

Unlock the Hidden Talents of YOUR Overlocker

with Stitch 56 and Sandy Gagnon

Class Outline

Session 1:

- *Get to know the parts & functions of your overlocker*
 - *learn about the tools to make the job easier*
 - *Threads and needles*
 - *Get READY to use your overlocker*
 - *Get SET to take off*
 - *and GO - see what can be created on your first outing! SEAMS like we can get this covered!*
 - *REST and take a breath - be kind to your new best friend with regular TLC*
 - *Take off Home with a wearable fashion accessory*
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Session 2:

- *Expand on the basic techniques - know how to approach those corners and curves*
 - *Hope your feathers don't get RUFFLED while trying this technique!*
 - *Ah-HEM! - got your attention now? **Rolling** right along to a very useful stitch, but don't MOCK others along the way.*
 - *Don't get stuck along the FLATlocking road to decorative stitches*
 - *Prepare to cook up a storm with your APRON of techniques*
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Session 3:

- *Get over the Finish line with your APRON techniques*
 - *Autumn is approaching so let's be prepared with either the FRASER sweatshirt Sewaholic Patterns, or the BRIAR long-sleeved t-shirt from Megan Nielsen (printed paper pattern included in your class tuition)*
 - *Combine your overlocker's talents and your new-found confidence to create a unique garment ready for the cooler weather*
 - *Make this versatile top over 2 sessions incorporating basic and decorative techniques*
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Session 4:

- *Put the finishing touches on FRASER or BRIAR and revel in the Overlocking magic you can now create!*
- *Given the stars that you have become, you can WRAP up with a very quick final project, then...*
- *Go home with your cozy, cool-weather items ready to pour a cuppa, curl up on the sofa, and plan your next exciting overlocking project!*

Supply List

EACH SESSION:

- Overlocker: in good working condition
- Overlocker Manual
- Overlocking tools: screwdriver to enable removal/replacing needles; tweezers; snips;
- Needles: Needle type that is compatible with your machine: Size 80 universal; other sizes/types as required (70 for very fine fabric, 90 for heavier fabric, ball point for knits)
- Thread: Overlocker x 4 colours to coordinate with the patterned cotton – need to have distinct contrast between each thread
- Fabric: Cotton/calico scraps 10cm x 20cm - plain colour different from threads
- Other: Scissors, seam ripper, general measuring and marking items, etc

SESSION 1:

- *FABRIC: 150 cm wide x 35-50 cm long - soft drape fabric - woven or knit; (make sure that the fabric is cut straight across and ends are of equal length)*
- *plus some scraps of the above fabric for testing the tension/stitches*
- *Overlocking Thread: 3 spools to coordinate/blend with above fabric (can be from 500/1000/2500m spools or cones)*

SESSION 2:

- ***MAIN Fabric:*** 60cm wide x 80cm long cotton/linen or light weight drill for main apron
- ***#1 Coordinating Cotton or Linen Fabric cut and labelled:***
 - *Ties - 1 strip of 12cm long x width of fabric*
 - *Neck Band - 1 strip of 12cm long x 60 cm*
 - *Ruffle - 2 strips of 12cm long x width of fabric*
 - *Pocket Band - 1 x 30cm wide x 15 cm long*
- ***#2 Coordinating Cotton or Linen fabric cut and labelled:***
 - *Side Bands: 2 - 20 cm wide x 60cm long*
 - *Top Band: 1 - 25cm wide x 15cm long*
 - *Pocket: 1 - 30cm wide x 25cm long*
- *Coordinating overlocker thread x 3*
- *Decorative thread x 1*
- *Project Fabric scraps to test stitches & tension*

SESSION 3:

- *Unfinished items from Session 2*
- *Fabric cut out as per FRASER or BRIAR pattern requirements*
- *Coordinating threads*
- *Notions as per FRASER or BRIAR pattern requirements*
- *Cotton twill tape ~ 6mm either white or black to blend with fabric colour*

SESSION 4:

- *Unfinished items from Session 3*
- *Fabric of your choice - softer drape 150cm wide x 70cm long*
- *thread to match/coordinate/blend*