



# Marlo Sweater

Pattern by: True Bias

**Instructor:** Leslie Kennedy

**Location:** Treelotta

## Class Description:

Did you know you can sew knit garments on your regular sewing machine? Yes, you can and that's what we will be doing in the Marlo Sweater class!

**Pattern description:** The Marlo pattern by True Bias is an oversized sweater with a dropped shoulder, deep V-neck, wide band and large buttons. View A is a cropped length, and View B has patch pockets and hits around mid-thigh. You can choose either view for your class project.

**Skills and techniques** that will be covered in this class include:

- Sewing with knits using a "stretch" stitch
- Topstitch, Staystitch, Edge Finishes
- Attaching Neckband, Wristband and Waistband
- Sewing Buttonholes

**NOTE:** This class will be taught using a sewing machine (not a serger). If you are interested in learning to sew garments using a serger, please check out our other classes such as the March Garment class: "Draft & Make Your Own T-Shirt with a Serger".

## Skill level: Confident Beginner with some Garment Sewing Experience

Students should be comfortable with selecting their pattern size, laying out and cutting their project pieces, and have some previous experience sewing garments. Students should also be familiar with operating their sewing machine, sewing straight seams and finishing seam allowances (e.g., zigzag, overlock).

**NOTE:** If you are new to garment sewing, we recommend that you take the ["Intro to Garment Sewing" class](#) that is offered periodically by Treelotta. The Intro class will give you a good foundation or refresher as you build your knowledge and skills for successful garment sewing.

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## Fabric Suggestions

- The pattern recommends the following fabrics: Sweater knit, [French Terry](#), [Sweatshirting](#), Polar Fleece, [Rib Knit](#), Boucle.  
MAIN SWEATER: Stretch or non-stretch mid-weight fabrics can be used.  
BINDINGS (Neckband, Wristbands, Waistband): Must be at least 20% stretch. Rib knits are great for Bindings, or you can use the same knit as the Main Sweater if it has enough stretch.

## Pattern Sizing and Format

This pattern is available in 2 size ranges: 0-18, and 14-30. It is available in print and PDF formats.

- Find the print versions here: [Sizes 0-18](#) and [Sizes 14-30](#)
- If you purchase a PDF version: **Treelotta now offers you the convenience of an AO-sized pattern printing service. Find more information here:**  
<https://www.treelotta.com/shop/c/p/A0-Copyshop-Printing-x89075081.htm>

When choosing your pattern size, know that this pattern has been drafted with an intentionally oversized fit with dropped shoulders and a deep V-neck.

- If you are between sizes or want to have a more fitted look, the designer recommends sizing down.
- The pattern instructions will also provide more information on selecting your pattern size.

## Please complete before first class:

- ☐ Students should plan for 3-5 hours for pre-work to be completed at home before the class begins. This pre-work includes tracing your pattern for your size, cutting out your fabric, applying interfacing, gathering your supplies and tools, and testing your sewing machine and buttonhole attachment.
- ☐ [Purchase your pattern](#) and determine your pattern size.
- ☐ Choose the View you plan to make (View A= cropped, View B= mid-thigh length + patch pockets).
- ☐ Read the pattern instructions to get acquainted with the project.
- ☐ Launder your fabric, and press if needed (very gently if you are pressing knits!)
- ☐ Gather all project supplies as specified in the pattern:
  - ☐ Fabric(s)
  - ☐ Polyester thread or high quality cotton thread that matches your Fabric
  - ☐ ["Stretch" or "Ballpoint" sewing machine needle](#) in a size appropriate for your fabric

- ☐ Fusible interfacing (used on part of the neckband, and on patch pocket opening)
- ☐ Buttons (1-1/8 inch diameter)
- ☐ Optional: Clear elastic (used on shoulder seams of your fabric is very stretchy)
- ☐ Cut out all pattern pieces and transfer all pattern markings to fabrics.
  - ☐ We recommend tracing the pattern pieces for your pattern size onto a Pattern Tracing type of material (e.g., "[Pattern Ease](#)") rather than cutting directly into your pattern - especially if you purchased a Paper version of the pattern. Creating this traced copy will allow you to reuse the pattern for other sizes, or if you find it necessary to grade your pattern between sizes for proper fitting.
  - ☐ When cutting your fabric pieces, be sure to follow the "Fabric Layout" diagram in the pattern instructions that aligns with the View and size you are making, and the fabric width you are using (e.g., 45" vs. 54").
  - ☐ Cut the interfacing for the Collar Band (Views A & B) and Pockets (only needed for View B)
  - ☐ Apply the interfacing to the Pocket Facings and Collar Band as described in Steps 3 and 5. If you are not familiar with applying interfacing, the instructor can show you how to do this during the class.
- ☐ Fill your bobbin with thread that matches your top thread.
- ☐ Please test your sewing machine before coming to class to make sure it is working order.
- ☐ Get acquainted with the Buttonhole attachment for your machine. Every brand of machine has a different type of buttonhole maker and the instructor may not be familiar with your machine brand. Practice on fabric scraps from your project using 2 fabric layers with one of those layers being interfaced (to simulate the real project). *Note: You can also consider buttons as optional for this project!*

Enrolled students will receive more details about 4 days prior to class which will specify any other prep work to complete before class. Come ready to sew!

### **Other Sewing Tools & Supplies to bring to class:**

- Sewing machine & Presser Feet (Zigzag Foot and Buttonholer.) Optional Presser Feet: Overlock Foot, Edgestitch foot, 1/4" foot, Walking Foot, Button Sew-on Foot)
  - Bring your own machine or contact Treelotta in advance if you would like to rent one of their machines for the class.
- Sewing machine User Manual - This may be helpful for troubleshooting or referencing for certain stitches and buttonhole sewing.
- "[Stretch](#)" or "[Ballpoint](#)" sewing machine needle in a size appropriate for your fabric
- Scissors & thread snips
- Pins

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- Small ruler (~1" x 6")
- Tailor's chalk or other fabric marker
- Seam ripper
- Optional: [Stiletto](#)
- Optional: [Wonder Clips](#)
- Optional: [A fun garment label!](#)

## TreeLotta Class Policies


**We are a fragrance-free shop:** As a courtesy to individuals who are sensitive to fragrances, we would ask that you refrain from wearing any perfumes, scented lotions or body sprays, or strong scents in general. Thank you.

**Class cancellation:** Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. **If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit.** Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

**Classes start on time.** Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

**Parking:** Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.

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