

Sewing for Beginners

For 5th – 12th Grade



Kalamazoo Area Tutors

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Class Description:

This is a beginner sewing class that will start at the very beginning with how to operate your sewing machine, including threading the machine, tension, and common stitches. Over the course of the school year you will make many projects that will advance your skills. We will start with small projects that will increase your knowledge and build your confidence. We will then end the year with making several wearable garments. Skills learned will include but are not limited to: sewing machine operation, reading patterns, proper cutting techniques, utilizing different stitches, working with different material, accurate measuring and marking, how to hold a seam allowance, and so much more. This course will take you from novice to making your own tailored clothes.

Materials Needed:

- Sewing machine: (your machine does not need to be fancy or computer operated) Brother is a great affordable option.
- Carrying case for machine (not required but highly recommend)
- Sewing Basket/Box: must be large enough to hold all of your notions
- Fabric Scissors
- Straight Pins
- Bobbins that fit YOUR machine: Look in the manual for your machine for bobbin size
- Thread: Black/White/Color specific to your project
- Patterns: Some patterns will need to be purchased. I have tried to find free patterns for most of our projects but some will require you to purchase them. Many will be able to be printed and assembled at home. We will cover assembly in class.
- Seam Ripper
- Small scissors for cutting thread
- Fabric for each project: Fabric Requirements for each project will be emailed 1-2 weeks in advance of the project.

Materials Included in Material Fee:

- All printed handouts
- Paper Scissors
- Tailors Chalk
- Measuring Tape
- Sewing Machine Needles – Specific to the type of fabric used
- Hand Sewing Needles
- Pin Cushion – Will be made in class

Tuition:

Cost: \$420 for the year

- \$20 non-refundable materials fee due at registration
- \$200 due on the first day of first semester
- \$200 due on first day of second semester
- Cost includes your student's dissection kit, blood typing kit, handouts, experiment supplies, and classroom rent
- 50% refund if the class is dropped within the first 4 weeks of class
- If we should be unable to meet in person, classes will continue on zoom. There will be no refund if class is moved to zoom.

Tutor:

I received my Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan. My major is Chemistry and minor is Biology. I have shared my love of teaching as a substitute teacher for Allegan Public School. I have taught Earth Science, Life Science and Physical Science for the Curious at TLC as well as High School Biology and Chemistry. I have also taught High School Biology at KAT since the 2015-16 school year and Advanced Biology since the 2018-19 school year. I have been sewing since high school. I have made many of my clothes and many outfits for my daughters. I have served on the costume committee for HPA for 2 shows as well. I look forward to helping others learn to sew.

I homeschool our three girls. Homeschooling is a blessing to our family. I love being able to encourage my children and nurture their curious minds. We attend the First Congregational Church of Allegan, where I serve on the board of Christian education and serve as a Sunday school teacher.