



# BASIC SEWING KIT

*(Investments for a lifetime!)*

## Scissors/Cutting

- Fabric shears
- Paper scissors
- Embroidery scissors
- 5 inch Gingers craft scissors *(wait for a 50% off coupon)*
- Seam ripper

## Needles/Pins

- Variety of hand sewing needles
- Darning needles
- Schmetz - size 14/90 Universal for straight stitch home sewing machines
- Glass headed or quilter's straight pins *(pins should be 1.5 to 1.75 inches long)*
- Needle threaders
- Regular pincushion *(No magnetic pincushions in the classroom)*

## Marking

- Pencils, Sharpie ultra-fine markers
- Highlighter
- Tailor's chalk *(the squares or triangles)* or mechanical pencil
- Frixion pen(s) with marker head. Manufactured by Pilot. *(Iron heat removes the marks)*
- Fabric tracing wheel and fabric tracing paper

## Measures/Guides

- 6-inch sewing gauge
- 18-inch grid ruler *(2 inches wide)*
- Fairly new tape measure

- Corner Template
- Simflex expanding sewing gauge

## Sewing Machine Needs

- Instruction book for your personal sewing machine and/or serger *(ONLY if you plan to bring your own machine to class. And YES, the school has manuals for all our machines)*
- Bobbins *(Bernina and Pfaff for the school's machines.)*
- Small screwdrivers: 1 with regular head and 1 with a Phillips head
- "Tooth brush" kit for rethreading, cleaning, small repairs
- Looper threaders if your serger is NOT self-threading

## Miscellaneous

- An unbreakable thread catcher
- White basting thread
- Press cloth *(this should be a single fold diaper or a "flour sack" dish cloth)*
- Point turner
- Bee's wax
- Thimble
- 3/4-inch wide Scotch Invisible Tape *(the packaging is green plaid)*
- Plastic tool chest or fishing tackle box for your supplies
- Scrap fabric *(test machine with scrap fabric every time you begin to sew)*