Perfect Fit: Classic Tee Workshop: Day 1

Day 1 Supply List

- 2-3 knit tops that you like how they fit in the chest/bust area
- Tape measure
- <u>Silhouette Patterns Sweater Set #195</u>
- Scissors (for cutting paper and fabric)
- Rotary cutter (optional)
- Knit, test fabric
 - o 21/2 yd
 - Note: you may not need this much fabric depending on your size; refer to the pattern back at the link above for more detail
 - Try to use something with a similar drape to the fabric you plan to use in your final top
- Contrasting thread (makes the fitting process easier)
- Seam gauge or ruler (needs to have at least 5/8" marking, i.e. don't bring a ¼" ruler)
- **Sewing machine** (a sewing machine is required to baste the test garment together)
- Pins
- French curve (if you have one, do not buy one for the class)
- Misc. sewing notions that you prefer to use while sewing
- Be sure to wear the bra you expect to wear with your new blouse (this can change the fit if using different bras)

What to Expect Day 1: Test Garment (aka mockup) Creation

- **Measure Up**: We'll kick things off by measuring the tops you bring to class. This is where we find your fit magic!
 - Note: If you don't have any tops that you like how they fit in the chest/bust area (doesn't matter how they fit anywhere else), bring your final fabric if it's different from your test fabric
- **Size Selection and Pattern Prep:** We'll choose your size, then add extra seam allowance to the pattern at the shoulder, side seams and underarm sleeve seam before cutting the test fabric.
- Cut & Baste: It's time for some action! You'll cut out and baste the trial/test garment (with extra-wide seam allowances) front to back and one sleeve.
- **Fit Party!** Now the fun truly begins! You'll put on your test garment (wrong sides out—yes, we're getting creative!) for a custom fit. Get ready for some pinning fun as we make it just right (this is where lots of pins may be needed)!

<u>Important: Your test garment will become your pattern, and thus will not be wearable (i.e. not recommended to use expensive fabric).</u>

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Perfect Fit: Classic Tee Workshop: Day 2

Day 2 Supply List

- Test garment from day 1
- Pins (*LOTS of pins*)
- Silhouette Patterns Sweater Set #195
- **Sewing machine** (a sewing machine is required to baste the changes after draping/fitting)
- Scissors
- Rotary cutter/cutting mat (optional)
- Knit fashion fabric (yardage as listed on your pattern) Give it a nice, warm bath before class! Pre-washing helps prevent the heartbreak of post-sewing shrinkage.
- Matching thread to your final fabric
- Notions from the back of the pattern envelope
- Tape measure
- Seam gauge or ruler (needs to have at least 5/8" marking, i.e. don't bring a ¼" ruler)
- French curve (if you have one, do not buy one for the class)
- Misc. sewing notions that you prefer to use while sewing

 Optional: Serger/overlocker (if you want to use a serger to construct your final top)

What to Expect Day 2: Final Top Construction and Personalization

- **Fit Check & Baste:** After fitting, you'll baste in the changes, then come back for a final check. We're almost there!
- **Transform Your Mockup:** Turn that test garment into your very own custom pattern by trimming those extra seam allowances down to 3/8".
- Cut Out Your Fashion Fabric: Time to cut out your final top using your fabulous fashion fabric and your newly customized pattern.
- **Sew It Up:** Finally, it's time to serge or sew your elegant new top. You're going to love wearing something made just for you!



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