

Gigi's Fabric Shop

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Couture Club Homework

Description: You're the designer! Bring any apparel project or pattern to the Open Sew and Kathleen will help you tackle the project and achieve beautiful results. Whether it's learning to read a pattern, fine-tune your fit, sew your first garment or create a prom dress, we can help you reach your sewing goals. Upon signing up for class, you will receive Kathleen's contact information. Please email Kathleen and let her know what you are interested in working on, and she can give you a more suggestions to come to class prepared to tackle your individual project.

Date: Various Mondays: Jan 14, Feb 11, March 11, 10-3. When you sign up for Couture Club, you sign up for one of the Monday sessions individually.

Time: 10-3.

Pattern: In this class, you can bring in any apparel or sewing related project to class and Kathleen can help you get started, work on fit, learn new techniques, or learn to finish the project you have started. Bring your own pattern you are interested in, and we will work together from there.

Materials Needed:

-**Fabric:** If you are just starting a garment and are new to garment sewing, bring in some cheaper plain fabric (often called Muslin, but any inexpensive fabric will work), and the correct yardage for your finished final garment. If you are unsure what kind of fabric to purchase for your final garment, just bring the muslin and we will talk about what to look for in your final garment fabric.

-**Thread** to match your fabric selections. The thread fiber content should generally reflect the fiber content of your final garment fabric- if you are making a dress from cotton, cotton thread is a great choice. If you are sewing with manmade fabric, 100% polyester is a great- you are generally safe with a multipurpose polyester thread as well unless you are working on a special occasion garment.

-Straight Pins and a pin cushion

-Any notions listed on the back of your pattern

-Sewing Machine in working order

- Seam Ripper
- Pencil or erasable Pen
- Optional: Pattern tracing wheel and tracing paper (instructor will have some during class)
- Fabric Scissors and snips
- Quilting Ruler
- Optional: Serger for seam finishing
- Desired pattern

Homework PRIOR TO CLASS:

Prewash, dry, and press your fabric. When sewing clothes out of natural fibers like cotton, it becomes critical that you prewash and dry your fabric as you intend to launder the finished garment to allow for shrinkage before you sew. If you are comfortable cutting out your paper pattern to the correct size for your garment, please cut it out before class. If you are unsure, we can cut it together in class. If you have any questions about the pattern, choosing a size, or fabric, please don't hesitate to call or text Kathleen.

* Doors open 15 minutes prior to class

* Do you need to rent a machine? Please call shop and let us know at least 24 hours prior.

* All classes are supported by fabric purchases at Gigi's. A 10% discount will be provided for all class materials. Please do not bring in fabrics purchased outside of Gigi's. This is how we keep our doors open. We appreciate your support.

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