

COUTURE BLOUSE BUILDING BLOCKS A Seminar Series

The couture blouse building blocks seminar series is designed to help you master some of the essential sewing techniques, or building blocks, that are used in couture work today. By acquiring this knowledge, it is hoped that you will be inspired to create high quality, beautiful, custom garments for yourself, your clients, or both.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Each of the three six-hour long seminars will comprise both lecture presentation and hands-on work. They will feature the key building blocks required to make a couture blouse including:

- *pattern layout and cutting,*
- *thread marking,*
- *basting,*
- *hand overcast stitch,*
- *slip stitch,*
- *reinforcing shoulders with organza strips,*
- *making fabric loops,*
- *attaching loops,*
- *making a facing with keyhole openings,*
- *set-in sleeve, and*
- *hems.*

Two weeks are provided between each session so that you have time to finish your blouse in logical steps. A checklist will be provided so you know what work to have completed before the next session.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Once your blouse is finished, you will have a stylish couture garment that is worth as much retail as you paid for the seminar; and, you will walk away with the know-how to apply these techniques on all your future garments.

WHERE

Sewing Room
Career Education Center (CEC)
2650 Eliot Street
Denver, CO 80211
(Free parking)

WHEN

3 days – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday – April 8, 2017
Saturday, April 22, 2017
Saturday, May 6, 2017

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

ASDP members	\$340
Non-members	\$395
Students	\$300

(Includes Vogue blouse pattern 9456 and technical notes on how to undertake each couture technique (i.e., a building block).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BRING

- **Basic hand sewing kit including:** fabric, scissors, hand sewing needles, tape measure, pins, fabric marker, different colored threads. Also universal sewing machine needles
- **Fashion Cotton Fabric** (i.e., shirting cotton, Egyptian cotton – a quality cotton)
 - Allow 2 yds. (if fabric is 45 inches wide)
 - Allow 1 ¼ yd. (if fabric is 60 inches wide)
- **Matching thread** for fashion fabric

NOTE: Sewing machines and sergers are provided.

WHO IS YOUR INSTRUCTOR?



Clara Dittli was born in Switzerland. At the age of 16, she began an intensive four-year apprenticeship and education program in the fashion industry. This program combined hands-on work at a private atelier (i.e., a studio of professional seamstresses and tailors) with formal studies at both the Trade and Business School of Luzern and the School of Arts, University of Zurich.

After graduation, she further enhanced her skills while working at three different couture houses in Zurich – Grieder, Wigert, and Oscar Rom. Grieder was licensed to construct original Yves Saint Laurent designs for clients, which Clara had the opportunity to work on during her time there. In 1987, she moved to Denver and opened a home-based couture sewing studio.

Clara also teaches couture sewing techniques to local and national groups, and conducts private lessons for students and fashion industry professionals in her home studio. In 2016, two of her students were accepted for study at several prestigious fashion schools including ones in New York, London and Paris.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Fee category (i.e., ASDP member, student, or non-member) _____

Bust measurement in inches _____
(For assigning blouse pattern size)

Please detach this registration form and mail it to the Seminar Treasurer by March 25, 2017 along with a check or money order made payable to **The Association of Sewing and Design Professionals** or **ASDP**.

Mail to: ASDP Treasurer
Ms. Dot Treece
13451 Shoshone Street
Westminster, CO 80033

Registration is limited and on a first come first serve basis so please register as early as possible.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No cancellation refunds will be given after March 31, 2017. Prior to this date, a \$50 cancellation fee will be charged. There is also a \$30 fee for returned checks.

AGENDA

9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Morning session

12:00 noon to 12:30 pm
There is a half hour lunch break

**Bring your own lunch
Beverage and/or water bottle**

12 30 pm to 3:00 pm
Afternoon Session



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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With

Clara Dittli

European-trained Couturier

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