 231-8106.

Save the Date for 2026 Summer Camp!!

July 21st - 24th

July 28th – 31st

Aug 4th – 7th

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Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 10 am - 3 pm; Fri. & Sat. 10 am - 2 pm **CLOSED Sun. & Mon.**

SIGN-UP/PERMISSION FORM FOR “KIDS CAN SEW” DAY CAMP

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Parent's Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact (Name & Phone) OTHER THAN PARENT/ GUARDIAN: _____

Any Health Concerns? _____

I understand that my child will be using a sewing machine which has mechanical parts that can cause harm. I also understand that there will be hot irons in use.

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ give permission for my child to use a hot iron (not recommended for ages 8 & under). I further understand that there will be other items that may cause harm, such as scissors, pins, and seam rippers. Knowing all of this, I grant permission for my child to participate in all activities that will take place during Kids Can Sew Day Camp at Dollard Baker Sew & Vac. I also agree to hold harmless any and all employees and independent contractors (instructors) of Dollard Baker Sew & Vac.

Signed by (PLEASE PRINT): _____

My Signature: _____

Date: _____

Which Session(s)?

_____ July **21-24**: Regular Camp, Session 1:
\$150, Includes Supplies
_____ July **28 -31**: Regular Camp, Session 2:
\$150, Includes Supplies
_____ Aug **4. -Aug. 7**: Regular Camp,
Session 3: \$150, Includes Supplies

Payment is by CASH OR CHECK ONLY!!

Please make checks for Classes payable to
Dollard Baker Sew Vac.

Call Jen (609-231-8106) with any questions
from 9 AM to 9 PM.

In case of insufficient enrollment, your money
will be refunded.

THANK YOU!! We are looking forward to
seeing you in Class!

Office Use Only:

Paid by _____ Cash _____ Check (# _____)

Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____

Class DESCRIPTIONS

These are the alphabetical descriptions for the classes that are listed by dates on Page 4. Class fees do not include supplies, unless stated otherwise in the descriptions. Be sure to ask for your Supply Lists when you sign up for your classes! Remember that we also give a 10% discount on any class supplies (just remind us when we are checking you out, please!). *(If we have an abundance of interest in a class we will add a second class.)*

Evening Stroll Quilt –This simple quilt designed by Donna Robertson is an elegant 3-yard quilt. It looks complicated by it is quite easy to make. This will be made over 3 sessions.



Evening Stroll Quilt

Flutter Table Runner –This table runner is made from 3 fabrics. We will use just over a yard total of fabrics. It would be a great fabric stash buster. This will be made over 2 sessions.

Patriotic Throw Pillow –This 15” throw pillow has self-made piping around the edges and an envelope closure in the back along with an applique design on the front. This will be done over 2 sessions.



Stars & Stripes Flag Wall Hanging

Reversible Bag –This cute bag is so simple to make. There are 2 inside pockets. This will be done over 2 sessions.

Stars & Stripes Project (Flag Wall Hanging) –We will be providing kits for this project. This simple quilt as you go is flag wall hanging. Just in time to celebrate our country's 250-year anniversary. This will be done over 2 sessions.

UFO Class – Do you have any projects that you haven't finished and need a little help to finish then this class is for you. Bring your project and we will help you finish it.

Machine Embroidery Club – Will now be offered as a private class. This will allow us to better serve our customers and make it more accessible to everyone. If you are interested reach out and we will set, you up.

NEWS BRIEFS

We now have a **\$20 Non-Refundable Diagnostic Fee** which can be applied to your repair bill as long as we are able to fix your machine. If we can't fix your machine, then the fee is for our labor in evaluating it. Many times, we can tell you before you leave your machine if we think we can repair it or not. The fee is due when you drop off your machine (applies to both sewing machines & vacuum cleaners).

Effective February 1st, 2025, our private lessons will be \$30 per hour. Group classes will be as listed on the class schedule.

