



“How to Read a Pattern” Equipment List

- Notebook with 3-hole punched paper to take notes
- Pen
- Pencil (mechanical is great, HB lead or 2B lead is good)
- French Curve
- 18” C-thru ruler (2” wide) with 1/8” grid on it
- Wooden yard stick
- Cloth or vinyl measuring tape
- Sewing Work Apron*
- Scissors for Paper
- Scissors for Fabric
- Pins

Note from Instructor

I will supply drafting paper and notes for class. I will also show you a method for storing and tracking your patterns so you can keep them organized and easy to find and put away.

***Note:** This is an apron I designed and in which I keep my sewing tools. I use the pattern for this in my Beginning Sewing Class.

“How to Copy a Garment” Equipment List

We may have time in this class to do a couple of garments per person. I would suggest you work with the simplest garment first and then after you’ve got the basics down, you can tackle that complicated one!

Press your garment if it needs it. It’s so much easier if the garment can lay as flat as possible.

- Essential Tools for Drafting a Copy of the Garment
- Scissors for paper

- Pins (glass ball or flower ball are easiest to see as you work)
- Removable tape (drafting tape)
- At least 18" long clear ruler (can be found at Art Supply Stores or Drafting Stores) C-thru is a great brand. Try to get the kind that have 1/8" grid on it.
- Yardstick (inexpensive is good. You may decide you want a steel 4' ruler later but a wooden yardstick is a great way to start)
- French Curve (for those of you who were in the Pattern Drafting class, bring your largest French Curve)
- Cloth tape measure
- Mechanical pencil with HB or #2 lead in it
- Eraser
- Another pencil that is not lead (like red or blue or green)
- Pencil sharpener
- Chalk o liner with powdered chalk (color to contrast your garment) It comes in White, Yellow, Blue and Pink. Do NOT buy the Pink. It's not easy to get the marks out.
- Sewing Cutting board MADE OUT OF CARDBOARD (don't bring the kind for circular blades) 36"X60". If you don't have one of these, don't fret...bring a large box you've flattened. We will be pinning into this surface.
- The garment you want to duplicate.

Not Essential but handy to have:

- Apron with Pockets is SUPER useful to keep all these things handy)*
- Hip Curve (if you have one - if not, I'll bring mine and we can share - this is expensive)
- Tracing wheel (I don't use one but you may want to)
- Sewing Gauge tool (I just use my c-thru ruler but this is very handy)
- I'll bring my tools, the drafting paper and more!

***Note:** This sewing work apron is one I designed and which I use as the project in my Beginning Sewing Class.

“Sewing Special Projects” Equipment List

Sewing machine, including:

- Sewing machine needles
- Power cord for machine
- Foot pedal for sewing machine
- Feet for sewing machine, including zipper foot and regular foot
- Stitch ripper

- Scissors for fabric
- Pins, glass heads or metal heads, NOT plastic heads
- Chalk or fabric marker (comes in white, yellow, blue and pink). Do NOT get the pink! Sometimes it stains your fabric.
- Pen
- Mechanical pencil with HM or 2B lead
- Iron that can be used on a “steam” setting
- Ironing cloth (this is a piece of cotton cloth, that can be as small as 36” square or as large as a table cloth)
- 18” C-thru ruler with a 1/8” grid
- Notebook paper (3-hole) and notebook
- Fabric *****NOTE***** if you are buying cotton fabric, it may shrink when you pre-wash it. It’s a good idea to buy extra fabric for shrinkage (about 4” per yard purchased).

For Lined, Zippered bag

- 1/4 yard of two different fabrics that will be complimentary to one another 45” wide is OK
- 1 7” zipper, it’s nice to have the zipper be in a color that goes with your fabrics
- Cotton/poly thread that is a color that goes with your project

For Mitered Corner project (like 20” dinner napkins)

Get a fabric that has cotton or linen in it. Do not get anything with polyester. Polyester is not absorbent AND if you get an oily stain on it (spaghetti sauce for example) it’s really hard to get it out. PREWASH, DRY and PRESS your fabric before coming to class. You should do this on whatever setting you plan on using after the napkins are made.

- 45” Fabric - for every 2 napkins, get 2/3 yard of fabric PLUS enough for fabric shrinkage. THEREFORE:
 - for 2 napkins, 3/4 yard fabric
 - for 4 napkins, 1 1/2 yards fabric
 - for 6 napkins, 2 1/4 yards fabric
 - for 8 napkins, 3 yards.
- OR if you buy 60” fabric, (to make 18” dinner napkins) 20” for every 3 napkins PLUS 4” per yard for shrinkage. Therefore:
 - for 3 napkins 3/4 yard
 - for 6 napkins! 1 1/2 yards
 - for 9 napkins 2 1/4 yards
 - for 12 napkins 3 yards

- Thread, either contrasting or matching according to your desire.

