

Garment Construction Methods

Class Objective:

Students learn established methods of clothing construction using process, precision, and practice to build on students' current sewing experience and knowledge and be the foundation for continued learning and advancing sewing and tailoring techniques and skills.

Class Summary:

This Garment Construction Methods Class I consists of four 4-hour sessions with instructor Lyn Davis. This class will take students from fabric selection through the garment construction process. Lyn shares the methods she has used for 50+ years that result in impeccably sewn, well-fitting finished garments. The class focuses on the process from start to finish, precision in all phases of process, and practice of the methods on all your garment sewing projects. The methods in this class are for garments using woven fabrics.

Prerequisites:

This is an intermediate level class. Students should have basic sewing skills and knowledge: successfully completed several garment sewing projects using commercial sewing patterns; be comfortable using their sewing machine including threading, bobbin winding, adjusting stitch length, tension, and buttonholes.

Project Supplies:

- Purchased intermediate garment pattern.
- Fabric and notions as indicated on the selected pattern (avoid obvious plaids and patterns that require matching for this project).

Sewing Tools:

- Sewing machine with manual and attachments
- Sewing/Fabric sheers
- Seam ripper
- Pressing cloth
- Tape measure
- Pins in pin cushion or holder
- Chalk or temporary fabric pen or pencil
- Pencil or pen and paper for taking notes
- Reader's Digest New Complete Guide to Sewing (Recommended for class and future reference. The previous version, Reader's Digest Complete Guide to Sewing is also an excellent reference.)

To Be Prepared Before Class:

- Please email me the pattern number and maker as soon as you select it so I can verify that it is appropriate for this class instruction.
- If you plan to trace your pattern to keep the original pattern intact, please do that prior to the first class.
- Pre-wash and iron fabric so it is ready for use on the first day of class. To iron fabric ready for use, fold fabric lengthwise with selvages together and right side of fabric on the outside. Press from selvages to fold on one side. When you have finished pressing one side of the fabric, turn it over and press the other side from selvages to fold.
- There may be homework between classes to move your project to the next step. Please complete homework on your own before class.

Instructor:

Lyn Davis studied The Bishop Method Clothing Construction, Fashion Design and Pattern Making, Shirt Tailoring, Suit Tailoring, Couture Methods, and Color Theory in high school. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Secondary Education and taught English in middle and high schools in Colorado. She began sewing professionally at age fifteen and has continued to develop her sewing and tailoring skills her entire adult life.

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