

5-Day Palmer/Pletsch Workshop Fit & Sew Jeans Vancouver, Washington (just north of Portland, Oregon)

Dear Attendee,

This 5-day workshop is held at:



Sew-Op + Maker Space

1507 Broadway
Vancouver, WA 98663
(360) 227-5005
sewopmakerspace.com

Sew-Op + Maker Space is located in Downtown Vancouver, Washington, just 15 minutes from Portland International Airport. It is equipped with everything you'd expect for a fantastic sewing workshop experience. There is ample pressing and cutting space and Bernina sewing machines for your classroom use. Owner Anna Miller offers an astounding collection of vintage fabrics plus modern notions and the region's yummiest chocolates for sale in her shop. Sew-Op is located close to great food and coffee and less than two miles from Fred Meyer for groceries and incidentals.

The workshop runs from 9am to 5pm each day. Lunch is provided. Registrants will receive a detailed schedule.

Our "ideal suggested schedule" while you are here is to arrive the day before the workshop and get settled in at the place you choose to stay. For years we have used the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. They offer a special Palmer/Pletsch rate. However, now that we are holding our workshops in different locations, that option may not be as convenient as finding accommodations closer to the class venue. A few suggestions:

[Homewood Suites by Hilton](#)

701 SE Columbia Shores Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

[The Briar Rose Inn](#)

314 W 11th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

[The Hilton Vancouver](#)

301 W 6th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

[The Heathman Lodge](#)

7801 NE Greenwood Dr.
Vancouver, WA 98662

Uber and Lyft are the most reasonable ways to get to all areas of Portland from the airport. Or, if you decide to stay at the Monarch next to Clackamas Town Center mall, the hotel van can pick you up at the airport. Call when you get your luggage.

[Monarch Hotel](#)

12566 S.E. 93rd Ave
Portland, Oregon 97015.

Palmer/Pletsch workshop attendees enjoy a discount. To reserve a room call 1-800-492-8700 or email the hotel directly at rescenter@monarchnotel.cc. Mention you are with Palmer/Pletsch and request our rate which includes a daily coupon for 10% off dining at this property. More details [here](#).



For those of you interested in shopping for fabric in Portland's incredible fabric stores, read on. Thank you and see you soon!

Pati Palmer *Helen Bartley*

Bring the Following to the Jeans Fit & Sew Workshop

Sew-Op, the location of our class, will have the notions you may need to replenish such as ½" Scotch Magic Tape, 1-3/8" .5 mm glass head pins, Perfect Pattern Paper, and recent Palmer/Pletsch books, and most in spiral.

- **Dress comfortably.** Layers are best. Consider full cover undies if modesty is of concern. Avoid tights and anything that compresses your shape. You will be trying on your pattern tissue and pin-fitting your fabric.
- **Sewing machines.** Bernina sewing machines are provided. If you prefer to bring your own, don't forget extra bobbins, zipper foot, and needles.
- **Book: *Fit and Sew Custom Jeans*** by Helen Bartley—spiral bound is best for viewing on a tabletop.
- **Covered, refillable water bottle** labeled with your name.
- **Sewing and alteration supplies:**



- ___ Fabric scissors
- ___ Paper scissors or rotary cutter for trimming patterns and sharp fabric shears
- ___ Thread clips or embroidery scissors, tape measure, 6" hem gauge, seam ripper
- ___ 1 3/8" extra-fine glass-head pins (.5mm size is best—it will not bend when piercing cardboard)
- ___ 1 large hand sewing needle.
- ___ Sewing machine needles: Jeans or denim 90/14 and 100/16
- ___ ½" Scotch Magic tape (in green box) in a weighted dispenser. No substitutes. Tape will be available for purchase.
- ___ 1 1/2" non-roll elastic cut to a little longer than your waist with ends lapped and pinned with a safety pin or Velcro sewn to ends. Pamela's Fantastic Elastic works great.
- ___ A pack of Perfect Pattern Paper
- ___ 1/2 yard of prewashed cotton fabric for pocket linings. Choose a fun print or solid.
- ___ 1/8" wide double-stick basting tape for applying zipper
- ___ A see-through, gridded plastic ruler
- ___ A soft lead pencil (#2-4) or Crayola pencil that won't go through tissue.
- ___ A red and green (or blue) fine-tip permanent marker to mark final alterations for left and right sides of body.

