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## LEARN TO SEW AND JOIN A WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY OF MAKERS

Welcome to StitchWorks! This 8-week Industrial Sewing Certificate program will teach you the fundamentals of sewing and how to operate the most commonly used industrial sewing machines.

The skills you learn are a gateway to a variety of jobs ranging from:

- **sewing machine operator**, highly structured and steady employment at a large manufacturing plant
- **fashion designer**, highly creative but unpredictable as a career
- **seamstress in an alterations shop**
- **tailor apprentice**

But the opportunities don't stop there. With your new sewing skills, you can:

- invent new products
- design costumes or make home goods to sell on Etsy and at artisan markets
- save thousands of dollars by making clothing for yourself and your family

When you learn how to sew, you **join a world-wide community of people who love working with their hands - The Makers!** Our program will not only give you the skills to help invest in a sustainable future, but also open the door to participating in the reinvention of the apparel manufacturing industry, or exploring your personal creativity and entrepreneurial ambitions.

Over a dozen companies in Central Indiana, big and small, are desperate to hire people who know how to sew. Once you're trained, **the StitchWorks team can help you find a job**, or perhaps even offer you an apprenticeship.

Example of local companies that hire sewing machine operators:

1. Indy Imaging, Indianapolis IN: garments and flags
2. Yardarm Fabrication, Indianapolis IN: gloves and filter bags
3. Hoverstream LLC, Indianapolis IN: boat covers and skirts
4. Gared Sports, Noblesville IN: soccer nets, basketball nets, and other sporting goods
5. People For Urban Progress, Indianapolis IN: backpacks and bags

**Average hourly wages start at \$15/hour and can go up to \$20/hour. Many companies offer benefits as well.**

As a business owner, there is no ceiling to how much revenue you can make.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### What you'll learn:

- How to use industrial machines (straight-stitch, serger/overlock, and coverstitch) and other equipment
- Manufacturing terminology & processes
- Basic specification and tape measure reading
- Hand and machine sewing methods, along with finishing and hemming
- How to work with different types of fabrics
- Safety and ergonomic principles for a safe work environment

### Logistics:

- **Prior sewing experience needed:** None
- **Length of program:** 8 weeks, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. including one 15-minute break
- **Location of program:** In-person, at Circle City Industrial Complex, inside Project Lia at 1125 E. Brookside Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46204
- **Size of class:** 6-10 people
- **Parking:** Free parking is available in the lot across the road from program location
- **Bus stop information:** Brookside Ave & Arsenal Ave (3 minute walk) & 10th St & Brookside Ave (4 minute walk), Lines 10 & 21

### Cost:

- **Cost of program:** \$3,000 includes tuition, materials and tools and class curriculum
- **Financial aid:** At this time, we have no scholarships available
- **Payment options:** Prospective students are welcome to pre-pay for a class on a monthly basis, lay-away style.
- **Payment details:** Payment is due in full up front.
- **Refund details:** Those who decide to withdraw from a class on or before Day 5 receive a 100% refund. Those who withdraw anytime during Week 2 get 50% tuition back. No refund is given if the course is dropped in Week 3 or after.

### When you graduate:

- You'll have a portfolio of work and sewing samples.
- You'll receive a Certificate of Completion.
- You'll be eligible to apply for On-the-Job Training (OJT), with StitchWorks, or at an apprenticeship site approved by the US Dept. of Labor.
- Your information will be shared with our network of employers and you'll have an opportunity to interview for a job.
- If you go through the program in order to launch your own brand or business, we will connect you with a business coach to help you get your startup off the ground.

### Upcoming classes:

- October 25 - December 17, 2021
- January 10 - March 11, 2022

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