**SERGING FUNDAMENTALS**

**Instructor**
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**Start Date | Rain Date**

Eight-week class begins Tuesday, April 9th, 6-9 p.m.

In case of instructor illness or weather, the rain date is June 4th.

**Location**Studios Building | Josie Eresch Fibers Studio | 2 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

**Prerequisites**
None. Beginners welcome. You must have a serviced and working serger.

**(NOTE:** if you are following Amber’s linear curriculum, it is recommended to take Serging Fundamentals following completion of Garment Construction.)

 **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed for those new to serging, those who haven’t used the serger in a while, those afraid of their machines, those who want to build a stronger foundation in their serging knowledge, or those who need a refresh on the basics of serging.  Students learn in-depth knowledge of their sergers, while mastering the fundamentals of serging through making a personal serger guidebook. Students learn to thread the serger correctly, understand tensions, adjust cutting widths, use differential feed, master critical techniques, and learn the basics of construction on a serger.

 **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week 1:** Understanding the Serger; Mechanics, Anatomy and Maintenance; Threading

**Week 2:** The Perfectly Balanced Stitch; Tensions, Stitch Length, Stitch Width

**Week 3:** Differential Feed; The Elements of Serged Seams

**Week 4:** Serging Curves and Corner; Rolled Hems

**Week 5:** Serged Seam Construction Techniques

**Week 6**: Serger Construction Techniques Continued; Intro to Serged Garment Construction Basics

**Week 7:** Serger Garment Construction Basics Continued; Begin Final Project

**Week 8**: Final Project Completed

 **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

* A serviced serger, electric cord, foot pedal, machine manual, and all tools, feet, and accessories that came with the machine
* Notebook and Pen
* An instructor-created kit of supplies
* Any sewing tools student has from Sewing Fundamentals and Sewing Fundamentals Expanded

 **RECOMMENDED READING AND RESOURCES**

* Hincks, Julia. The Serger’s Techniques Bible. New York: St. Martin’s Griffin, 2014.
* Kettle, Liz. Know Your Needles. Pennsylvania: Fox Chapel Publishing Company, 2014.
* Yellen, Gail Patrice. Serger Essentials. Cincinnati: Fons and Porter, 2015.

 **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

* The 1st session of class requires paper and pen, and serger.
* **At the first class, students must buy a kit of supplies ($70.26).** This kit includes tools, serger thread, and materials needed for the first class.
* Some other fabric and notions beyond what is supplied in the kit will be needed. Other supplies will be thoroughly discussed in class.