

Simply Sewing

Category: Life Skills
Time: Tues 1:45 - 3:15 pm
Date: Sept 14 through Dec 7, 12 sessions (first semester)
Jan 11 through March 29, 12 sessions (second semester)
Capacity: Limited to 6 students, fourth grade and older
Instructor: Janine Frizzo

A multi level sewing class, specializing in the practical skills of repairs, alterations and design changes. Lets get some of that “stuff” out of your closet and onto you. Experienced students may select to work on a specific project that they can complete by the end of the semester. Students may work with their own sewing machine or by hand.

FIRST SEMESTER

1. Intro. Farm and class rules and paperwork. Supplies that are required of students Assess skill levels. Determine specific needs and projects. Keeping a journal. Photo all items before and after. Keeping a file of things that interest you. How to clean garments before working on them, fabric identification. Being reasonable about what can actually be done and level of quality. Threads, and sources for fabrics.
2. Bring in the first project and journal explaining your plan of action. Review of basic sewing skills. Handwork and sewing machine care and use. Measuring and taking notes Fitting basics. How to take a garment apart, How to iron/press safely.
3. Lecture on darning/re-weaving students continue to work at their own level with support from instructor.
4. Continue and finish the first project. Critique.
5. Lecture on how to successfully patch, function, decor, and re-purpose. Start second project
6. Continue second project and plan for finish, review journals
7. Lecture on jackets and closures. Removal of zippers, options Students cont working
8. Finish project number 2. Jacket issues like relines and pockets, collars, and sleeve hems.
9. Lecture on pants, fitting, repairs, alterations. Repurposing. Students start # 3
10. Continue on # 3 and lecture on repurposing Thrift shop items, cleaning, labels.
11. Demo of repurpose, students work on #3
12. Finish up all work, critique. Demo of easy Holiday items, home decor.

SECOND SEMESTER

A multi level sewing class, specializing in the practical skills of repairs, alterations and design changes. Combine two garments into one, can you make a silk purse out of a “sow’s ear”?

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A new set of projects and a new set of demos.

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2. Critique of Sem 1. Review lectures. Failures and successes of alterations how and why, fitting issues, Styles past and present. Age appropriate garments. Seasonal dressing
Select item and draw up plan.
3. Bring in the first item and evaluate. Group suggestions. Options. Advanced students will be given a choice of two jacket patterns to work from, or may select to work on a major tailoring project. Students will work under supervision each week while receiving lectures on various facets of sewing.
4. Lecture -cutting basics. Seam treatments /specialty fabrics
5. Lecture-summer wear and stretch fabrics.
6. Lecture-casual dresses and skirts/ hemming
7. Lecture- formal wear
8. Lecture- household textiles and antiques
9. Lecture lace
10. Lecture buttons
11. Lecture- zippers
12. Lecture-leather and furs...critique