

Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Class

October 2026-May 2027

There are 3 options for participation in our BML Sewing Class. Each option meets once a month on their assigned Thursday from 4pm-5:30pm. Each group is limited to 12 participants. We will have a waitlist for every filled class.

1. **Youth “Beginner Basics” Sewing**- This group is for youth that are totally new to sewing or have a limited experience. Instruction supports growth in understanding a sewing machine’s function and develops their understanding of working with fabric.
2. **Youth “Stretch Your Sewing Skills”**- this group is for youth that have been sewing for multiple years and are comfortable with a sewing machine’s function, manipulating fabric and are developing skill at visualizing how a project goes together.
3. **Adult Sewing**- this group welcomes any sewing level. It is a chance to reconnect with a past skill or learn a new one. This group will learn about everything covered in the youth groups.

Youth “Beginner Basics” Sewing:

This group will learn about:

Cutting fabric	Threading machine	Needles
Machine Stitches	Back or reverse stitching	Handwheel stitches
Sewing corners	Using templates/patterns	Sewing curves
Clipping corners	Undoing stitches	Pressing
Pinning	Consistent seam widths	Hand needle sewing

Projects could include:

Coasters	Chapstick holder	Simple drawstring bag
Door tidy	Stuffy	Simple shape pillow
Sleep mask	Pillowcase	Fabric box

Youth “Stretch Your Sewing Skills”:

This group will learn about:

Building and marking templates/patterns		Sewing curves
Clipping corners	Pressing	Consistent seam widths
Pinning	Zippers	Hand needle sewing
Snap	Pockets	Buttons/button holes

Elastics

Seam finishing Interfacing

Bias binding/mitered corners

Projects could include:

Totes/bags

Applique

Wallets

Water bottle bag

Earbuds case

Backpack/duffle

Satchel

Adult Sewing:

- This group will learn about everything covered in the youth groups.
- Projects will be based around quilting patterns

Building different quilting blocks supports building your general sewing skills, such as cutting, template usage, consistent seams, curves, corners, and pressing.

The quilt squares will be used to make items such as: a sampler style quilt, tote bags, casserole carrier, water bottle holder, wallets, placemats, and/or pillow

NEW this year - For unscheduled Thursdays anyone who has attended sewing that month can sign up to come for extra sewing time and support. You can work on class projects or bring your own project (materials and pattern). We will do our best to provide support.

- Youth are welcome to bring their machine, but we have a mix of machines available for class time.
- Adults are encouraged to bring their own machine, as a major goal of this group is to build comfort on personal machines, however, a machine is not necessary to sign up for this class.
- Friends of weekly participants will not be allowed to be within the class space.

Before signing up for BML Sewing Class please consider the following:

- ✓ Does this class fit into your schedule?
- ✓ Does the description of the class meet your needs/expectations?
- ✓ We do not offer a “do what you want” sewing time. Classes are 1.5 hours and include skill instruction, sewing, and clean-up.
- ✓ A missed class= a missed skill.

Families are asked to notify Youth Service by calling 207-222-1190 if their child(ren) are not going to be attending their sewing class that week. If a youth misses class for 2 months without notification, they will be removed from the class and that slot will be filled from the waiting list.