

Level: Beginner

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Let's Get Serging!

Taking the fear out of using your serger.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Sergers can be very intimidating with all those moving parts, needles, and multiple threads, so Let's Get Serging, and take the fear out of using your serger. If you are new to serging, you are probably unsure of what threads and needles to use, what stitches are available and when to use them, as well as the different feet available for your machine. This introductory course will help take the mystery out of your serger by going over the basics of your serger, from the loopers, to threading, tensions, the various stitches and feet, and the different types of needles and when to use them. Everything you will need to start using your serger with confidence. You will be sewing samples in the class to help you better understand where and when to use the various stitches, how your serger handles different fabrics, and how to guide your fabric correctly to get professional looking results.

This class is for sergers, if you have a combination serger/coverstitch machine you are welcome to come, just be aware that we will not be going over any coverstitch/chain stitch options in this class. Also, if you purchased your serger from Berger's, you are entitled to a private lesson on how to use your serger, please contact the store for details and to set up your lesson.

This class STARTS at 10am, please arrive early to set up your machine (not threaded, so do not worry about that) and be ready to begin by 10. This is a 4-hour class with no breaks, so bring a non-messy snack (think apple slices, carrot sticks, that sort of thing) if you feel you need nourishment during the 4 hours.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

- Serger, **clean and in good working order**
- **All** the accessories that came with your serger (especially your tweezers and your screwdriver to change the needles)
- Serger manual
- New needles, universal or serger needles, size 80
- Serger threads – 4 total, they do not have to be the same color. Using 4 different colors may help you distinguish what each looper and needle is doing, and understand the various stitches.
- Sharp small scissors for clipping threads
- All feet that came with your machine and any others that you have purchased
- Any other favorite sewing notion, like glasses and chocolate (optional)
- Non-messy snacks if needed

Fabric kits will be provided.