



The Beespoke Buzz

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STUDIO UPDATE

There's so much news for BeespokeVintage in 2025 I hardly know where to begin!

1. We are FINALLY settled in to NEW JERSEY! If you live in the area (I'm in Andover) PLEASE let me know! I want to connect in person. Let's meet for coffee or tea or antiquing or a trip into the city (NYC).

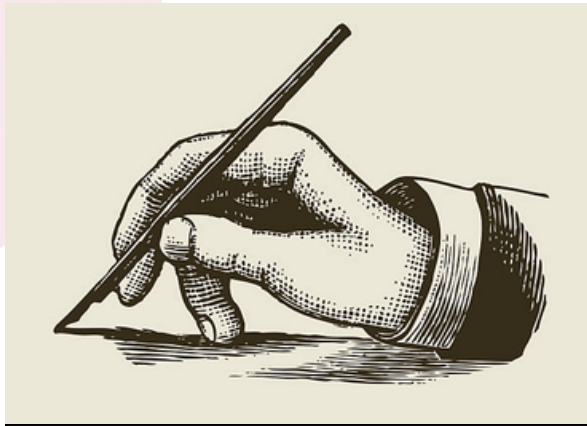
2. I am the proud new owner of Vintage Pattern Lending Library!

I'm thrilled to announce that I am now the proud owner of Vintage Pattern Lending Library! For those who have long adored this remarkable pattern company and its fabulous owner, Dierdre Duggan, you'll know how deeply honored I was when she approached me a few years back with the opportunity to take over upon her retirement. The transition has been quite the journey, and I'm delighted to share that the keys were officially handed over at the end of February. I can't wait to see where this exciting new chapter leads! During this period of transition, I kindly ask for your patience as I get everything up and running. In the meantime, **you can still purchase all your favorite patterns—in both paper and digital formats—on Etsy!**

(Links are on my website)

hooray!





Blog Highlight

Unfortunately I have not had the time to write any recent blog posts as I've been in the middle of a major move to NJ. But you can catch up on previous posts and I hope to start writing again soon!

Beespokevintage.blogspot.com



My Latest Project: 1820s Men's Ensemble

LAFAYETTE IS IN THE HOUSE!

In February, I completed an 1825 men's ensemble for the upcoming Lafayette Bicentennial event in Fayetteville, NC. This period-accurate outfit—featuring fall front trousers, a meticulously tailored waistcoat, and an elegant tailcoat—was crafted as the perfect accompaniment to the wife's purple silk evening gown (completed just prior to my departure from Fayetteville, NC).

Mens' tailoring is not only a work of art, but requires much more labor intensive craftsmanship and hand finishing on the INSIDE! Perhaps this will be the topic of my next blog. **Check out my Instagram posts for more details!**

- Patterns by Black Snail Patterns



Community Highlights

LAFAYETTE AGAIN?

That's right! I moved from Fayetteville, NC only to be 15 minutes from Lafayette, NJ. Seriously folks. I cannot get away from this guy! (But also seriously, it's an adorable little town with a neat little shopping district.)

Where in the World was BeespokeVintage?



I've been moving to New Jersey!

And let me be the first to tell you, that even as a seasoned military brat with DOZENS of moves under my belt, this move tried to break me. It was not pretty. **Every possible thing that could go wrong, did.** In the middle of the coldest, snowiest, winter in a very long time.



I suppose you can add to the fact that I was moving a business with a LOT of stuff. **And that we'd lived in NC for 10 Years!** And that I was leaving my two oldest kids behind in college (sniff sniff), and my parents and my sister and her family. It was a lot to move and even more to process.

But there was a lot that went right, too.

And we are so very, very grateful to have found a generous, loving community that immediately embraced us as one of their own.



The people here are fabulous, the property we are on is gorgeous, surrounded by woods and wildlife, and I'm in love with my new studio!

I made it through the transition and good things are ahead!



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