Corded Button loops

- 1/2 yard light weight fabric
- 1 /2 yard cording

For Pocket Welts and/or bagging a lined Vest or Jacket

- The pattern you are using for the Vest or Jacket
- Fabric to make that garment (including lining - consult with me if you don't know how much to use)
- Light weight, iron on Interfacing (I usually use a knit interfacing that is iron on) It comes in black or white. Get whatever won't show through your fabric and lining
- Thread for your garment

Teen Sewing Class

Tools for students to Pillow for their room:

A GREAT place to shop for these items is at JoAnnes fabrics. IF you sign up online, they will send you coupons every day and you will save a LOT of money. I have no affiliation with JoAnne's Fabrics, I just hate to students pay full price when it's so easy to get a nice discount on their materials.

For Pillow:

- 18" square pillow form
- 60" wide fleece fabric in whatever colors you choose - maybe something nice for your room. Get 1 3/4 yard
- Cotton/poly thread in color to match your fabric

For Backpack type bag:

This bag is made up of two fabrics (contrasting or something that goes together nicely)

Get heavy Cotton Fabric. Do not get Sunbrella brand or any kind of fabric that has a lot

of polyester in it. It doesn't wash up nicely AND it sort of "melts" a bit when you iron it!

- 45" fabric - Main body of bag (largest section) 1 1/2 yards
- Accent fabric (includes the lining) 1 1/2 yards

- 2 1" parachute clips
- 7" zipper (in a color that goes nicely with your two fabrics)
- Thread (cotton/poly) in a color that goes nicely with your two fabrics

Be SURE to PREWASH and DRY and PRESS your fabric before you come to class.

- Sewing machine with:
 - feet
 - bobbin that fits
 - bobbin case
 - screw driver (small enough to change your needle)
 - power cord for machine
 - electric cord to foot pedal
 - manual

Other

- sewing needles 14's (or 9's) which will fit into your machine, Schmetz is a brand that fits most machines Do NOT get "BALL" point needles (they are for knits)
- Sewing scissors, 8" or longer. Fiskars are good and not expensive
- pins (avoid plastic head pins - they melt as you iron over them and you WILL probably iron over a few)
- C-thru ruler with 1/8" markings (my FAVORITE tool). They come in 18" lengths or 12" lengths. Get either but I prefer the longer one.
- Stitch ripper
- Chalk-o-liner. These come in pink, white, blue or yellow. DO NOT buy the pink (it doesn't wash out of your fabric for some reason. DO buy a color that contrasts with your fabric so you can see your marks. Do NOT buy marking pens sold at sewing stores.
- 1" ring binder in which to keep class handouts

Drafting Tools

Look for these items at Dakota Art Store or sometimes at a drafting store:

- French Curve set
- C-Thru ruler (18") with 1/8" markings (can be found at JoAnnes as well)
- Mechanical Pencil with HB or #2 lead
- Right triangle (minimum 10" on each shorter side)
- Eraser
- Removable drafting tape (NOT the blue or masking kind)

Look for these items at JoAnnes or a fabric store:

- Pant Curve, aka Dritz, Styling Design Ruler
- cloth tape measure
- scissors for paper
- scissors for fabric (if you don't want to use your fabric scissors on paper)
- pins (I like colorful glass ball pins - easier to grip and see)
- 1/4" to 3/8" BLACK elastic (enough to go around your waist)
- muslin (either white or natural) - 60" wide, 5 yards. DO NOT PREWASH
- 1" grid, folding cardboard cutting board.
- Chalk-o-liner marker (try to get the kind with powdered chalk) HARD to find!!!!

Other items:

- A **STRAIGHT** yardstick, or IF you have a long metal ruler (3' to 4') bring it. They're expensive, so don't buy one unless you think you may use it in the future.
- fine point felt tip pen in a color (like red or green) to mark slopers
- stitch ripper
- Sewing machine with:
 - power cord
 - foot pedal
 - 2 bobbins (minimum)
 - thread to contrast with your muslin (any color that's easy to see, not white or natural)
 - Sewing needles (14's are good)
 - threading device (if you need it to thread your sewing machine)
 - reading glasses if you need them
- Calculator (your smartphone probably has one on it). I'll bring a spare one to class.
- Notebook with paper in it to write down measurements and keep your class handouts.

WEAR TO CLASS:

For bodice and sleeve sloper (good bra, camisole that fulfills your modesty requirements)

For pant sloper (opaque tights or hose or whatever fulfills your modesty requirements)

DO NOT WEAR "Shaper" garments, the kind that "hold you in" unless you plan on wearing them ALL the time, under your clothes.

I'll supply some materials and drafting paper, irons, ironing surface, long metal ruler and/or straight edge, class materials, instructions and a WHOLE lot of fun!