

Sew Fashionista

Camp Fashionista Newsletter



The Very First ISSUE!

Hey there all you fashionistas in the Bay Area and beyond! We want you to have 4 glorious pages of information, inspiration and straight up **love** EVERY SINGLE MONTH! Exclusively for Fashionista Club members, every month we'll remind you how much you love to sew, design, draw, and exercise your creativity in the realm of fashion.

In this issue the Level Up article teaches you to sew on a patch pocket. Make a hand sewn Valentine keepsake and learn about Dori's early sewing experiences in our interview.

CAMP is back again, February 20th to the 24th so sign up quick to get your fashionista fix. If you haven't taken a beginning sewing class, there are MANY opportunities in February. Check out the new Anime Fashion drawing class.

It's been raining more than a little and sewing is the perfect indoor fun. Grab this issue, your sewing kit or drawing supplies, and have some Fashionista time.

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"I built Camp Fashionista to share something I love and have fun. When students realize what they can do it's always so exciting."

Profile Interview

Dori shares some of her sewing experiences.

What was your first sewing project?

I remember it so clearly. It was a pattern by Betsey Johnson of Alley Cat. A baby blue puff sleeve top with a mini-pocket and high-waisted, pinwale corduroy bell-bottoms with a cuff in aqua blue.



What was the hardest sewing task to learn?

Putting in a good zipper.

What's your advice to beginning sewists?

Don't be angry, hungry or tired when you sew. If you are, wait until later. Get the basics down first. Be OK with a really great pillow case or bag, then take it from there.

What tool could you NOT live without?

A seam ripper.

Valentine's Day Dolly Croquis



Paper doll cards were common Valentine's Day gifts in the 40's and 50's. Greeting card manufacturers printed mini booklets with the doll body on the cover and a few pages of clothes inside, along with Valentine's Day messages.

We were inspired by those old-fashioned sweeties to draw a Valentine's Day doll *croquis** for you to design some clothes for your American Girl Doll™.

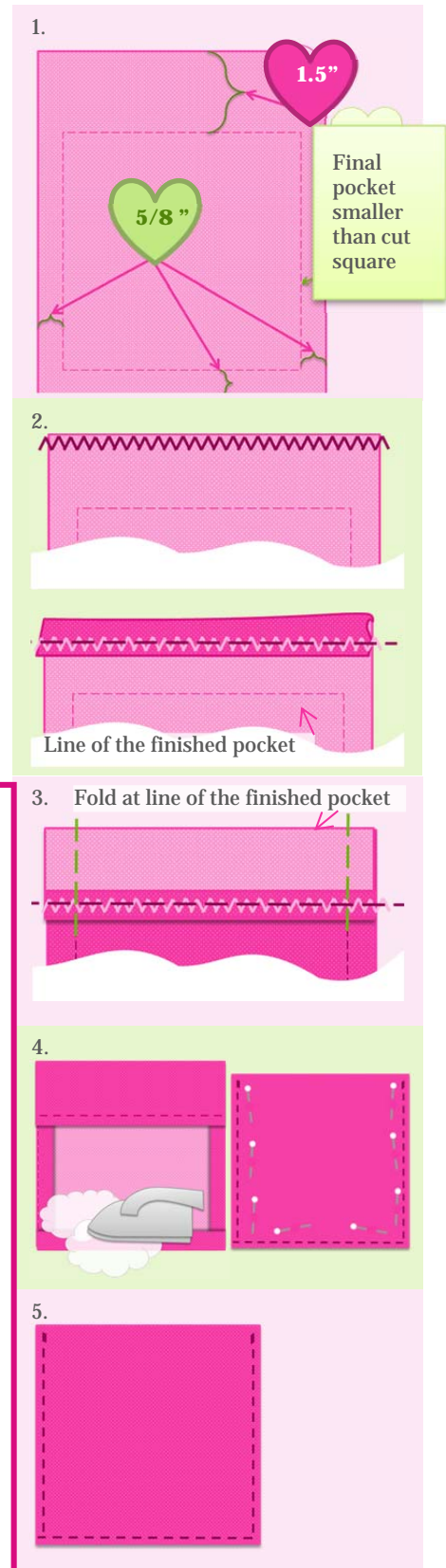


** A croquis is a lightly drawn figure over which designers draw.*

Level Up Skill: Square Patch Pocket




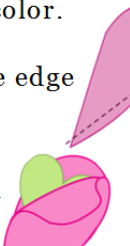
Square patch pockets level up the skills from Sewing 1: Wovens. Apply them to any open area on a bag or garment.

