

Level: Intermediate – please see pre-requisites; ages 14 and up **Instructor:** Christina Harrigan

Intermediate Sewing – The Skirt

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

This class meets once a week for 7 weeks, 2.5 hours per session. Topics will cover fitting your pattern; lengthening and shortening a pattern; pattern layout; following pattern instructions; and using interfacing. Construction techniques you will learn include staystitching, top stitching, understitching, grading seams, adding darts, inserting a zipper, pockets, yokes, using tailor tacks, hand-hemming and other skills specific to the designated project. Please plan to arrive 15 min early to set up, so we can start on time. Students will have weekly assignments and must make time at home in order to finish this class.

Prerequisites: Completion of “Intro to Sewing” at Berger’s which includes having a good comfort level with knowing how to use your machine, adjusting stitch settings, troubleshooting errors, winding bobbins, switching presser feet, reading a pattern, fabric selection, following pattern instructions, cutting with shears, stitching a consistent seam allowance, pressing, and cleaning your machine.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

PLEASE ensure your machine is in good working order PRIOR to the first day of class. Bring your machine in to the store for a tune up if you are not sure how long it has been since it was used. Allow 1-2 weeks for servicing (times may vary).

- ✓ A **sewing machine** that is clean and in good working condition, which includes a power cord, foot pedal, several bobbins and bobbin case (These are all **specific** to your make/ model of machine). Don’t forget the machine tool kit (screwdriver, cleaning brush, presser feet, and other accessories that were included with machine).
- ✓ Schmetz machine sewing needles (select size based on fabric being used)
- ✓ An Adjustable Zipper Foot – this will be specific to your model and can be ordered ahead of class or at the first session.
- ✓ **Pattern:** NEW LOOK 6106 (available at Hobby Lobby and online)
- ✓ Fabric quantity will be determined by your pattern and body measurements. You will need to purchase the pattern ahead of class and determine which size pattern you need to use. If you are a Plus-sized woman, you may need to research alternate patterns to find a skirt to accommodate your needs. Please contact the instructor ahead if you need suggestions.
- ✓ **Notions:** This pattern requires a 7” Zipper and a Hook and Eye (wire style).
- ✓ **Sewing Kit** from “Intro to Sewing Class” which includes the following notions, all of which are available at our store:
 - 7-8” Fabric Cutting Shears
 - Small 3”-5” scissors, sharp point (not curved tip)

- Glass-head straight pins (must indicate “heat resistant”)
- Pin cushion or magnetic pin catcher
- John James hand sewing needles, “Sharps” or “Milliners”
- Measuring tape, 60” long
- 6” metal sewing gage
- Fabric marking pencil (color should contrast your fabric selection)
- Seam ripper
- Mettler Metrosene Thread, 100% Polyester
 - one color to match your project fabric
 - another color to contrast for basting
- A sturdy container or plastic box to organize and store sewing tools and notions
- Small notebook & pencil for taking notes
- Clean project tote bag to transport items (not used for groceries, homework or snacks)