



Zipper Hoodie

Pattern by: Wardrobe by Me

Instructor: Leslie Kennedy

Location: Treelotta

Class Description:

Ready to take your knit sewing skills to the next level? Join us for this hands-on class where you'll learn how to sew a stylish and cozy zip-up hoodie using the **Wardrobe By Me Zipper Hoodie pattern!** This unisex design features a relaxed fit, a full-length zipper, a hood, ribbed cuffs and hem, and optional kangaroo pockets—making it a perfect layering piece for any season.

In this class, you'll gain confidence working with knits, learn essential techniques for inserting zippers, and master finishing details for a professional look. Whether you're new to sewing hoodies or looking to refine your skills, this class will set you up for success!

We will be using our REGULAR sewing machines in this class - a serger is not needed!

Skills and techniques that will be covered include:

- Sewing with Knits
- Sewing with a Twin Needle
- Topstitch, Staystitch, Bartack, Buttonholes, Edge Finishes, Ribbon Trim
- Separating Zipper with Facing
- Knit Hem Band and Cuffs
- Attaching a Hoodie w/Pull Cord

Skill level: Intermediate

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.

We also offer [beginner-level garment sewing classes](#) throughout the year for specific garment patterns. About half of the 2025 classes are targeted for beginners.

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Fabric Suggestions

- The pattern recommends these fabrics:
 - Main Fabric: Medium to Heavy French Terry or Sweatshirt material
 - Rib Knit Fabric for Cuffs and Hem Bands
 - **NOTE:** If you prefer to use the Main Fabric for your Cuffs and Hem Bands, you may need to cut those pieces longer if they do not have as much stretch as a rib knit.

Pattern Sizing and Format

This pattern is available in **Unisex Sizes: 2XS - 4XL, and with two length options per size.** Refer to the “Imperial Measurements and Fabric Requirements” table to help you choose your size.

The pattern is available only in Print and PDF formats.

- [Purchase the printed pattern here.](#)
- If you have 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>

Please complete before first class:

- ☐ Students should plan for 4-5 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 pattern pieces, gathering your supplies and tools, and testing your sewing machine.
- ☐ Purchase your pattern and determine your pattern size.
- ☐ Read the pattern instructions to get acquainted with the project.
- ☐ Launder and press your fabric
- ☐ Gather all project supplies as specified in the pattern:
 - ☐ Fabric(s)
 - ☐ Knit Interfacing (not specified in pattern, but suggested by instructor for use on pocket edges and buttonholes (2 strips @ 1” x 10”, and 2 small pieces ~1” x 1.5”)
 - ☐ Polyester thread that matches your Main Fabric, plus (optionally) a contrasting thread for topstitching.
 - ☐ Separating Zipper. Your zipper must be the length specified for your pattern size and your selection of body length. *Note that separating zippers cannot be shortened as is possible for other types of zippers.*
 - ☐ Fun garment label to put on your garment!

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- ☐ Cut out all pattern pieces (fabric, knit interfacing) and transfer all pattern markings to fabrics.
- ☐ We recommend tracing your original pattern 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 original pattern for other sizes, or if you find it necessary to grade your pattern between sizes for proper fitting.
- ☐ If you are using a fabric that looks the same on both sides, be sure to mark a “W” on what you will consider to be the wrong side.

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!

Sewing Tools & Supplies:

- Sewing machine & Presser Feet (Zigzag, Zipper Foot, Buttonholer; and optional Walking Foot).
 - Bring your own machine or contact Treelotta in advance if you would like to rent one of their machines for the class.
 - Please test your sewing machine before coming to class to make sure it is working order.
 - Identify the **Stretch Stitch options** on your sewing machine (e.g., the most common is one that looks like a tiny lightning bolt). If you can't find that, then a zigzag stitch can be substituted for the stretch stitch.
 - If you have never used your **Buttonholer** or if it has been a while, please acquaint yourself with how to use it on your machine prior to class.
 - Check your manual to see if your machine will accommodate a **Twin Needle** (most zigzag-capable machines will work with a Twin Needle!) If so, if there are any specific guidelines for threading the Twin Needle on your machine. Give it a practice run before class, if possible.
- Size 80 sewing machine needle for Stretch/Knit Fabrics
- Optional: Twin Needle for Stretch/Knit Fabrics
- Optional: Ribbon (~½" wide) for trim on pockets and or zipper pull.
- Scissors & thread snips
- Pins and Optional Wonder Clips
- Small ruler (~1" x 6")
- Tailor's chalk or other fabric marker
- Seam ripper

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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