IF YOU DO NOT PURCHASE THE KIT DESCRIBED ON THE NEXT PAGE, ALSO BRING:

- ___ Denim fabric **that has been washed and dried 3 times.** Denim shrinks significantly.
- ___ PerfectFuse Sheer Interfacing for pocket tops and fly and Medium interfacing for waistbands, preshrunk.
- ___ Metal zipper size 4.5 (this is the size of the teeth and tab) 9" or 11"
OR any length over 9" standard poly coil zipper.
- ___ Thread for seams and basting: Gütermann Mara 100 All Purpose Thread, Tex 30
- ___ Thread for topstitching: Gütermann Mara 70 Top Stitch/Buttonhole Thread, Tex 40
- ___ Rivets and tack buttons

Mark your supplies with your name before class.

Please do not wear perfume. We have found that some students have allergies to it.

Palmer/Pletsch Jeans Kit:

This kit is available for \$95. After several jeans workshops and sewing many, *many* pairs of jeans, we have determined the best way for you to get your best fit and opportunity to complete your jeans during the workshop is for us to make a kit with our very favorite supplies available to our workshop attendees. We highly recommend that you take advantage of this offering or that you shop with the specifics of this list.

The kit includes:

Pattern: A Palmer/Pletsch straight-leg jeans pattern. The legs can be tapered a bit and it is a good, versatile pattern.

Denim: 57" dark indigo, 98% cotton/2% spandex, 10 oz., in yardage for your size, prewashed for you.

Threads:

For seams and basting: Gütermann Mara 100 All Purpose Thread - Tex 30 - 1,093 Yds. - #755

For topstitching: Gütermann Mara 70 Top Stitch/Buttonhole Thread - Tex 40 - 765 Yds. - #448

Interfacing: PerfectFuse Sheer for pocket tops and fly, PerfectFuse Light or medium for waistband

Sewing machine needles: Denim or microtex size 100/16

Zipper: Navy metal or coil zipper

Rivets and tack buttons: Ring-style rivets and a jeans tack button in your choice of finish will be provided along with use of our industrial rivet press. If you are unable to complete your jeans to the point of hardware during the workshop, you will go home with a set of hammer-in rivets and jean button.

Please let us know if you'd like to purchase a kit by emailing Helen Bartley at helen@seamdivas.com We will have a couple of questions for you to customize your kit and have it ready for you when you arrive at the workshop. You may make payment directly to Helen when you are here.

Alternate Jeans Pattern to Bring (not included in kit)

Any Jeans pattern will work. We are very familiar with these:

Closet Core *Ginger* or *Morgan*

Megan Nielsen *Ash* or *Dawn*

Cashmerette *Ames*

Butterick 5682

Workroom Social *Claryville Jean* <https://workroomsocial.com/shop/patterns/>

Note: If you choose a pdf pattern, you **MUST** trace it to Perfect Pattern Paper in order to tissue fit. Consider time limitations. You may want to save this task for your next pair after the workshop. The tracing cannot be done beforehand because size is determined in the workshop.

We will provide

Our Palmer/Pletsch straight-leg jean pattern: Butterick 6840

Palmer/Pletsch Certified Sewing Instructors: This workshop will give you 50 PDUs.

OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

HAVE YOUR COLORS DONE!



When someone says, “You look amazing today!” chances are you’re wearing a color that perfectly complements your natural beauty. Learn how to determine your best colors with image consultant and color expert Ethel.

Ethel expands the four-season color concept with her own color system, to help us understand how the colors we wear can complement our own hair, skin and eye colors. She will then teach you how to translate this knowledge into creating a wardrobe that truly flatters.

Portland-based Ethel Harms is an award-winning image consultant who has been helping people look beautiful for over 30 years. As the Image instructor for the Palmer/Pletsch International School of Sewing, she has worked with people from all over the world to define their best image. She is featured in the Palmer/Pletsch book *Looking Good...Every Day!*

Book your appointment at her Lake Oswego studio for the day before the workshop. Ethel will then bring your custom color palette to the workshop and show you how to shop for your best colors.

