

Level: Beginner

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Introduction to Sewing

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

A sewing machine is a big investment, so you need to be sure it is being taken care of in the best way possible. Simple things such as cleaning, correct needles, threads, and tensions make all the difference. In this class you will learn how to do basic maintenance on your machine, trouble shoot problems you may be having with your machine, learn the importance of using the correct presser foot, needle, bobbin and thread for your project, proper sewing techniques, as well as other hints to help you with your sewing goals. Basic sewing terminology will be addressed, as well as identifying all the principal parts of your machine. And yes, there will be some sewing involved. After taking this class, you should be ready to take additional sewing classes offered at the shop to further expand your sewing expertise. Class STARTS at 10 AM, so please arrive early to set up and be ready for class by 10. This is a **4-hour** class with **no breaks**, you may bring a non-messy snack (think apple slices, carrot sticks, that sort of thing) if you need food during the class. You will be able to purchase sewing notions at class if needed.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

NOTE: These are not suggestions, these supplies are all required.

- Sewing machine in good working order (don't forget your power cord and foot control)
- All feet and accessories that came with your machine, including bobbins
- All tools (especially your **screwdrivers**) that came with your machine
- Sewing Machine Manual. If you do not have one, you should be able to find one on-line.
- New sewing Machine Needles, universal 80 or 90 are fine
- Seam gauge
- Small **sharp** scissors for clipping threads and fabric
- Pins
- Good quality sewing thread
- Machine cleaning brush or other cleaning tool
- Pencil and paper to take notes
- Non-messy Snacks if needed