



Beginning Sewing 2019-2020

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Sewing Supplies

sharp scissors (only for sewing)

pins - 100+ (get the long ones used in quilting)

pin cushion or magnetized dish

disappearing marking pens (water soluble)

thread - white, black, cream, *and a color to match your current project*

(full spools, not travel size)

fabric (If you are shopping for and cutting your own)

pattern

bobbins (metal is preferable, but plastic is ok)

sewing machine needles (size 11, 14)

hand sewing needles

12" ruler

sewing basket or box

Optional:

pinking shears

rotary cutter, plastic ruler, and large cutting mat

(This is an expensive item but makes cutting SO much easier and more accurate.)

Fabric Kits:

You can buy the fabric from me, which includes the pattern. I only charge what it cost me, but this will save you time in cutting as I will have done that for you. However, if you buy your own, you will have a better selection. 😊 If you shop for your own, you will also need to pre-cut everything before class, as there will not be enough time in class for cutting. No exceptions! I do provide a video showing how to cut out the materials.

Sewing Machines

I recommend that you bring your own. 1) It is good to learn to use your own sewing machine. 2) If you don't finish in class, you can finish at home. 3) If you are going to learn sewing, you need to have your own sewing machine. Fairly inexpensive and good quality ones may be purchased at Costco or Joann's, who has machines on sale frequently. You do not need a machine that has hundreds of stitch features. You only need a machine with a straight stitch, zigzag stitch, and a buttonhole stitch (all of these are standard features.)

However, if you do not have a machine, you may rent mine from me in class for \$15. It may **not** be taken home. Why do I charge for the use of a sewing machine? I maintain my sewing machines in excellent condition by having them serviced and/or repaired regularly at a professional machine shop. This service is not free to me. I pay around a \$100 a year for it.

Classes

My classes teach sewing skills through various projects that can be completed in 2-3 hours with minimal fabric requirements. Each project was chosen with a different skill in mind. The more projects you sign up for, the more skills you will learn, which can be applied to making anything you wish...even a prom dress!

Sewing Project Calendar 2019-2020

4th Saturdays of each month

Ages: 11 years old - adult

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Cactus and I-17 in Phoenix, AZ) Address will be emailed to those signing up and paying.

Please email to sign up ahead of time and to receive materials list as they are different for each class. Even if you purchase a kit from me, you may need a special tool. For example, March 28th, you need a small pair of “hemostats.”

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Cost: \$25 + your materials

Refundable up to the week before class

Date	Project	Skills
Sept. 28, 2019	Notebook cover and zippered pouch	Straight stitching, zigzag stitching, binding an edge, zipper insertion, attaching grommets
Oct. 26, 2019	Maxi skirt (No kits; Cut at class)	Straight stitching, measuring
Nov. 23, 2019	Photo pillow with ruffle Cut at class	Straight stitching, gathering, printing on fabric
Dec. 28, 2019	No class??	
Jan. 25, 2020	Fabric cup organizer	Making bias tape, pleats
Feb. 22, 2020	Tote bag with mesh bottom	Straight stitching, using mesh
Mar. 28, 2020	Mini stuffed animal pins, necklace	Sewing small, stuffed objects, using freezer paper