

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Workshop Title: From Everyday to Elevated: 2-Day Crop Top & Denim Pocket Top Workshop with Sandra Lee Chandler

Dates & Times: August 8 & 9, 2025

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (both days)

Virtual via Zoom

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

Lesson Plan Overview

Day 1: Simplicity Crop Top S9045

Theme: Learn the basics of garment sewing while creating a stylish, comfortable crop top using Simplicity Pattern S9045.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how to read a commercial sewing pattern
- Identify appropriate fabrics and materials
- Practice measuring and cutting accurately
- Construct basic garment seams and edges
- Complete a wearable crop top from start to finish

Time Breakdown:

- **9:00 – 9:15 AM** – Welcome, overview, and introductions
- **9:15 – 9:45 AM** – Pattern walkthrough and fabric discussion
- **9:45 – 11:00 AM** – Cutting and construction: seams, darts, and basic structure
- **11:00 – 12:15 PM** – Assembly: attaching pieces, neckline and hem finishing
- **12:15 – 1:00 PM** – Q&A, troubleshooting, and sharing progress

Materials Needed:

- Simplicity Pattern S9045
- Fabric as required (check pattern envelope)
- Sewing machine (straight stitch)
- Matching thread
- Fabric scissors, rotary cutter, ruler, and cutting mat
- Pins or Wonder Clips
- Measuring tape, seam ripper

Day 2: Denim Deconstructed Pocket Top

Theme: Turn old denim into fashion gold by creating a deconstructed pocket crop top with repurposed jeans.

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to select and deconstruct denim garments
- Explore creative design placement using recycled pockets
- Adjust Simplicity S9045 for heavier fabric types
- Construct a custom denim pocket top using sustainable practices

Time Breakdown:

- **9:00 – 9:15 AM** – Welcome back, recap, denim material overview
- **9:15 – 10:15 AM** – Denim deconstruction and pattern prep
- **10:15 – 11:30 AM** – Layout, pocket placement, and garment assembly
- **11:30 – 1:00 PM** – Stitching, fitting, Q&A, and final wrap-up

Materials Needed:

- Simplicity Pattern S9045
- Deconstructed denim (amount per pattern)
- 30 assorted denim pockets (from old jeans)
- Optional fabric: upcycled tablecloths or woven material
- All tools from Day 1

Event Highlights:

- Two Full Days of Virtual Sewing Instruction with Sandra Lee Chandler
- Create Two Unique Crop Tops: One with New Fabric, One with Upcycled Denim
- Learn Pattern Use, Fabric Handling, and Creative Denim Techniques
- Live Q&A, Tips & Tricks, and Community Sharing Time