Press Release

bernette Introduces Its First Combination Sewing and Embroidery Machine

AURORA, IL--(Marketwired - Oct 24, 2013) - bernette, which is marketed and sold by BERNINA, is pleased to introduce its new bernette Chicago machine, the first bernette model to sew and embroider. Now available at authorized bernette dealerships in the U.S., the bernette Chicago offers a semi-automatic built-in needle threader, an automatic one-step buttonhole, more than 150 decorative stitches, and a maximum stitch width of 7 mm. When the embroidery module is attached, the bernette Chicago is transformed into an embroidery machine with 100 built-in embroidery stitches and a maximum embroidery area of 4.3" x 6.7" (110 mm x 170 mm). All designs can be rotated or mirrored, and new embroidery designs can be added with a USB stick. MSRP for the bernette Chicago is $1,399.

The bernette Chicago also offers 20 quilting stitches, two alphabets and conveniently arranged one-touch buttons, including a start/stop button. It's easy to use for simple alterations, personalization, embellishments or sewing large projects. It's also compatible with BERNINA's CutWork Software and cutting accessory, giving it the option of cutting shapes, patterns and designs from multiple layers of fabric.

Additionally, the new bernette Chicago is compact and practical, taking up less storage space in the home and making it convenient for traveling to workshops and classes. The freearm with built-in slide-on table provides a practical storage space for keeping presser feet and other accessories close at hand. The flip-top lid has a summary of all stitches and stitch patterns inside for a quick selection, and an LED system provides bright illumination of the sewing area around the needle. The built-in scissors at the front are ready to use anytime while sewing. With all of these features and a fine, precise embroidery quality, the new bernette Chicago will set the creative pulse of sewists racing and help them accomplish all sewing projects quickly and easily.