The Color Analysis price for Palmer/Pletsch workshop students is \$200.00 (reg. \$250). Book your appointment directly with Ethel by calling 503-699-5501 or e-mail eharms@msn.com. For more about Ethel Harms, visit www.yourimageconsultant.com.

TOUR THE AREA

If you have time to tour our beautiful region before or after the workshop, or if you have a companion with you who came to tour, here are just a few suggestions:

- Drive the “loop” going up into the stunning Columbia River Gorge on Highway 84. At Hood River, turn up to Mt. Hood, visit the historic Timberline Lodge, and drive back to Portland on Highway 26.
- We are only 1½ hours from the coast.
- The MAX line to downtown is just across from the Monarch Hotel and the Portland Streetcar is near the Hotel Eastlund.
- The Spirit of Portland has a wonderful lunch and dinner river cruise that is quite reasonable and showcases why we are called the "city of bridges." Google can provide more information.
- Maryhill Museum houses the famous Théâtre de la Mode dolls from the 1940s. Palmer/Pletsch published a book on the history of the collection. The museum is open April to November and is about a 2 hour drive east on 84. Stop at Multnomah Falls on the way! You could have breakfast at the lodge and lunch at Maryhill.

FABRIC SHOPPING IN PORTLAND

Portland has many wonderful fabric stores. Using an app for navigation makes it easy for you to shop alone or as a group. You may find us meeting up with you somewhere because we like to shop too!

Request a class list before you book travel if you want to try to put together a shopping group. Shopping the day before gives you a chance to buy fabric for class projects. (Though you won't have altered your pattern(s), so it would be a good idea to purchase a little more yardage than the pattern chart indicates.) Shopping after allows you to make friends and ask who would like to shop with you.



The stores below are grouped in an efficient order to visit. Avoiding freeways is a way to counter traffic in morning or mid to late afternoon. If you are staying at the Monarch Hotel, start with the Mill End store right off highway 224 then Pendleton is about 4 blocks away.

[Bolt Neighborhood Fabric Boutique](#)

4636 NE 42nd Ave, Suite C
Portland, OR 97218

Bolt moved to a larger space that is very light. They carry fashion wovens and knits and hand-selected cottons for quilting and fashion.

[Modern Domestic](#)

422 NE NE Alberta St.
Portland, OR 97211

Modern Domestic sells Bernina sewing machines and a nice selection of fashion fabrics and cottons as well as unique notions.

[Josephine's Dry Goods](#)

2609 SE Clinton St.
Portland, OR 97202

Josephine's carries high-end silks, woolens, a large selection of Liberty cottons as well as Palmer/Pletsch Interfacings.

[Mill End Store](#)

9721 SW McLoughlin Blvd.
Milwaukie, OR 97222

This is a BIG store so allow plenty of time to explore their selection of wool, silk, linen, knits, outerwear, cottons, and evening fabrics.

[Pendleton Woolen Mill Store](#)

8550 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Portland, OR 97222

The store carries Pendleton yardage including plaids, coatings, pre-cut pieces, and a large range of Pendleton blankets and home accessories. Also bulk zippers and unusual items for sewing and crafting.

TIPS: Photo pattern envelopes for yardage. Bring swatches of anything you want to match. Shop buttons. Bring color palette if you had your colors done. Wear comfortable shoes.

FABRIC SHOPPING DAY LUNCH SUGGESTIONS

(Check with these restaurants ahead of time to see if there are any COVID-19 restrictions.)

Near Josephine's

[Broder Cafe](#)

2508 SE Clinton St.
Portland, OR 97202

[Little T Baker](#)

2600 SE Division
Portland, OR 97202

Near Modern Domestic

[La Petite Provence](#)

1824 NE Alberta St
Portland, OR 97211

[Café Reina](#)

4943 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Portland, OR 97211

Near Bolt

[Miss Zumstein's Bakery & Coffeeshop](#)

5027 NE 42nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97218

[Grain & Gristle](#)

1473 NE Prescott St.
Portland, OR 97221

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