1. Cut out a pocket with $\frac{5}{8}$ " extra space around the sides and bottom, and 1.5" extra at the top.
2. Zig-zag stitch across the top edge, then turn down $\frac{3}{8}$ " and straight stitch to hem.
3. Fold the top down, right-sides together, on the line of the finished pocket. Stitch along to two sides at the $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance to hold the folded edge down.
4. Turn the top of the pocket right side out. **Get an adult to help you iron** down the other edges on the lines of the final pocket size.
5. Place the pocket, right side up, in the spot you want to have a pocket and pin in place. Sew around 3 sides and leave the top open. Remember to back stitch.



Hand Sew Project

You'll need two felt rectangles in colors you like for Valentine's Day, scissors, a needle and thread in a different color.

1. Choose one rectangle to be the big heart, fold it in half the long way and cut this shape on the folded edge. 
2. Fold the second rectangle the short way and cut a smaller, similar shape from it. 
3. Unfold the small heart. Pencil in a Valentine's Day message and trace it with thread in any color. 
4. On the larger heart, stitch halfway up the edge from the bottom to create an "envelope." 
5. Turn it right side out and place the small heart inside as a hand sewn Valentine.

February Classes

Day	Date/s	Title	Description	Sessions	Time
Th	2, 9, 16 & 23	Sewing 1 Knits	Sewing 1: stretchy fabric	4	4-6pm
F	3, 10 & 17	Open Sew Lounge	Individual Projects	3	4-6pm
F	3, 10 & 17	Fashion Illustration	Collage	3	4-6pm
Sa	*4 & 18	Sewing 1 Wovens	Sewing 1: woven fabric	2	9am-1:30pm
Su	5 & 12	Sewing 1 Knits	Sewing 1: stretchy fabric	2	2-6:30pm
M	6, 13, 20 & 27	Sewing 1 Wovens	Sewing 1: woven fabric	4	4-6pm
Su	19 & 26	Hand Sew	American Girl Doll Clothes	2	10am-12
Su	19 & 26	Illustration	Anime Fashion Drawing	2	1-4pm
M & T	20 & 21	Sewing 1 Wovens	Sewing 1: woven fabric	2	9am-1:30pm
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W & Th	22 & 23	Sewing 1 Knits	Sewing 1: stretchy fabric	2	9am-1:30pm
W	22	Illustration	Draw Great Fabrics	1	2-4pm
Th	23	Illustration	Draw Great Hairstyles	1	2-4pm
F	24	Project Sew	Cozy PJ Pants	1	9am-12
F	24	Hand Sew	Hand Sew Kitty Purse	1	1-3:30pm

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**Note there are 2 weeks between the sessions.*

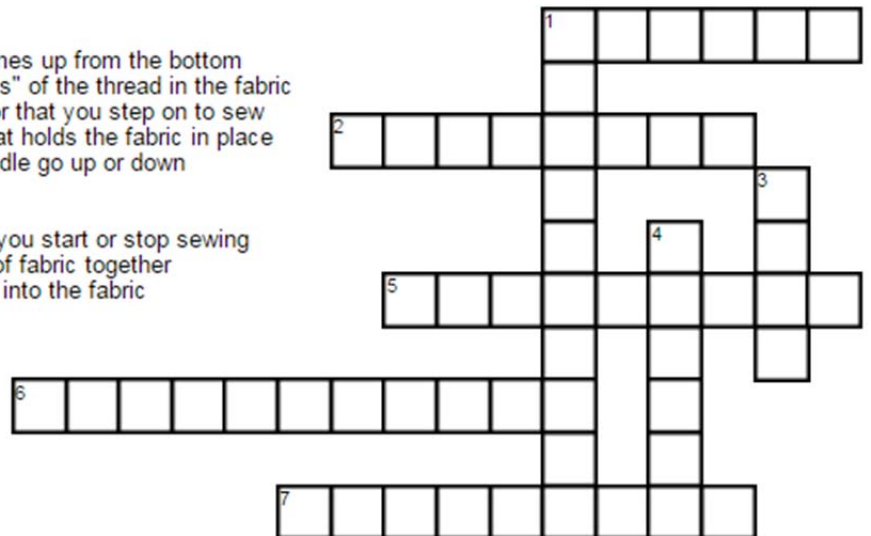
Sew Interesting: Sewing Words Crossword

ACROSS

- Second thread on the machine that comes up from the bottom
- So many to choose from, like "footsteps" of the thread in the fabric
- A small wedge shaped thing on the floor that you step on to sew
- A metal piece you lower with a lever that holds the fabric in place
- Turn it toward yourself to make the needle go up or down

DOWN

- What you do to tie off the thread when you start or stop sewing
- A line of sewing that holds two pieces of fabric together
- The sharp metal part that pokes thread into the fabric



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