

# July-August Class Schedule



## Absolute Beginner for Adults

1 session class

\$32 class fee includes supplies

7A Thu July 12, 6:30 – 8:30pm, *Pat Bowker*  
 7B Sat July 14, 10:30am – 12:30pm, *Pat Bowker*  
 7C Fri July 27, 10:30am – 12:30pm, *Nancy Plominski*  
 8A Sat Aug 4, 10:30am – 12:30pm, *Chris Gonch*  
 8B Thu Aug 9, 6:30 – 8:30pm, *Pat Bowker*  
 8C Sat Aug 18, 10:30am – 12:30pm, *Chris Gonch*

A two-hour hands-on introduction to using a sewing machine. Perfect for beginners or for those who need to brush up on their sewing skills. You will learn how to wind the bobbin and thread the machine, sew straight and curved stitches, pivot, measure, pin fabric, and sew an accessory. A great way to get started sewing both fashion and home decorator projects. No need to bring any supplies or a sewing machine to this class. This is also a prerequisite for most of our classes. **Please note: important sewing machine information along with machine safety is covered during the first 15-20 minutes of this class, therefore we may turn away any latecomers.** ✂

## Absolute Beginner Plus for Adults

1 session class

\$35 class fee includes supplies

7A Sat July 28, 3:30 – 5:30pm, *Lisa MacPherson*  
 8A Sat Aug 25, 10:30am – 12:30pm, *Pat Bowker*

This class for beginners is a little more advanced than Absolute Beginners. In this class, the machine will be reviewed briefly along with winding the bobbin and threading the machine. Less practicing stitches and more construction. The class project is a reusable fabric tote bag sized for the grocery store. We provide all materials and supplies for this class. **Please note: important sewing machine information along with machine safety is covered during the first 10-15 minutes of this class, therefore we may turn away any latecomers.** ✂

## Pattern Alteration Basics

1 session class

\$47 class fee

7A Fri July 20, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
 8A Thu Aug 9, 6:00 – 9:00pm

In this class you will learn how to take body measurements, how to select the correct pattern size, understand pattern information, and make basic pattern alterations for a better fitting pattern. Through demonstrations you will learn how to lengthen and shorten patterns as well as decrease and increase waist, side, and hip seams. Some experience sewing with patterns is helpful. ✂ *Nancy Plominski*

## Hems

1 session class

\$60 class fee

8A Sat Aug 11, 10:15am – 2:15pm

This class is all about shortening and lengthening pants and skirts using a sewing machine and hand sewing techniques. You'll learn how to pin up a hem evenly, how to finish raw edges, top stitching, using the blind hem foot, the catch stitch and the slip stitch, how to apply hem tape, and more. Techniques will be demonstrated and students should bring garments that need altering. ✂ *Pat Bowker*

## Start to Sew!

3 session class

\$115 class fee plus cost of supplies

7A Sat July 21, 28, & Aug 4, 10:30am – 12:45pm  
 8A Thu Aug 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 – 8:45pm

A class for the beginner sewist who has taken Absolute Beginners and is ready for the next step. Learn basic sewing techniques while making an apron suitable for both men and women. Learn how to layout fabric and a pattern, cut out a pattern, understand pattern instructions, sew on patch pockets, edge stitching, top stitching, and hemming. Start to Sew Express allows for a 30 minute lunch break. Supply list will be given upon registration. Pattern is included in class fee. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners ✂ *Pat Bowker*

After completing this class you are ready for *Beginner Knit Skirt, Hems, Pattern Alteration Basics, Garment Sewing Basics* and more.

## Beginner Knit Skirt

3 session class

\$90 class fee plus cost of supplies

7A Thu July 19, 26, & Aug 2, 6:30 – 8:30pm, *Pat Bowker*  
 8A Sun Aug 12, 19, & 26, 11:30am – 1:30pm, *Nancy Plominski*

A new class for the beginner sewist who is ready to work with a pattern. Learn how to layout fabric and a pattern, cut the correct size, understand pattern instructions, sew with knit fabric, use the correct needles, and hemming while making a cute flared skirt with a waistband. Supply list will be given upon registration. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners or Absolute Beginners Plus. ✂

After completing this class you are ready for *Hems, Pattern Alteration Basics, Garment Sewing Basics, and more.*

## Garment Sewing Basics

1 session class

\$57 class fee includes kit

7A Sat July 21, 2:00 – 5:30pm, *Lisa MacPherson*  
 8A Sat Aug 4, 1:30 – 5:00pm, *Chris Gonch*

Learn the very basic skills you'll need to get started sewing with confidence. Learn all about darts; what they do and how to mark, sew, and press them. The correct way to sew and press a seam. Interfacing; how and when to use it. Other topics covered are: sewing buttons, making machine buttonholes, under stitching, and centered zippers and how to sew them using a zipper foot. You'll make samples in class and keep them as a reference. Instructions provided. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners or equivalent sewing experience. ✂✂

