

**SEWING TOOLS—BIG AND SMALL**

Prepare the list of the small sewing supplies and equipment each student needs to bring to use in class. Give each student a copy of the list and have examples of various types of small sewing tools and equipment ready to display and discuss. Show each piece of equipment to the students and explain how each piece is used. If necessary, pass the equipment around for more cursory inspection. At the same time, the teacher may also display examples of poor quality or inferior equipment so the students don't make undesirable purchases.

An example of required sewing supplies might be:

- Sharp scissors or shears
- Dressmaker, silk, or ball-point pins
- Pin cushion
- Measuring tape
- Adjustable seam gauge
- Seam ripper
- Hand needles (sharp, size 7-8)
- Washable marking pen
- Dressmaker's pencil
- Safety pins

Also use this opportunity to show the students some other types of supplies that they may be using and choose to purchase but that they are not required to bring. Examples of these might be:

- Quick snips or thread nippers
- Bee's wax
- Tailor's chalk or tracing wheel and paper
- Point turner
- Thimble

Be sure to have the students put their names on each piece of equipment they bring to school. Remind them that all of the required supplies do not have to be new as long as they are functioning properly.

Now introduce and/or review the larger pieces of sewing equipment that will be used, including:

- Sewing machines
- Sergers
- Rotary cutters and mats
- Ironing and pressing equipment
- Other _____

Note: These example lists only deal with tools and equipment. They do not include other items that might be necessary for your program, such as hangers, file folders, basting thread, etc.