Creative Sewing Course Plan



- There is no prerequisite for Creative Sewing.
- After successfully passing Creative Sewing you "could" be eligible to take:
 - Advanced Creative Sewing, a Dual Credit Course with MSU
 - ❖ Fashion Focus, a comprehensive "Fashion Industry" course for students with a "high" interest in that field

Textbook:

- A textbook will be assigned to you to use in class. Your textbook number will correspond with your Sewing Machine # and your Storage Tray #.
- ❖You will not take the book home.
- You will not use the book very often.
- You will use it during the semester as a resource, when instructed to do so.



- 1. Learning about the sewing machine.
- 2. Learning the basic operations of the sewing machine, and basic sewing terms.
- 3. Project 1: Rice Pin Cushion used in class as your pin cushion
- 4. Project 2: Draw String Bag used in class to store materials
- 5. Project 3: Quilt Block Pillow bring an old T-Shirt in for this
- 6. Project 4: Alphabet Pillow
- 7. Ongoing Semester Project: Embroidery
- 8. Project 5: Stuff Sack
- 9. Project 6: Gathered Waist Apron
- 10. Project 7: Canvas Tote Bag will be painted in class
- 11. FCCLA Service Project: Newborns In Need
- 12. Final Exam required if you have any non-school related absences in Creative Sewing



- ❖ You will be expected to learn up to 19 machine parts (their location and name), and you will be quizzed over this material.
- ❖ It is important to know the names of the machine parts so you can successfully operate your machine during the semester and beyond.





Draw String Bag











Stuff Sack Go Back





Newborns In Need





Your grade in Creative Sewing will be a reflection of:

- ❖ Participation in class, daily.
- Satisfactory completion of the Machine Parts Quiz.
- Seam sample exercises.
- Scoring Guides: reflecting the quality of work and skills mastered on each of the projects.
- ❖ Final Exam: required for students who have missed 1 or more classes due to a non-school related function.



- Pen or Pencil to write with each day
- Chromebook
- ❖ T-Shirt Scrap 10.5 x 6.5" (used for the Quilt Block Pillow)
- Optional: personal pair of small scissors or sewing shears to keep in your tray
- ❖ Optional: 1½ yards of cotton fabric for the Waist Apron (if you don't want to use the fabric that the school provides, you can bring your own).
- Optional: scrap fabrics to be used for supplemental projects (as time allows)
- ❖ ALL OTHER SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU TO USE IN CLASS





May I have Food and Drinks in Creative Sewing?

- You may chew gum or have candy in your mouth.
- ❖ You may drink beverages that are in a container with a screw on lid.
- ❖ You may not eat snacks, have packages of candy, or finish your lunch in class.
- You may not have drinks at your seat that do not have a screw on lid. This includes small Styrofoam ice cups from the cafeteria, sorry.

Why all the food rules?

Reason #1: Floor outlets can be damaged.

Reason #2: Sewing machines can be damaged or

get sticky from food residue.

Reason #3: Chromebook security, protects your chromebook from food/beverage related damages.

Reason #4: Project materials can be damaged or ruined by spills or food residue.

May I talk on my cell phone in class?

- ❖ Of course <u>NOT</u>! That would be ridiculous. However, if you have an important call to make (to your parents, work, etc., ask for permission and I *usually* allow you to step in the hall for a second to take care of it).
- NOTE: I reserve the right to deny this *privilege* if it does not fit with the class schedule, or if you seem to be abusing the *privilege*.

May I use my cell phone in class?

- ❖ You may use your cell phone for APPROVED educational purposes: example finding a project on Pinterest, taking a picture of a finished project, putting a deadline in your calendar, texting yourself a reminder, searching for something class related that the schools filter won't allow.
- ❖ PLEASE ASK PERMISSION FOR ALL PHONE USE.

May I use my cell phone in class?

❖ You may use your cell phone to listen to music on occasion. However, most of the time the instructor will play music for the class so she can turn the volume down when the class' attention is needed.



May I use my cell phone in class?

- You may not use your cell phone to:
 - **Text:** this includes your parents if they are texting you during class and you need to reply, please ask for permission to quickly step in the hall.
 - Use social media of any kind (unless approved).
 - Take social pictures in class (unless approved). This includes selfies and friend pics.

This is Creative Sewing, I won't even need a Chromebook, right?

- **❖**Wrong
 - Many projects require you to access ALL of the directions and helpful pictures via your Chromebook.
 - Many projects have supplemental videos that help with understanding of a skill or step.
 - **❖** YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOK EVERY DAY!

Speaking of my Chromebook, can I sit and watch Netflix, illegal movies, or Youtube videos, etc., while I sew? I'm great at multitasking!

- I'm so sorry, no you may not.
- Those actions are not in line with the school technology goals, some are actually ILLEGAL, and all are considered distracting.

Speaking of videos: feel free to watch the videos on my website as a resource to assist you with your work in class. If you have earbuds while you watch, that is great!

Class Expectations

Creative Sewing is a "blow off class", right?

NO! Where did you get that idea?

<u>Creative Sewing is</u>: a hands on course. You will physically work on something from bell to bell almost every day. You are expected to be here every day and put in your best effort DAILY.

If you are a student who is gone a lot this may not be a good class for you. You will need to make up any missed class time at AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING ON TUESDAY'S OR THURSDAY'S to 4:15, BY APPOINTMENT.

In addition to sewing skills you will develop or enhance:

- Organizational Skills
- Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills
- Technical Reading skills
- Soft Skills critical for employment in any field

Class Expectations

- We will discuss specific procedures related to materials and machine use later.
- Here is what you need to know now:
 - ❖ You are expected to be in the classroom when the bell rings, or you will be counted tardy.
 - ❖ Pay attention to the materials table at the front of the room and quickly pick up what you need and return to your seat.
 - All bags, purses, backpacks, lunch bags, etc., should be on the floor clear from the walking path (not on your table, lap, or hanging from your chair...I have my reasons).

Class Expectations

A clean up crew calendar will be made and posted for all students to look at. However, individuals in the class are responsible for cleaning up his/her materials each and every day.

ONCE YOU HAVE CLEANED UP YOUR AREA AND PUT YOUR MATERIALS AWAY, I EXPECT STUDENTS TO REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE BELL RINGS. This includes... everyone!



Be proud of the work you do.

Learn a lot!