

2025 InStitches Challenges.

Month	In stitches Challenges
January	Its cold outside! Use a warm and fuzzy fabric such as corduroy, fleece or flannel in a project
February	Use the color turquoise in a project
March	Special or Fancy Fabric project. Do you have a special fabric that you have been saving? Or use a fancy fabric like satin, velvet, brocade, etc. in a project.
April	Use a vintage pattern &/or vintage fabric in a project. The fabric doesn't have to be vintage, but needs to have the look of vintage. Vintage is usually defined as 20 to 99 years old.
May	Make a container. It could be used while traveling or for storage.
June	Embellish a T-shirt, sweatshirt or shirt.
July	Make any type of Bag.
August	Creative Closures. Use a treasured button(s), try a new fastener, decorative zipper, new clasp on a bag, create your own loop closures, or add a new twist to a closure on a project. Below are some places for inspiration. All Dunn Designs - Creative closures E book. Pinterest - https://www.pinterest.com/lpeters98/garment-closures/ https://www.pinterest.com/mashamc/creative-closures/ Opening & Closing by Lois Ericson with Anne Charles. Book is out of print but you may be able to find it on Amazon, Ebay etc. This is a chapter wide challenge and we hope to see your project/garment at the Informal Fashion show at the Annual Meeting in the fall.
September	Make a project with your Favorite Pattern. Please include the pattern company number and/or name of the pattern.
October	Awareness month: Sew Pink - Breast Cancer; Sew Purple - Epilepsy or for Domestic Violence Awareness; There are multiple organizations promoting awareness for their group for the month of October, if you find one that means something to you, please let us know which organization that your project represents - it just needs to be for the month of October!
November	Make a project for Any Holiday
December	Make a Gift

The **In Stitches** rules are as follows:

1. Entries must be hand made. Sewing, quilting, machine or hand embroidery, knitting, crochet, beading, weaving, leather craft, and other handmade crafts are acceptable.
2. Only entries completed in their respective months will be eligible for entering into the contest.
3. One entry per month per participant.
4. Must be a member of San Jose Chapter of the American Sewing Guild to participate.
5. Each month's project photo should be sent using the button "[Submit Entry](#)" and complete the form by 11:59 pm on the last day of that month. Please send just One photo as a jpg or jpeg format. If you wish to show more than one view please use an app to create a photo collage and then submit the multi-view photo. Only one photo will be shown on the website/entry.
6. Winner to be announced at our Annual Meeting in the fall. You need not be present at the Annual Meeting to win, but we would love to see you there!

* The Challenge calendar year is September, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

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