

Sew Your Own Wardrobe- Materials List

Intro to Sewing-Materials List

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Thank you for registering for a class at Visarts and welcome to Sew Your Own Wardrobe! I am looking forward to our class and working with all of you! Following is the list of materials you will need for the class but please do not stress about purchasing materials before the first class. We will review the list in the first class and all materials will be available for everyone to use. If you have materials from a previous class or from your own sewing experience, please bring those with you. You will need to purchase all of your materials following the first class!

Note: Most sewing tools can be purchased for approximately \$50 depending on how much you spend on your scissors. We will also be discussing pattern and fabric selections in the first class. Please plan to purchase your pattern and fabric before the second class and have it ready for class that week!

The studio is equipped with sewing machines. However, if you would prefer to work with your own machine, please bring it with you. Don't forget your attachments, foot peddle, cords, and instruction booklet!

Tools:

Scissors: Gingher- bent trimmers with an 8-9" blade are the best! Fiskars are also good
Small pointed scissors- for clipping threads
Pinking shears (optional) Fiskars are lightweight and easy to use.
Paper scissors

Pins: Dressmaker- flat and pearl heads (Please do not purchase short pins!)

Needles: An assortment is best including long and thin needles with small eyes.
Milliners are my favorite!

Seam ripper: short handle for light weight fabrics and long handle for heavier fabrics

Measuring tape: 60"

Tailors chalk: combo package with blue and white

Graph ruler: clear with blue or red markings, 18" x 2"

Sewing gauge: short, metal ruler 6" long with a plastic slider

Elastic: 1 package, narrow, 1/2" swimsuit elastic for taking measurements (tan color)

3-ring binder: for sewing notes, instructions, patterns, & textile info

French curves: for pattern alterations and drafting

Tracing paper: for pattern and fabric marking

Tracing wheels: blunt and serrated blades

Point turner: for making sharp corners

Tube/loop turner: long, thin, metal stick with small hook on the end

Pencil & eraser: for notes and patterns alterations

Felt tip marker: for pattern alterations

Pattern weights: for project layout

Pattern Paper: for size alterations and design changes (alpha-numeric is the best!)

Artist tape: for altering patterns

If you have any questions regarding materials, please contact me @
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The best source in town for purchasing your sewing supplies is Joann Fabrics at Westchester Commons (Midlothian Turnpike and 288). They have the largest selection and best prices. There is also a second location on West Broad Street near Glenside Drive. Joann's online is also a good resource for supplies. Get the Joann's App and save a bundle!

Plaza Art on Grace Street near VCU is also a good resource for drafting and sewing notions, and tools. They can also be found online at plazaart.com and they have competitive prices. Ask for their student discount card when you are in the store!