

LYNDA MAYNARD DESIGNS

Summer 2023 News

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I started this online business in 2021, in the midst of the pandemic, when the college courses I was teaching moved online. I decided to develop my own classes and that's when this all began.

It's been a couple of years now and I have a collection of 22 classes, and the list is growing. I've been able to teach students from as far away as Australia and as close as right here in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I love helping students enhance their skill sets by delving into the details of sewing, proper fit and pattern making. I teach tips and techniques that result in beautiful, long-lasting garments.

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Registration Open

Fall 2023, Session 1

♦ **Fitting Workshop: The Upper Body**

- ♦ Mondays, 10-11:30am
- ♦ Wednesdays, 5:30-7pm

♦ **Tailoring, Part 3**

- ♦ Mondays, 5-6:30pm

♦ **Sewing with Knits**

- ♦ Tuesdays, 10-11:30am

♦ **The Little Black Dress**

- ♦ Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm
- ♦ Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

♦ **Moulage Workshops**

- ♦ Wednesdays, 12-1:30pm

♦ **Tailoring, Part 1**

- ♦ Thursdays, 10-11:30am

Why Take Moulage This Session?

If you don't have a well-fitting moulage already, take the Moulage class in Fall 2023, Session 1. This will prepare you to take the Altering Commercial Patterns Using a Sloper beginning in October. You'll need that sloper as a pre-requisite for this class. See page 4 for the difference between the moulage class and fitting the upper body.

CLASSES and CATEGORIES

Many of the classes Lynda teaches fall into various categories of skills. For example, the Bustier Workshop is a fitting class and teaches elevated techniques.

Fitting Classes

Lynda offers several classes that include fitting:

- Bustier Workshop
- Fitting Workshop - The Upper Body
- Fitting Workshop - The Lower Body
- Gowns & Party Dresses
- Knits: Drafting Pants and Yoga Pants
- Knits: Drafting a Torso Foundation
- Moulage
- Pants Draft
- Tailoring Series

Pattern Drafting Classes

In the following classes, you'll learn pattern drafting techniques

- Copying Ready to Wear
- Knits: Drafting Pants and Yoga Pants
- Knits: Drafting a Torso Foundation
- Knits: Necklines and Sleeves
- Moulage
- Pants Draft

Sewing Classes

- Bias Basics Workshop
- Bustier Workshop
- Gowns & Party Dresses
- Lingerie Techniques
- Little Black Dress
- Ready to Wear Jacket
- Sewing with Knits
- Summer Capsule Wardrobe
- Summer Wardrobe Essentials
- Tailoring Series
- Thea Boho Shirt

Knits Classes

- Knits: Drafting Pants and Yoga Pants
- Knits: Drafting a Torso Foundation
- Knits: Necklines and Sleeves
- Knits: Sewing with Knits

Elevated Techniques (including couture)

- Bustier Workshop
- Gowns & Party Dresses
- Little Black Dress
- Ready to Wear Jacket
- Summer Capsule Wardrobe
- Tailoring Series
- Thea Boho Shirt

Spring 2023 Survey

A big big thank you!

Thank you to all the students and prospective students who filled out our survey in early March asking about which classes you'd like to see developed for the future. There was quite a bit of consensus and we are busily developing at least one new class each session moving forward. (See below for more details.)

In March of this year I sent out a survey with a list of several classes to gauge what was of most interest to all of you. Here are the top five:

- The Little Black Dress
- Altering Commercial Patterns Using a Sloper (from Moulage class)
- Sewing a Silk Charmeuse and a Chiffon Blouse/Shirt
- Sewing Pants
- Making a Jacket Using Your Bodice Sloper (from Moulage class)

The Little Black Dress class will be taught in **fall 2023, session 1**, beginning August 21. Registration is open for the Tuesday, 5 p.m. or Wednesday 10 a.m. classes.

Altering a commercial pattern using your moulage or bodice sloper will be taught in **fall 2023, session 2**, beginning in October. The pre-requisite for that class is to have a well-fitting moulage. If you don't have one already, you can sign up for my moulage class that begins August 23. Registration is open now.

Sewing the silk blouses will be a 6-week class taught in **summer 2024**. This class will include the sewing of two blouses, one in silk charmeuse and one in silk chiffon.

We will teach a skill building class on sewing pants and skirts. That class will be offered in **winter 2024**. The class will require that students already have a pant sloper (or a commercial pattern) they can work with but we will draft a basic skirt sloper in class. Topics will cover a number of techniques. These include different waistbands, various pockets, closures, yokes, pleats, godets, and waistline closures (zipper and or button placket).

I will teach another new class in **spring 2024** to teach you to use your bodice sloper to draft a pattern for and make your own jacket. This is an exciting opportunity for you to expand your pattern making skills.

Moulage / Pant Draft Class vs. Fitting Classes

There is quite a bit of confusion about the differences between my Moulage Class and my Fitting the Upper Body class. Below I've offered an explanation for those differences along with an explanation of the difference between the Draft and Fitting the Lower Body.

Moulage Class

Moulage is drafting a basic torso block from your personal measurements. This is then made in muslin and fitted. It is skin tight (dress form cover). It may be used for knits (negative ease) and closely fitted bodices.

The perfected moulage is formulaically enhanced to create the bodice sloper. The sloper has wearing ease (sheath dress). The sleeve is then drafted from personal measurements to complete the sloper. The moulage cannot accept a sleeve because there is no wearing ease. The sloper is used to draft patterns.

Fitting the Upper Body

In Fitting the Upper Body you begin with a commercial pattern of your choice. You will come to the first class with a test garment sewn from muslin and we will make adjustments to that garment and transfer those to the pattern.

Pants Draft

The Pants Draft class is drafting a basic pant sloper from your personal measurements. This is then made in muslin and fitted. Using this basic sloper as a foundation, you also draft a jean sloper, and a trouser sloper.

Fitting the Lower Body

In Fitting the Lower Body you begin with a commercial pattern of your choice. You will come to the first class with a test garment and we will fit the garment to your body and transfer those adjustments to the pattern.

(I consider it lower body if it has a crotch, e.g. pants, shorts, jumpsuit, etc.)