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CLASS SCHEDULE

WINTER 2025



Classes for fun. Classes for careers.  
We are all things fashion.

**SEWING, PATTERNMAKING, DESIGN, BUSINESS**

With so many onsite and online classes, we have experiences for everyone.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

SEWING CLASSES, p 2-3

Beginning Sewing • Apparel Construction • Industrial Machine Sewing • Activewear • Corsets & Bustiers • Dresses • Knits • Petticoats • Sergery • Shirts • Tailoring

PATTERNMAKING CLASSES, p 4-5

Advanced Pattern • Draping • Pattern Intro • Pattern Manipulation • Pattern Design • Pattern for Knits • Optitex 2D Patternmaking • Browzwear 3D Patternmaking • Grading & Marking

DESIGN CLASSES, p6

Adobe for Fashion Design & Adobe Prep • Flats & Technical Packages • Machine Knitting • Sustainable Design

BUSINESS CLASSES, p 7

Strategic Marketing • Entrepreneurship & Business Management • Retail Management

# SEWING CLASSES

Skills to last you a lifetime



## **BEGINNING SEWING** \$365 FOR SERIES; \$135 each level (includes patterns & handouts)

Series dates Check the website for dates for individual levels. Six sessions from which to choose: Mondays, January 6-March 24, 6-9 pm OR Tuesdays, January 7-March 25, 2-5 OR 6-9 pm OR Fridays, January 10-March 28, 10 am-1 pm OR Saturdays, January 11-March 29, 10 am-1 pm Learn basic stitches, techniques and how to use your machine while making an apron (Level 1), robe (Level 2) and pjs (Level 3). Step up your skills with each level. Learn to use commercial patterns, layout and cut fabric.

## **APPAREL CONSTRUCTION** \$499 FOR SERIES; \$176 each level (includes patterns & handouts)

Series dates Check the website for dates for individual levels. Weds, January 8-March 26, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm OR Thurs, January 9-March 27, 6-9 pm Upgrade your skills. Start making clothes. Make an A-line skirt or man's Henley shirt with a zipper (Level 1), beach pants (Level 2) and day dress or camp shirt (Level 3). Make garments fit.

## **INDUSTRIAL MACHINE SEWING** \$289 (includes kit)

Thursdays, February 20-March 27, 10 am-1 pm Learn how to control these fast machines then come back and use them for your projects.

## **KNITS** \$269 or \$512 with Activewear (includes patterns)

Fridays, January 10-February 14, 2-5pm OR Saturdays, January 11-February 15, 2-5 pm Make a whole wardrobe as you learn to sew with confidence any knit from tops to dresses to cardigans and sweaters.

## **ACTIVEWEAR** \$269 or \$512 with Knits (includes patterns)

Fridays, February 21-March 28, 2-5 pm OR Saturdays, February 24-March 30, 2-5 pm Sew and fit high-tech stretchy fabric to make a complete ensemble, ready for action. Start with hoodies. Move on to yoga pants or leggings. Finish with a sports bra or top.

## **CORSETS & BUSTIERS** \$269 or \$512 with Petticoats (includes pattern)

Thursdays, January 9-February 13, 10 am-1 pm Create a beautiful multi-layered coutil and fashion fabric corset from a pro who just showed at the New York Bridal Fashion Show. Choose from an over bust or under bust corset. Learn how to make multiple panels, spiral steel boning, front busk closure, waist stay, back lacing closure and bias bound edges.

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## SEWING CLASSES, continued

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### CLASSIC SHIRTS \$269 or \$512 with Dresses (Includes pattern & handouts)

Tuesdays, January 7-February 11, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Make a classic button-up. Learn to adjust patterns to fit. Then learn techniques from the garment industry for perfect cuffs, collars, collar bands and pockets. Two styles. Your choice: #4510-Man's Dress shirt, #4520-Woman's Perfect Shirt.

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### DRESSES \$269 or \$512 with Shirts (includes patterns)

Tuesdays, February 18-March 25, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Choose from one of four vintage styles to make a flattering yet comfortable dress – including the AltarPDX Aurelia. Learn about surplice, fisheye darts, bias, binding, lingerie straps, combination facings and linings – everything to make your dress your favorite go-to garment.

