



# Basic Sewing 101 Class Outline

Learning to use a sewing machine is an essential skill for anyone interested in sewing. You will learn the basic parts of a sewing machine, its functions and settings, as well as how to properly thread the machine and wind the bobbin. By the end of this class you will be SEWING GURANTEED



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# Essential Sewing Tools Notions

## (Provided in Class)

### 1 Needles

Sharps, ballpoint, embroidery, and stretch needles are required for different fabric types and sewing techniques. Selecting the right needle size and type is crucial for smooth, professional-looking stitches.

### 2 Thread

High-quality all-purpose polyester or cotton thread in a variety of colors will be provided. Matching the thread weight and fiber content to your fabric is important for both function and appearance.

### 3 Pins

Long, sharp dressmaker pins with glass heads will be used to temporarily hold fabric layers in place before sewing. Pinning properly ensures accurate seam alignment and prevents fabric shifting.

### 4 Measuring Tape

A flexible vinyl or fiberglass sewing tape measure, marked in both inches and centimeters, allows you to take precise body and garment measurements for perfect fit.

## Fabric Types

We'll cover the unique properties and suitable uses of common apparel fabrics like cotton, linen, silk, wool, and synthetic blends. Knowing how each fabric behaves is key to successful sewing.

# Basic Sewing Terminology



## Stitch Types

Different stitches, such as straight, zigzag, and decorative, serve various purposes.



## Grainline

The grainline refers to the direction of the fabric's threads and is important for proper fit and drape.



## Seam

A seam is the line where two pieces of fabric are sewn together.



## Hem

A hem is the finished edge of a garment or project, often folded and sewn.

# Time to SEW

## Hands-on Practice

1

### **Sewing Straight Lines**

Practice sewing straight lines on scrap fabric to improve control and precision.

2

### **Basic Stitches**

Learn and practice basic stitches, such as straight, zigzag, and decorative stitches.

3

### **Sew a Basic Tote Bag**

Apply your skills by sewing a simple project, such as a tote bag or fabric coaster.

4

### **Sew a Wig**

Learn how to use your sewing skills to sew custom made wigs

# What you will learn

