

Draping and Design

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Learn how to take 2 to 3 yards of muslin and create a bodice that fits your measurements, then learn how to create your own design with the process of draping. We use pins and darts, tucks and straight of grain to create a pattern for future garments that fit!

This class is okay for new sewers, so they can learn to read patterns, adapt them to body type and construct using sewing lines. Advanced sewers will have new ideas in approaching their own pattern designs. Draping is a way to start with a fit and then create a garment that is your own design.

In the class, you should leave with knowledge of how to create a pattern of your own. Draping is the first way to see how fabric works on your body. Finding what looks good to you and learning how to control fabric to perform the way YOU want it to look.

We will start by draping the muslin fabric to each other. The pins will create darts, pleats, and form fitting aspects to the muslin. Then we will make these adjustments. Take the muslin and lay it flat to create a paper pattern to perform the same way as the muslin did. You now have a base for future designs.

Supplies Needed:

- 3 yards of muslin fabric
- A see through ruler, at least 18" length
- A design curve ruler, (optional)
- A paper bodice pattern piece (from any manufactured pattern company) for arm hole and neck arches.
 - It would be helpful that this pattern piece may fit you, but it is not necessary.
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Lots of pins (big heads help)
- A pencil for marking
- Craft paper to make your pattern (no tissue please)
- Tracing paper (dark color)
- Tracing wheel

All materials may be purchased at Pacific Fabrics with a 10% discount. Please mention that you are buying supplies for this class at the register to receive this discount.



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