

Additional Handout for Expand Into Garment Sewing
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Tools needed for Garment Sewing

Basic Sewing Tools:

1. Seam ripper, at least one
2. Sheers - large and small
3. Rotary cutter and cutting mat
4. Fine sewing pins, not too long
5. Pin containers like pin cushions, wrist pin cushions, magnetic pin wants and cups
6. Plastic clips
7. Pattern weights
8. Marking tools that give accurate dots
9. Tape Measure
10. Rulers, straight 18"X2"
11. Curved Fashion
12. Small seam gauge ruler
13. Fine fusible interfacings - several weights
14. Elastic if projects require it
15. Zippers if projects require it

Equipment:

1. Sewing Machine
2. Serger
3. Table, raised for cutting, lowered for sewing
4. Good lighting
5. Iron
6. Classic ironing board, over door or table top will do, needs one curved end
7. Sewing Machine needles: universal, jersey, microtex in size 80

Patterns

1. Independent Pattern companies offer good options that do not require ordering from the Big 4.
2. Choose companies that offer good resources for buyers like fitting information and tutorials. Possibly provide content for newsletter or social media.
3. Order patterns that work with the fabrics to be stocked. Start with simple designs that will assure sewing success.

Wholesale Resources

Tools:

1. Brewer - They recommend the Nifty Notions line of tools www.Brewersewing.com
2. Wawak - <https://www.wawak.com/>
3. Delaware Dry Goods - <https://delawaredg.com/>
4. **Schmetz Needles**

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1. Bernina - sewing machines and sergers <http://www.bernina.com/>
2. Laura Star Irons - work for knitters too info@laurastarus.com
3. **Oliso Irons** - on the show floor, small and reasonably priced - clever ergonomics
4. Brewer- starter sewing machines and other reasonably priced equipment www.Brewersewing.com

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Fabric Resources:

1. Carr Textiles - utility fabrics and pants fabric <https://www.carrtextile.com/>
2. Sextet - knits <https://www.sfknits.com/>
3. Mood Wholesale - <https://www.moodfabrics.com/>
4. Michaels Fabrics - <https://afabricplace.com/>
5. Elliott Berman - Ermani Group - <https://elliottbermantextiles.com/>
6. Artistic Artifacts - Hand Made Indian fabrics only - <https://www.artisticartifacts.com/SFNT.html>
7. Diamond Textiles - <https://www.cottoneerfabrics.com/product-category/shop-by-brand/diamond-textiles/>
8. Robert Kauffman - <https://www.robertkauffman.com/>
9. Art Gallery Fabrics - <https://www.artgalleryfabrics.com/>
10. SoHo Fabrics/Silk Safari - <https://www.ttfabrics.com/index.php>
11. Style Crest - <http://stylecrest.com/>
12. Speckler Vogel - <https://www.spechlervogel.com/>
13. DG Expo - a place to meet vendors who sell in small lots - <https://thefabricshows.com/>
14. MODA - <https://modafabrics.com/>

Hope this list proves helpful to you. Contact rae@fitforartpatterns if you have particular questions and carrie@fitforartpatterns if you want more information about becoming a retail partner.

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