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### PETTICOATS \$269 or \$512 with Corsets & Bustiers (includes pattern)

Thursdays, February 20-March 27, 10 am-1 pm

Learn how to layer organza, tulle, net and batiste and eyelet properly to make a petticoat for your wedding dress, party dress, costume or to wear as a skirt.

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### TAILORING \$512 (includes pattern)

Wednesdays, January 8-March 26, 6-9 pm

Learn contemporary tailoring techniques to achieve stellar results while you tailor a jacket or coat to fit you or a client. Find out how to prepare the fabric, choose the right interfacing, shape collars and lapels, make notched collars, set in sleeves, and a bagged lining with a jump hem

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### SERGERY \$199 (includes patterns, handouts, sample fabrics)

Saturdays, March 8-29, 2-5 pm

Find out all your serger can do. Learn parts of a serger, how to thread and manage tensions and fix problems. Make a stitch notebook, tote bag, flatlock table runner and knit top. Prereq: Sewing Experience

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Sergery



Dresses



Classic Shirts



Tailoring



Petticoats

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# PATTERNMAKING CLASSES

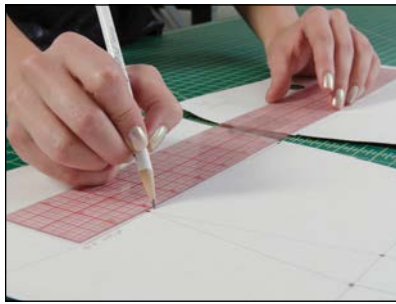
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Hands on, taught by experts

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Draping



Pattern Intro



Pattern Knits



Computer Patternmaking

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## **DRAPING** \$349 each level, \$628 for series

Mondays, January 6-March 24, 10 am-1 pm

Work with fabric in three dimensions on a dress form to turn your ideas into garments just like major designers. Arrange to create dresses, tops, skirts, coats and daring necklines. We provide professional dress forms during class so you can start designing your ideas!

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## **PATTERN INTRO** (Pattern 1) \$685 for series OR \$359 each 6-session level (includes pattern paper)

Series: Thursdays, January 9-March 27, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Here's the professional way to make patterns for personal use or to start life as a fashion designer. Pattern Basics: Take measurements and use pattern rules to make tops for dresses, shirts, blouses. Pattern Fit: Draft skirts, pants, sleeves. Unlock the mysteries of fit. Make your patterns work for you!

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## **PATTERN MANIPULATION** (Pattern 2) \$359 or \$685 with Pattern 3 (includes pattern paper)

Tuesdays, January 7-February 11, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Want to be a fashion designer? Here's where it happens. See how to manipulate your woven fabric slopers into various styles for bodices, sleeves, skirts and pants.

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## **PATTERN DESIGN** (Pattern 3) \$359 (includes pattern paper)

Tuesdays, February 18-March 25, 10 am-1 pm OR 6-9 pm

Bring in a picture or a sketch and make a pattern for that garment – just like the pros do.

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## **PATTERN KNITS** (Pattern 4) \$685 for series OR \$359 each 6-week class (includes pattern paper)

Wednesdays, January 10-March 27, 10 am-1 pm

Make patterns for tops, dresses, sweaters, activewear, bras, swimsuits, yoga pants & underwear. For men too!

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## **PATTERNMAKING CLASSES, continued**

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**OPTITEX 2D COMPUTER PATTERNMAKING** \$559 (includes license use during class + weekly extra tutoring session)

Saturdays, January 11-February 15, 10 am-1 pm

Go from flat pattern to CAD (computer-aided design) – the industry way. Learn the most popular, easy-to-use computer pattern program. Then come back to use our equipment to plot your patterns.

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**BROWZWEAR 3-D PATTERNMAKING** \$559 (includes license use during class + weekly extra tutoring session)

Saturdays, February 22-March 29, 10 am-1 pm

Learn VStitcher. Design garments from drawing through size ranges, graphics, fabrics, trims, colorways, styling and photorealistic 3D rendering without cutting & sewing. Create patterns digitally from first draft to tech pack.

