Introduction to Sewing

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Sewing classes are hands on instruction. Starting with general knowledge of the sewing machine. All lessons include constructing an item. Beginning with a simple project such as a hot pad, pillow, or placemat. Lessons progress with repeating the use of the sewing machine and advancing as the student is able. The goal of this class is for each student to learn how to sew not what to sew. Therefore the student is given the choice of what they would like to sew.

This class is a pass/fail class. All students are expected to finish all projects by the end of the semester. The minimum projects are 3.

**Course Materials**

I provide a sewing machine, however a goal is for the student to have their own and learn to sew on it.

All fabrics and notions are provided for the first 2 projects. Students do decide on the third project and must provide the fabric for that project.

Other small projects are provided for fabrics, batting, zippers, and such.

**Course Schedule**

This class meets weekly. Beginning the week of September 11th. All classes are determined by conference between myself and parents. Times are set according to age and size of class. Average class length is 2 hours. This class will run until December 22.

Week 1- introduction to sewing machine and basic hands on running of the machine. Construct a simple hot pad.

Week 2 and so on…each week is the building of knowledge of the sewing machine and the skills needed to construct items. Construct a pillow, or bag.

Week 4 – a project is chosen to begin such as a skirt, vest, pajamas, dress, shirt, puppet, hat, or etc.… This is a something the student wants to sew and I determine if the student is able to complete.

Week 6 –and so on. Each student is given individual instruction as to the knowledge needed to construct their project. Cutting out patterns, seams, sewing, reading patterns. Correct procedure of construction.

Week 10-and so on. Student should have finished their project and is able to either start a new project or we concentrate on making small projects to reinforce the correct sewing methods. Items such as small wallets, wall hangings, bags, purses, pouches, etc.

All projects should be finished in the allotted time however if more time is need it can be arranged.

All students will receive a post-test improvement score.