

**Level:** Beginner

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# Seams Right

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## Increasing your sewing skills!

### **WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

Most of us know how to sew a seam, right? Fabric right sides together, line up for a 5/8th or 1/4 inch seam, and go. But is this the best seam for every project/fabric? Probably not, so in this class we will be exploring various types of seams; from our basic, to French, serged, welt, and Flat-felled seams. We will also discuss different seam finishes such as overcast, pinked and bound (Hong Kong). The seam/seam finish you choose is determined by the fabric type and weight, as well as the final finished look you desire. This is a great class to help you increase your sewing skills.

### **YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):**

- Machine in good working order along with foot control, and power cord
- all the accessories, especially the screwdriver to change your needles
- All the feet that came with your machine, and any extras that you love to use. Feet that will be especially helpful in this class are a felling foot, edge joining foot, open toed foot, and a stitch in the ditch foot.
- Serger if you have one\*\*\*
- Pinking shears if you have some\*\*\*
- Sharp scissors, medium size, or sharp shears for trimming seams
- Thread for both the needle and bobbin. A full bobbin
- New machine needle(s), size 80 universal. Also 90 denim if you bring in some bottom weight fabric.
- Scrap fabric: you can do all your samples with quilting cotton, or you can bring in various types to make your samples; fabrics such as a chiffon/georgette/batiste (lightweight), medium weight (cotton), denim/twill bottom weight. You will be making at least 7 samples of about 12 inches long so you understand the technique.
- Lightweight lining fabric, enough to make bias cuts for bound seams, or premade bias tape for making your bound/Hong Kong finish samples

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