## More Garment Sewing Basics

1 session class

\$60 class fee includes kit

8A Sat Aug 18, 1:30 – 5:15pm

In this class you'll learn more skills for garment sewing. Learn about sewing pleats, gathers, narrow hems, invisible zipper application, and the correct way to sew and press an interfaced collar. You will make samples in class and keep them as a reference. Instructions and kit provided in class. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners or equivalent sewing experience. ✂✂ *Chris Gonch*

### **Shirt Dress**

5 session class for adults and teens  
\$185 class fee plus cost of supplies

Sun July 8, 15, 22, 29, & Aug 5, 11:30am – 2:00pm

Time for a new dress! Using a McCall's shirt dress pattern, you'll learn how to sew and press darts, set in short sleeves, a collar, facings, narrow hems on a flared skirt, side seam pockets, buttons and buttonholes, finish the seams with the serger, and more techniques to sew perfectly and get the right fit. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners and Start to Sew. Supply list will be given upon registration. ✂✂✂  
*Nancy Plominski*

### **The Perfect Shirt**

5 session class  
\$185 class fee plus cost of supplies

7A Sun July 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:30 – 5:00pm

In this new class, we use a pattern designed with alteration instructions to achieve the perfect fit. It features three princess seam variations to choose from, a flattering neckline style, set in sleeves, buttons and buttonholes, and side seam slits. You'll construct the shirt with a sewing machine and use the serger to finish the seams. Learn more pressing techniques along with tips not always found in pattern instructions. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners, Start to Sew and at least one other garment sewing class or equivalent experience. Supply list will be given upon registration. Homework may be required. ✂✂✂  
*Nancy Plominski*

### **Kimono Jacket**

3 session class  
\$112 class fee plus cost of supplies

8A Sun Aug 5, 12, & 19, 2:00 – 4:30pm

From a chic beach cover up to the office, this loose fitting kimono jacket is a versatile garment and a good project for the beginner sewist. Using a Butterick pattern, you will learn about handling lightweight fabric, how to construct patch pockets, sew on trim, make narrow hems, and finish seams with a serger. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners and Start to Sew or Beginner Knit Skirt. Supply list will be given upon registration. ✂✂ *Erika Keller*

### **Open Sew**

1 session class  
\$50 class fee

7A Sun July 8, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
7B Tue July 10, 10:30am – 1:00pm  
7C Sun July 15, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
7D Tue July 17, 10:30am – 1:00pm  
7E Sun July 22, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
7F Tue July 24, 10:30am – 1:00pm  
7G Sun July 29, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
8A Sun Aug 5, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
8B Sun Aug 12, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
8C Tue Aug 14, 10:30am – 1:00pm  
8D Sun Aug 19, 2:30 – 5:00pm  
8E Tue Aug 21, 10:30am – 1:00pm  
8F Sun Aug 26, 2:30 – 5:00pm

This class is for students of all skill levels who need help with their own projects. Bring the project(s) you need help with to class. Attend as many sessions as you like. Pre-registration required. For garment sewing only. *Nancy Plominski*

## **Quilting & Home Dec**

### **Start Quilting!**

1 session class  
\$60 class fee plus cost of supplies

7A Fri July 13, 10:30am – 2:30pm  
8A Thu Aug 16, 10:30am – 2:30pm

This class is for those with basic sewing skills who have never quilted or those with minimal quilting experience. The topics to be covered include: rotary cutting, sewing exact seam allowances (1/4 inch), making strip sets, chain sewing, joining blocks, pressing (versus ironing), preparing fabrics for quilting (washing, starching/sizing) and selecting fabrics (color, value, scale). All topics will involve discussion and demonstration of techniques, tips, safety issues, etc., as well as hands-on practice for students for all topics. The skills you learn in this class, as well as the supplies you purchase, are the basics to get you started quilting and will be essential for future quilt classes. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners, or equivalent experience. Supply list will be given upon registration. ✂ *Olga Butora*

### **Basic Beginner Pillow with Zipper**

1 session class  
\$57 class fee plus cost of supplies

7A Sat July 14, 1:30 – 4:30pm

In this beginner class you will learn how to make a basic square pillow with a centered zipper closure. You will select your fabric and zipper and construct your pillow during this 3 hour class. The pattern used is included and will be given out in class. Prerequisite is Absolute Beginners. Supply list given upon registration. ✂ *Lisa MacPherson*

## **Kids**

See separate summer camp schedule.

## **Private Lessons**

All Ages

### **Private Sewing Lessons**

\$60 hourly fee, 2 hour minimum

Fabricland offers private sewing lessons for apparel, home dec or quilting. To schedule one or more classes with one of our instructors please call 908-755-4700 ext. 141.

### **Learn Your Own Sewing Machine**

One 1½ hour private session, \$90

If you own a sewing machine and don't know how to use it we can show you how. You will learn the basics and have confidence to tackle your sewing projects. This class is not available for sergers or embroidery machines. If a machine is more complicated or high-tech the class may require more time. We may request the manual in advance to review. To schedule, please call 908-755-4700 ext 141

If you are looking to schedule a guide class for a Bernina sewing machine, please call 908-755-4700 ext. 160.