



The Total Package



**Start Your Own
Home-Based
Alterations Business**



Tools
of the
Trade

ALTERATIONS BY PHYLLIS

All about running your own alterations & sewing business from home!

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Are You Ready To Explore Basic Tools Of The Trade PLUS Wish List For Later? This Section Is For Sewing Business Specialists because your intent is to DIVERSIFY and THRIVE

TOOLS OF THE TRADE FOR A SUCCESSFUL HOME-BASED ALTERATIONS BUSINESS!

You will need at least these many items to get started

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewing machine that handles the thickness of jeans hems• Sewing machine cabinet or table• Office chair• Ironing board• Iron• Cutting surface (I use the dining room table)• Equipment manuals (keep nearby or don't forget where they are)• Closet area for garment safekeeping• Hangers• Ruler• Measuring tape• Pins – straight pins• Pins – safety pins• Tool kit – sewing machine (keep nearby) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seam ripper• Scissors/shears• Pinking shears• Nippers or small scissors• Colored thread spools• Colored thread bobbins• Box Tailor's chalk• Waste basket• Appointment calendar• Computer for bookkeeping, client list, social media, etc.• Receipt book or online invoicing• Pens• Phone and messaging• Storage for miscellaneous, e.g. hem tape, interfacing, buttons, hooks & eyes, zippers, patch fabric, etc.• Floor Length mirror |
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Here is a Wish List of all the lovely tools of the trade you hope to have one day!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sewing machine that handles the thickness of jeans hems• Sewing machine that handles lightweights and medium weights + buttonholer• 4-spool tabletop serger• Blind hemmer tabletop (inexpensive through outlets like Overstock.com)• Embroidery machine, home type for monogramming and custom jobs• Industrial/commercial power sewing machine (for contract sewing volume)• Office chairs• Ironing board• Irons (one on hand for when the other conks out)• Cutting surfaces• Equipment manuals (know where they are and keep nearby)• Closet areas, 1 for unfinished jobs and 1 for finished jobs• Hangers• Rulers, various sizes• Measuring tapes• Pins – straight | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pins – safety• Machine tool kits (keep nearby)• Seam rippers• Cutting shears• Pinking shears• Nippers or small scissors• Colored thread spools• Colored thread bobbins• Box tailor's chalk• Waste basket• Appointment calendar• Computer for bookkeeping, client list, etc.• Receipt book or online invoicing• Pens• Landlines or 1 smart phone + messaging• Storage areas for miscellaneous e.g. hem tape, interfacing, buttons, scrap, etc.• Pressing ham• Foldable pressing board (for sleeves and pant legs)• Plastic garment bags• Floor length mirror• Collection of buttons, hem facing, zippers, seam binding, snaps, hooks & eyes, your favorite stuff |
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See! I bet you have all this stuff already. Nothing stopping you now!