

All about SewAlongs

All SewAlongs are pre-booked & have to be confirmed for you to attend. Please use the words: **BOOK SEWALONG + dates you wish to attend & send via WhatsApp to book.**

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- SewAlongs are allocated according to the course you have signed up for. Once you have used up your free SewAlongs, you may purchase more via the e-shoppe.
- Should you book a SewAlong and cancel on the day, you will unfortunately forfeit your SewAlong. No exceptions, no matter the reason☹
- SewAlongs are not transferable, so two ppl cannot share one or swop SewAlongs☹ or credits of SewAlongs.

Number of free SewAlongs received per course:

- Absolute Beginners: 1 Free SewAlong included (got an added extra this year ☺ so for 2021 it is now 2!)
- Intensive turbo: 2 Free SewAlongs included
- Overlockers : 1
- Lingerie :1
- YNAGY unlimited (for only this year ☺)
- Intermediate Pants & Shirts : 1

NB: SewAlongs not used while on your course or for a period of 6 months beyond last day of your course, will be forfeited. Please let us know if you are going to be away, for a longer period, and of course, Covid lockdowns are taken into account.

SewAlong rules:

1. **Your SewAlongs are not intended to be a private lesson or catch ups of classes you missed.** You may book a private lesson to catch up a missed topic with Liezel at the hourly rate of R350 per hour for private lessons. (club members get lower rates, pls check your membership details for discount %)
2. **Projects /garments with techniques not covered by the course/s you were/are on, are not allowed.** You are expected to know the techniques involved with your garment or be familiar with them. Obviously you will receive assistance, but **if you require constant assistance, that constitutes a private lesson** as it will affect time that other attendees have available for assistance.
3. **Your fabric has to be pre-shrunk and pressed for SewAlongs.**
4. **Should you need help with adjusting a pattern, beyond the basics of lengthening or shortening,** you should book a private session to do so. Things like full bust adjustment or small bust adjustment fall in that category, as well as pattern grading, due to the generally lengthy period of time it requires. This is to be fair to others attending your SewAlong.
5. **We unfortunately cannot make/draft patterns for you during the SewAlongs.** You can book a private lesson for that as it requires considerable amount of time and expertise to copy a garment or drafting a pattern for you from a garment you already own and wear. Patterns used during SewAlongs, are therefore the ones that we issue on the courses, as well as additional patterns, should you bring those with you and they are checked with the studio before the SewAlong to make sure they fall within the topics /techniques that you learned.
6. **We do not supply threads for your project.** Kindly supply your own thread in your preferred colours for the fabric you use. We supply empty bobbins for use in the studio machines, but they stay behind, or you can buy them, at normal habby rates if you have the same brand machine and can use it. Should you require special needles for a project, you may purchase those from the studio. We stock a wide range of needles suitable to many different fabrics and machines.
7. No knitted or stretchy fabrics are allowed if you have not done an Overlockers course with us. Woven fabrics with a maximum of 5% stretch are allowed.
8. We will usually set up 2 Overlockers, 1 Coverstitch machine + at least 3 Sewing machines for every SewAlong, as the numbers are limited to max 5 ppl –hence strict booking policies.
9. **Fabrics like viscose and rayon, or 100% polyester + satins, are not allowed as a 1st time project, as they are really difficult to work with and also do not press easily, making it very stressful to work for the student, and sets you up for disappointment.**
10. You are supplied with numerous patterns in pdf format for your courses. When you come to the SewAlong, you should bring the print out of your pattern of choice, that you have already assembled, or you can have the studio print the pattern you wish to use, and you can assemble it at the studio, using our cutting equipment for speed, as well as tape etc. **PLS NOTE: All black and white prints are charged at R1 a page.**
11. **You will be given a half hour warning before the SewAlong is over.**
12. **Please do not put bags of fabric, drinks or snacks or your personal effects on the tables, as they take up valuable work space.**
13. **The usual rules regarding phones and recordings of any kind, applies to SewAlongs also.**

Many thanks for your cooperation! Happy Sewing!