Class Schedule

Please remember to sign up early because class space is extremely limited. Once you have paid for your class you will receive your Supply List. Stop by the store to see the class samples. We can take cash, checks, or credit (or debit) cards. **Class fees do not include patterns or supplies unless otherwise indicated**, so please be prepared when you arrive for your class. See Class Policies on Page

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Date	Time	Class	Skill Level	Fee
Wed., May 6 th & 13 th	10am – 12pm	Reversible Bag	All	\$50 + supplies
Wed., May 20 th & 27 th	10am – 12pm	Flutter Table Runner	All	\$50 + supplies
Wed., June 3 rd & 10 th	10am-12pm	Stars & Stripes Project (Flag Wall Hanging)	All	\$65 includes all supplies
Wed., June 17 th & 24 th	10 am–12 pm	Patriotic Throw Pillow	All	\$50 + supplies
Wed., July 1 st	10 am – 12 pm	UFO (Unfinished Object) Class	All	\$25 + supplies
Wed., July 8 th & 15 th & 22 nd *	10 am–12 pm (22 nd 1230pm-230pm)	Evening Stroll Quilt 3 Sessions	All	\$75 + supplies
Wed., July 29 th	10am-12pm	UFO (Unfinished Object) Class	All	\$25 + supplies

JOHNNY'S CORNER

Just a friendly reminder that when you buy a new sewing machine with us you get a free lesson on how to use your new sewing machine. It must be scheduled within 90 days of purchase.

Johnny reminds you that dirt never takes a vacation.

Let us clean your vacuum cleaners.

Can't find a class that appeals to you? Does the class you want to take not fit your schedule? Let us know, and we'll do our best to work with you! Private Lessons are only \$30 an hour, and we can cover a lot of territory in an hour! Call today!

CLASS POLICIES

- If we have insufficient enrollment and the class is cancelled, your money will be refunded.
- You **MUST** pay for your class in advance to reserve your spot.
- If you cancel 7 days prior to the first class, you will be issued a credit.
- If you cancel with less than 7 days' notice you forfeit your class fee.
- Please be sure to bring as many things on your Supply List as possible.

Please be considerate of others and arrive a few minutes before the class begins to allow yourself.

Please be sure to sign up early for any classes you may wish to take. Space is limited, and some classes fill very quickly. Please call to sign up for classes or fill out and mail the form in this newsletter (or drop it off at the store). We accept cash, checks, or credit cards for all our classes.

SIGN ME UP!

Please sign me up for the following classes:

FEE:

1. _____ \$ _____

2. _____ \$ _____

3. _____ \$ _____

4. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

We accept cash, checks, or credit cards.

Supply Lists will be provided after we receive your payment.

Call Jennifer with any questions at (609) 231-8106 from 9 AM to 9 PM,

OR email her any time at courthousecleaners@comcast.net

In case of insufficient enrollment, your money will be refunded.

THANK YOU!! We are looking forward to seeing you in Class!

Name on Credit Card _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____

CID _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE(S): Please include Area Code! Home: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

If you Like Us, Why not “LIKE” Us??

Don't forget to “Like” us on **Facebook**, **Yelp**, and **Foursquare**, and be sure to “check in” while you're liking us.

We often post unadvertised specials and class updates and additions on our Facebook page and will do the same on Yelp and/or Foursquare as soon as we figure out how to do it there. (Sorry, we're a little old here, but we keep trying!) And don't forget to sign up for our **Email Blasts**. If you have signed up but aren't seeing them, check your spam filter. Or stop by the store to pick up a copy!

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If you received this newsletter in our most recent email blast, we want to **Thank You** for signing up for our emails. If you picked up a copy in the shop, we hope you will sign up for our emails soon! You can do it by signing up on our red notebook in the shop, or by visiting our web site at <http://dbsewvac.com>, or through our Facebook page.

What is in a Basic Sewing Kit?

A Basic Sewing Kit should include good scissors for cutting fabric, small scissors for cutting threads, pins, pin cushion, seam ripper, and some spare bobbins. We carry most of these supplies and will give you a **10% discount on any class supplies you purchase from us! Just remind us before you check out.**

