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**Your Way
to Home Business
Success Now & After
COVID-19**

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

You Already Have This Stuff



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The \$100 Startup for Super-Hero Sewists



ALTERATIONS BY PHYLLIS
with
DANCING FABRICS

If you sew and sew well, you don't need to despair a lost job because you can grab just \$100 from somewhere and get going providing alterations and sewing services including fabric artistry that people are still seeking from the comfort of your home.

The time is now. Get going!

**Home Sewing Business
Success *During & After*
COVID-19**

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Tools of the Trade

Imagine that you're sitting in your dedicated sewing room just a year from now surveying all that you've created with great satisfaction.

In one corner of the room is your attractive, eclectic and maybe even quirky collection of sewing machines and tools that customers admire.

Across one of the walls you display your emerging brand of women's designer clothing line consisting of pullover hoodie, leggings, tank or tee, flared skirt short dress for over leggings and skort/shorts. Just 5 hot items that clients can't leave without.

And what's a wardrobe without its designer handbag that you've acquired the perfect machine to stitch up and clients go gaga over.

Folded neatly on display in another area is your emerging brand of children's clothing, baby layettes, adorable toys, simple and irresistible designs.

Available on shelves are DIY kits of various types – hand embroidery, beginner sewing for kids, fabric painting, fabric marker coloring, cut and sew – you conjure it, you create it!

Unforgotten are other fab items you've created that perhaps are not fabric artistry yet are complementary such as paper creations, bead art, ceramics – honestly, don't let me overwhelm you with YOUR.OWN.TALENT.

How can you achieve your new REAL normal?

Let me show you.

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Are You Ready To Explore Basic Tools Of The Trade PLUS Wish List For Later?

**This Section Is For New As Well As For Existing Sewing Business
Specialists *Specifically During and Post COVID-19* – 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 | <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!

Next you may want to visit my Amazon [author page](#) and peruse the following short reads that could answer all your burning questions about a home sewing and alterations business/

Or visit my website for an even better short reads deal [here](#).

Skills Assessment – Do You Have What It Takes?

14 Essential Business Setup Tasks, Step-by-Step, In Exact Order

How Much Money Can I Expect To Make?

How To Prevail Alongside Competition

How To Write A One-Page Easy Business Plan

How To Deal with Invoicing, Bookkeeping & Taxes

Tools of the Trade

How To Write Store Policies To Save Your Butt

Don't Want People In Your House? Loads of Alternatives, Darling!