**Studio Projects Overview**

Most of our students join as beginners and some students stay with us for up to several years. We recommend that kids are at least 8 years old before they start sewing machine classes but we have added the “Combo” classes (Combo 1, Combo 2 and Combo 3) for kids 7 - 10. After the Combo class they will work through BSM1, BSM2 and BSM3 before moving up to the “Intermediate” level. Kids 8 and above can start at BSM1 or they can do the Combo first but if a student is over 10 we recommend starting at BSM1 as they may find the felt projects too juvenile.

Levels

* Beginner Sewing Machine & Hand Sewing Combo 1

Students work partly on hand sewing and partly on machine sewing. The projects are all felt with pre-marked stitch lines. (Main project is a pillow)

* Beginner Sewing Machine & Hand Sewing Combo 2

Students work partly on hand sewing and partly on machine sewing. The projects are all felt with pre-marked stitch lines. (Main project is a tote bag)

* Beginner Sewing Machine & Hand Sewing Combo 3

Students work partly on hand sewing and partly on machine sewing. The projects are all felt with pre-marked stitch lines. (Main project is bunting)

* Beginner Sewing Machine 1 (BSM1)

New students will start with the Introductory Felt Pouch to learn the basics of the sewing machine. If they made this project at the Combo class they can make a “Zippered Pencil Case” instead. The project is a “Personality Pillow” and includes sewing with woven cotton, applique and making a pocket.

* Beginner Sewing Machine 2 (BSM2)

The project is a “Charm Square Apron”. Students sew together rows of 5” squares to make apron front, they add a “kangaroo pocket”, a lining and grommets (optional).

* Beginner Sewing Machine 3 (BSM3)

The project is a “Beach Tote Bag” and students are encouraged to get creative by making their own “layered” applique design. Students make a lining, a box bottom, straps and there is an option to add a hidden zippered pocket.

* Intermediate

Projects are decided according to the experience and ability of the students in the class but may include pajama pants, skirts, shorts, zippered pouch, stuffed animal etc.