# Men's Vacation Shirt Series — Supply List

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**For the first class, bring only a tape measure with centimeters and a pen. We take measurements and go through the specification sheet — no drafting and no sewing that day. I provide the sheet; you write your numbers on it.**

Items marked "in store" are available at Always In Stitches. Bring groups 1 and 2 to the second class; I will let you know when to bring the rest.

## 1. Measuring and drafting tools

- A measuring tape with centimeters — **bring this to the first class**
- A pen — **also for the first class**
- Pattern paper — in store, or Amazon
- A large curve ruler set — Amazon · eBay · Amazon, 12-piece set

  *It does not have to be one of these exact sets, but please choose a large one. These are hard to find locally, so order online and allow time for delivery.*
- Pencils and an eraser
- A black Sharpie pen or marker — for paper patterns only
- Tailor's chalk or a water-erasable fabric marking pen — for marking fabric

  *Please do not use a Sharpie on fabric; the marks cannot be removed.*
- Paper scissors

  *Keep these separate from your fabric scissors — cutting paper will dull a fabric blade.*
- A calculator, or a smartphone with a calculator app
- A notebook for taking notes

## 2. Fabric and notions

- Shirting fabric, 3 yards or more, and a matching thread cone — in store

  *Non-stretch cotton, cotton lawn, rayon or viscose. Solid colors, all-over prints, florals of any scale and paisley all work well. Avoid plaids and stripes, which require matching at the seams. Avoid anything very sheer, and avoid fabric that will not hold a press — if it springs back under the iron, the collar and placket will not sit flat.*
- Muslin or an inexpensive plain cotton, 3 yards — in store

  *We sew a test bodice and sleeves before the fitting class, so changes are made on muslin rather than on your fashion fabric.*
- 10 plain buttons — 3/8 inch · 3/4 inch

  *Either size works. Eight go on the shirt, two are spares; there are no cuff buttons. Order online or try Hobby Lobby — the shop carries decorative buttons rather than garment buttons.*
- Fusible interfacing, lightweight — in store

  *For the collar. Woven or non-woven both work — half a yard is plenty.*
- Hand sewing needles — for the buttons

  *Use the same thread as your machine sewing; there is no need to buy a separate one.*

## 3. Bring later, when announced

- Your sewing machine — **please do not bring a sewing machine to the first class.**
- Straight pins and a pin cushion
- A seam ripper
- Fabric scissors — for the placket class

  *No special presser feet are needed. I will show you how to make buttonholes without a buttonhole foot.*

**A note on pressing: we will press as we sew, and I will demonstrate in class. You do not need to bring an iron.**

*Questions before class? Please contact me at 317-712-1238 or mandarinteacherseline@gmail.com.*