

Level: Beginner; ages 13 - 99

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Intro to Sewing Boot Camp

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

This Bootcamp will help you get in gear and teach you all you ever needed to know about sewing and how to use and care for your sewing machine. Topics will cover assembling a basic sewing kit; how to select fabrics, thread and needles; understanding the parts of your sewing machine; machine maintenance; measuring to fit a pattern; how to layout a pattern; fabric care; following a pattern to construct an apron; machine techniques; sewing terminology; and hand sewing basics (mending, hems, and buttons).

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).

“He who is best prepared can best serve his moment of inspiration.”

— **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**

Fabric quantity will be determined once you are measured and can be purchased at Berger’s – it’s part of the planning experience! Please do not buy generic items online or at a discount store without first understanding the purpose of their use. Poor quality supplies and tools will be frustrating to work with, and you will get discouraged from sewing. Good quality supplies and tools will make sewing easy, productive, and FUN!

All required supplies can be purchased at Berger’s (including sewing machines).

- ✓ **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). The operating manual is also needed, and can be downloaded if you cannot locate the original.
 - Machine tool kit – small screwdrivers, other accessories that were included with machine
 - Cleaning brush
 - Presser feet
 - Bobbins – at least 2
 - Schmetz machine sewing needles – Universal size 80/12
- ✓ **Sewing Kit** which includes the following notions:
 - 7-8” Fabric Cutting Shears
 - Small 3”-5” scissors, sharp point (not curved tip)
 - Glass head straight pins (REQUIRED)
 - Pin cushion or magnetic pin catcher
 - John James hand sewing needles, “Sharps”
 - 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
- 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)

✓ An **iron and ironing board** for home use