

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Gail Reinke

T-Shirt Serger Class

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

In this serger class you will learn the basics of flat construction which makes sewing a T-Shirt fast and simpler than the general techniques commonly used. You will also learn how to use bands of fabric to 'hem' your t-shirt sleeves and bottom, and how to properly measure and sew on the neckband. Even though this is a beginner class, you must have a basic knowledge of how to use your serger (threading, changing the needle, changing your foot, etc.).

Pre-class homework, this is required: due to time constraints and room size, you will need to cut out your shirt before class (just the front, back, and sleeves); keep your pattern pieces attached to your cut out fabric. Bring all your extra fabric, you will cut out your bands in class; irons, mats, rulers, and rotary cutters will be available for your use. Double check that you are cutting out the proper size, store sizing and pattern sizes are **NOT** the same! Make sure your fabric was washed and dried before you cut it out.

YOUR SUPPLY LIST (WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING):

Note: all supplies are required unless specified.

- 4 thread serger at a minimum (5-8 thread sergers and combo cover stitch/sergers will work perfectly)
- Serger manual and ALL tools that came with your machine, especially your screwdriver for changing needles.
- A Basic/classic T-Shirt pattern such as New Look pattern 6458 (view C) or 6735 (view B or C) or similar (since I know we have tons in our stash!). Make sure your pattern has a round/scoop neck and regular sleeves (no raglan or dolman). Take your measurements and compare to the envelope to make sure you have the correct size pattern.
- Good quality KNIT fabric; can be cotton, rayon, polyester, or a combination of fibers including spandex and Lycra (stripes are not recommended for this class). See your pattern for amounts needed (usually 2 yards of 60 wide is sufficient). Wash and dry your fabric to remove shrinkage. See pre-class homework for cutting instructions. Bring all your extra fabric Where to purchase? Hobby Lobby, some Michaels, Tutti Fabrics (Chantilly), Fabric Place Basement (Alexandria), Sara Fabrics (MD), are a few I know about.
- Serger Cone thread (can purchase at Berger's), blending or matching colors. If blending, you will need 2 cones of blending colors (think black, white, grey) for the loopers, and 2

matching colors (sewing thread on spools or cones of thread) for the needles. If matching, you will need 4 cones of the same color. Aeroflock thread is great for the loopers when working with knits.

- New needles for your serger, knit or stretch needles are best for this class, but not necessary.
- Regular serger foot or regular clear foot
- Fabric/seam guide that works on your particular serger (optional, not all sergers have these available)
- Pins needed, clips are optional
- Fabric marking pencil/pen/chalk
- Small ruler/seam gauge
- Tape measure
- Small sharp scissors or thread snips
- Good sewing tweezers
- Paper and pencil for notes
- Any other sewing notion you normally use while sewing (such as glasses and chocolate)

Pre-class homework, this is NOT an option: due to time constraints and room size, you will need to cut out your shirt before class (just the front, back, and sleeves); keep your pattern pieces attached to your cut out fabric. Bring all your extra fabric, you will cut out your bands in class; irons, mats, rulers, and rotary cutters will be available for your use. Double check that you are cutting out the proper size, store sizing and pattern sizes are NOT the same! Make sure your fabric was washed and dried before you cut it out.

***Can be purchased at Berger's.**

ROTARY CUTTERS AND RULERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE STORE FOR YOUR USE.