

# Open sewing studio

This is an in-person event

Date July 16, 2025

Time 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location Collaboratory

Event type [Urban homesteading](#)

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## Event overview

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Reserve a time to use the library's sewing machines to work on your own projects. Bring your own materials. Equipment available for you to use at the booking includes:

- Janome 2030 QDC-B and 2030 DC-G sewing machines;
- Sewing and dressmaking shears
- Rotary cutters and cutting mats
- Irons and ironing boards
- Dressmaker's chalk
- Measuring tapes
- Pins
- Bobbins
- Denim needles and ball point/jersey needles.

## Book a sewing machine

1. Email us at [info@nvcl.ca](mailto:info@nvcl.ca) or call [604-998-3490](tel:604-998-3490) to book a machine for the **same day or up to one day in advance**. You will need your library card and be in good standing to book a machine. **Your booking is not confirmed until you hear from us.**
2. Sewing machines are available for 1 – 3 hours during open sewing sessions.
3. If you are more than 10 minutes late for your booking, your spot will be opened to another user.

## Guidelines

- Open sewing is not a class; we will not be working on projects together. A staff member will be present to assist with basic questions and setup, but no instruction will take place.
- Please bring your own projects and supplies. Scraps will be available for testing only.
- If this is your first time using the library's sewing machines, please read the [Sewing Machine Guidelines and Disclaimer\(352 KB\)](#).
- Open sewing and use of library sewing machines is only available to people 13 and older with a library card in good standing; kids 12 and younger must work with an adult caregiver.

Open sewing at the library is a self-learning environment. Need help? Here are some learning resources to get you started:

#### **Library sewing machine resources:**

- [NVCL's guide to Janome 2030 QDC-B sewing machine](#)
- [Janome 2030 QDC-B Product page](#)
- [Threading the Janome 2030 QDC video](#)

#### **Beginner projects on Creativebug\*:**

- [Sewing Machine Basics](#) (7 minutes)
- [Basic sewing: Seams](#) (14 minutes)
- [Sew a butterfly wrap](#) (13 minutes)
- [Beginner sewing: Market tote bag](#) (37 minutes)
- [Sew the wanderlust tee](#) (29 minutes)

\*Creativebug is a [Digital Library resource](#) and can be accessed with your library card.

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