
Learn to sew

With Chloe, from Alyssa Lloyd design



Meet your tutor

Hi I'm Chloe - designer, pattern maker, and seamstress at Alyssa Lloyd design.

Sewing has always been a popular pastime in my family, ever since my Granny insisted on making everything from dresses to skirts and even underwear for her 6 kids in the 50s and 60s!

I didn't grow up sewing, but rather developed an interest in my 20s where I found it an amazing creative outlet during a particularly stressful time in my life. Fast-forward almost 10 years and I'm now lucky enough to have turned my hobby into a career!

Learning to sew is one of those foundation skills. Yes you get to make pretty clothes, but sewing can teach you so much more than that. With sewing to have to learn to be patient, to enjoy the process, and not push yourself. It gives you an appreciation for the creative and practical sides of garment making - trust me when I tell you, after you learn to sew you will never look at a piece of clothing the same way again!

I love sharing my passion for fabric, sewing and pattern making with new people and I look forward to the beautiful things we'll make together.



Our lessons together

Sewing lessons with me take place at my home in Ellerslie, Auckland.

They're 1:1 and are completely at your pace! Some students come to me with a little bit of experience on a sewing machine already, while others are completely new to sewing.

We'll have a chat about your current skills, confidence levels, and goals for our lessons and come up with a plan so you can get the most out of our lessons!

Sewing lessons

Level 1 - Introduction

1.1 Introduction to sewing machines

In this lesson, students will be given a tour of a domestic sewing machine, its features, and accessories. Students will be given an opportunity to practice sewing seams and threading the machine.

Students will learn:

- To identify each part of a sewing machine.
- How to thread a sewing machine.
- How to sew straight lines, curves, and right angles.
- About different types of stitches and how they're used.
- About different sewing accessories and how they're used - presser feet, needles, etc.

1.2 Introduction to fabrics

In this lesson, students will be shown different types of fabrics and how to identify them. The student will learn about how fabrics are constructed, and they will get the opportunity to cut fabric using different methods.

Students will learn:

- How to identify woven vs knit fabrics.
- About fabric grains.
- About basic fabric types and fibre contents (cotton, silk, polyester, etc).
- How to prepare, measure, and cut fabric.



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2 Basic sewing projects

In this section, students can take on some basic projects using a sewing machine. Students will supply materials.

Options could include; Envelope back cushion cover, Wheat bag, Scrunchies, or Cotton face masks

Students will learn:

- How to cut out basic patterns.
- How to troubleshoot problems.
- Order of operations for sewing projects.
- ...and gain confidence using a sewing machine

3 Intermediate sewing projects

In this section, students can take on some projects using a sewing machine and overlocker, using intermediate techniques. Students will supply materials.

Options could include; Tote bag with pocket, Zippered pouch, Apron

Students will learn:

- How to cut out more complex patterns
- How to sew more advanced things - straps, zippers, topstitching, hemming
- How to use an overlocker

Note: These sections do not necessarily correspond to one lesson each. Some projects will take more than one lesson to complete. Students can complete as many of as few projects as they like until their confidence grows.



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4 Basic clothing

In this section, students will begin to sew some basic clothing items. Student will supply materials.

Options could include; Gathered skirt with pockets, Wrap skirt, Basic top, Loose fitting dress

Students will learn:

- How to read a pattern, including pattern notations
- How to follow more complex pattern instructions
- he basics of garment assembly

5 Student's choice

Using all of the skill they have developed in previous modules, student can more choose to apply there learnings to some more advanced projects.

Student may choose to select a pattern and be guided through their project by the tutor, or they may look at basic pattern draping or pattern hacking,

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Pricing

1:1 lessons pricing 2022

Per lesson

\$70

Per term (10 lessons, 10% discount)

\$630

Materials & tools

Students are responsible for providing the fabric for their own projects. The tutor will discuss requirements before the lesson, so you have time to go shopping.

Students are responsible for purchasing their own tools eventually, but are welcome to borrow the tutor's during lessons until they have their own. This includes a sewing machine.

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