

Sewing for Success

Empowering Through Skills, Creativity, and Community

At Kem's Community, we believe in the power of sewing to transform lives. All proceeds from our public sewing classes go toward our mission of empowering individuals—especially newcomers and women facing barriers to employment—with valuable sewing skills, fostering connection and community, and supporting a sustainable local economy by redistributing fabric and sewing tools. Thank you for joining and supporting us!

This course is perfect for beginners or those who need a refresher. No prior sewing experience is required!

Available Classes

- **Thursday, March 20** - | 10:00 am - 12 PM with **Marlyse**
- **Fridays, March 21** - | 10:00 Am – 12 PM with **Marlyse**
- **Saturday, March 22** - | 10:00 – 12 PM with **Marlyse**

Program Length: 12 weeks

Location: Center for Newcomer

Class Size: Maximum of 12 students, minimum of 4 to run the class

Important Notes

- **Confirmation:** Once you register online, consider your class confirmed. You will not receive an additional confirmation email.
- **Arrival:** Please arrive 5-10 minutes early for your first class.
- **Holidays:** Classes falling on statutory holidays will be rescheduled, extending the program by one week.
- **Indoor Shoes:** Please bring indoor shoes during cold or wet months.
- **Class Cancellation:** Classes require a minimum number of participants to run. Please review our Refund and Cancellation Policy for details.
- **Gift Registrations:** If purchasing for someone else, include their name, phone number, and email in the "NOTES" box during checkout.
- **New Dates:** Don't see a date that works for you? Check back regularly as we add more classes!

About Your Instructor

Marlyse:

Marlyse Tchuigoua is a dynamic and visionary leader with a passion for fashion, entrepreneurship, and community empowerment. As the **Founder of Kem's Fashion and CEO of SewBright Empowerment Network** and an accomplished **Pattern Maker**, she combines technical expertise with creative innovation to drive impactful initiatives in the fashion and textile industries.

With a strong background in fashion design and pattern making, Marlyse has dedicated her career to fostering creativity, sustainability, and economic empowerment, particularly for women and newcomers facing barriers to employment.

What You'll Learn

- How to operate a sewing machine?
- Sewing terminology and essential equipment
- How to read and use commercial patterns
- Fabric characteristics and how to choose the right fabric for your project
- Identifying fabric grain lines
- Using different stitches and seam finishes
- Proper pressing and ironing techniques for sewing
- Taking accurate measurements

In-Class Project

In this course, you'll create a pair of pajama pants or a skirt with an elastic waistband. *(Note: The project may be adjusted by the instructor without prior notice.)*

Equipment

- Kem's Community & Center For Newcomer provide sewing machines and most tools during class.
 - Students are welcome to bring their own sewing machines but are not required to do so.
 - Fabric requirements will be determined by the instructor.
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What to Bring

- Basic sewing kit
 - Notebook
 - *(Optional)* A domestic sewing machine, iron, and basic sewing kit for practice at home.
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Health and Safety

To ensure a safe and welcoming environment, we encourage all participants to:

- Wash hands frequently.
 - Use hand sanitizer.
 - Clean workstations before and after class.
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Join Us!

At Kem's Community, we're stitching together a brighter future—one thread at a time. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refresh your skills, our Sewing for Success program is here to help you grow, create, and thrive.