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**ADVANCED PATTERN & CONSTRUCTION** \$628

Saturdays, January 11-March 29, 2-5 pm

Bring your ideas and your patternmaking skills and take advantage of our guided lab. Design, develop and produce the garments of your choice. Tackle more difficult projects. Resolve fit issues. Master tricky construction issues. Produce your next clothing line. Show it on the runway.  
*Prerequisites: Pattern 3 & 4; Draping*

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**PATTERN GRADING & MARKING** \$349 (includes pattern paper)

Saturdays, February 22-March 15, 2-5 pm

Use slopers to learn the basic principles of changing pattern sizes. Learn the inside secrets of increasing and decreasing sizes and government standards for grade rules.

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Pattern Grading

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## DESIGN CLASSES

*Live your best creative life*

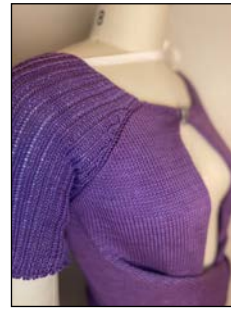
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Adobe Prep



Adobe Illustrator



Machine Knitting



Flats & Techs

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### ADOBE PREP [ONLINE] \$167

Thursday & Friday, January 2 & 3, 6-9 pm

A pre-requisite for Adobe Illustrator for Fashion Design. This course introduces you to the program, the tools and the workspace. Receive practice files and templates.

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### ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR FOR FASHION [ONLINE] \$573

Wednesdays, January 8-March 26, 6-9 pm

It's the standard for any apparel business. See and draw garments using a computer and your Adobe program. Know Adobe like a boss.

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### FLATS & TECHNICAL PACKAGES [ONLINE] \$573

Mondays, January 6-March 24, 6-9 pm

A must for anyone wanting to enter the apparel profession. Each week, you'll translate an illustration to a flat with a spec package – just as you would do on the job or to get your garments sewn.

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### MACHINE KNITTING \$469

Thursdays, January 9-March 27, 6-9 pm

Use our single bed machines to make garments in a few hours instead of months. Learn to cast-on, bind-off, do simple shaping, cables, ribbing, lace and 2 color patterns. Then go on to complicated shaping and contouring, linking, and make a sweater.

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### SUSTAINABLE DESIGN \$269

Thursdays, February 20-March 27, 6-9 pm

Stay on top of the latest trends such as circular design, fibers, sourcing and production. See how companies incorporate sustainability in designs. Come up with the latest and best ways to use sustainable ideas in your own designs using e-textiles – all while starting a business and making a living.

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## BUSINESS CLASSES

*Launch your fashion dreams*



Business Management



Consumer Behavior



Retail Management

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### ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT \$573

Tuesdays, January 7-March 25, 6-9 pm

Trying to break into the apparel business but don't know where to start? Then you've come to the right place.

Here's where you will learn the basics of setting up an apparel business: How to protect a name, set up infrastructure, deal with the city, state and taxes, do business with other apparel businesses, find out about EIN, RN other acronyms, plus rules and regulations. Practice the basics of Excel for apparel, costing & pricing, accounting basics, sourcing, working with production, contracting, intellectual property, e-commerce, selling wholesale, fashion forecasting, social media and public relations. Learn from someone who lives the life.

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### CONSUMER BEHAVIOR [ONLINE] \$573

Wednesdays, January 9-March 26, 6-9 pm

Find your place in the highly competitive business of apparel. You will define product, pricing, promotion and distribution strategies that are effective and compelling in the marketplace. Your first step to a business grant.

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### RETAIL MANAGEMENT [ONLINE] \$573

Thursdays, January 9-March 27, 6-9 pm

Get into the business of fashion apparel retailing online and in-store. Examine forecasting and purchasing techniques and buying methods. Create a merchandise assortment plan complete with store layout and a supporting a six month financial plan and a marketing plan. You will learn to manage profitability and have a solid understanding of retail math. Tell the story of your store - whether online or bricks & mortar. Present your merchandise at its best. You will solve problems while you design a storewide promotion for an upscale retail environment. See how to bring together logos, advertising, and other marketing secrets to give overall impact and increase sales - even in this digital economy. Learn e-commerce.

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