

Dress a Girl Around the World Workshop

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Free*

8/28/25
10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Are you looking for some meaningful volunteer work? Join us for a Sew-A-Thon in support of Dress A Girl Around the World, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide vulnerable young girls with handmade, beautiful new dresses.

**** Informational Demonstrations at will be given at 10:30 and 12:30 Each Day. There is no Fee for this Charitable Event, But Registration is Required.***

Participants will receive instructions for cutting & sewing a simple dress which will be donated to the program.

You will need:

- Please bring your own sewing machine in good working order
- General supplies for cutting & sewing a dress (Thread, extra bobbins/needles, scissors, etc.).
- 1 yard of Quality 100% Cotton Quilting fabric
- 18" of 5/8" elastic
- 4 - 7" squares of contrasting fabric for patch pockets
- Double fold bias tape or fabric to make 1" wide bias tape (a 1" Clover Bias Tape Maker is helpful)
- Thread that matches the dress fabric & embellishments
- Pieces of trim like lace, eyelet, rickrack, or sturdy ribbon to decorate the pockets and/or hemline

Attendees can bring fabric & trim from "stash", or purchase fabric at Close to Home. There are also donated fabrics that are available. When selecting fabric, please keep a few things in mind:

Fabrics should be good quality and thick enough to provide dignity. Refrain from using white backgrounds as the dresses will be laundered outdoors & may not come clean. Prints should be colorful & cheerful, but resist these themes: character/Disney/licensed prints, foods, animal prints or camouflage, holiday motifs & printed Words. Ideally, give thought to the recipient of the dress & what would give her joy to wear it.

Thank you for coming to class prepared. Supplies available at Close to Home. Our expert staff would be delighted to help you with your selection of materials. Students get 15% off supplies for class & on class days. Registration required for all classes. Sign up early as class space is limited. No Refunds on Class Fees. Store credit only if cancelled 15 days prior to class date.

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