

### About Janet Dapson and Fabrications

Your Michigan Sewing Vacation instructor is Janet Dapson, a Palmer/Pletsch Certified Sewing Instructor. Janet has attained the Palmer/Pletsch master level of Educational Associate, specializing in bodice/skirt/dress/pant fitting and tailoring techniques. In addition to Palmer/Pletsch Sewing Vacations, she offers basic to advanced sewing classes, including garment fitting and construction, at her specialty fabric store, *Fabrications* Fabric Warehouse, located in Richland, Michigan near Kalamazoo.



The *Fabrications* Fabric Warehouse, is a fun, funky space, which includes the *Accouters* classroom. The shop occupies approximately 1,200 square feet at the *Village Common*, a charming cottage complex in the Village of Richland. The classroom space is in a partitioned section of the retail shop, allowing quick access to needed supplies. Classroom furnishings include sturdy sewing tables, adjustable office chairs, Sew-Brite cutting tables, and Reliable irons and ironing stations.

All fabrics are hand selected and are primarily natural fibers; silks, wools, cottons, rayons and linens. Unusual blends are a specialty, with combinations such as wool/cashmere, wool/silk, silk/cotton, wool/Lycra and silk/Lycra. The focus on natural fibers extends to the exquisite yarns found in the *Fabrications* Yarn Cottage in the same complex. Along with quality yarns and fabrics, *Fabrications* carries a variety of notions used during your Sewing Vacations, plus Palmer/Pletsch books, DVDs, Perfect Pattern Paper, and PerfectFuse Interfacings.

### About Palmer/Pletsch Sewing Vacations

Palmer/Pletsch has become known for its successes in teaching people to fit. Hundreds of students from around the world have gone to Portland, Oregon for Palmer/Pletsch sewing workshops. Palmer/Pletsch satellite centers are located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Seattle, Washington, as well as near Kalamazoo, Michigan at *Fabrications*. Palmer/Pletsch workshops provide a unique educational experience at a reasonable price. Class sizes are small enough for each student to receive personal attention. These 2-, 4-, and 5-day workshops are intensive. You will be immersed in fitting and sewing without outside interruptions! Considering the number of hours involved, the cost of a workshop breaks down to less than \$26.00 per hour and includes lunches, snacks and drinks.

Treat yourself to the ultimate Sewing Vacation at *Fabrications*!

For complete details about Michigan Sewing Vacations and to register, go to [www.palmerpletsch.com](http://www.palmerpletsch.com) and click on "Workshops". Or go to <https://www.palmerpletsch.com/workshops-intro/>. Registration is limited for all workshops. Sign up early to avoid disappointment!

# Take A Sewing Vacation!

at

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Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm



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## Michigan Sewing School Schedule 2024

### [4-day Fit & Sew Fashion Knits](#)

This class will help you master fitting and sewing any pattern in any knit. We discuss knit fabric types, fitting knits and sewing tips. Start with a simple top to learn how to fit yourself. Then learn how to create design changes, including cardigans, jackets, neckline finishes and even a no-side seam pant. Price: \$895

**Dates:** March 22-25, 2024

### [4-day Pant Fit & Sew](#)

In this 5-day workshop you will learn to sew pants that fit your body and your style. Master sewing zippers, pockets, the waistband of your choice, and creative hems. You will tissue-fit and alter your pattern, cut from fabric, pin fit, and learn to fit-as-you-sew for the very best results. Price: \$895

**Dates:** April 12-15, 2024 (Optional Teacher Training: April 16)

### [5-day Perfect Your Fit & Sew Skills](#)

Tissue and fabric-fit a classic shirt pattern. Sew it together beautifully, choosing from a menu of both classic and time-saving techniques. We will help you master the shirt band, stand, collar, plackets and cuffs. You'll leave with a completed garment (or darn close) and a pattern fitted perfectly to you. Price: \$995

**Dates:** May 3-7, 2024

### [2-day Fashion Fit the Upper Body](#)

The first day we will give you a presentation of the Palmer/Pletsch Tissue-Fitting Method. We will measure for size, then tissue-fit a blouse and alter it to fit you. Cut and pin-fit fabric, then tweak the fit in fabric. Learn to choose the best interfacing for your fabric and properly fuse the interfacing to the facings. Price: \$395

**Dates:** June 1-2, 2024

### [5-day Open Sewing Camp](#)

Get together with other sewing enthusiasts to sew for 5 full days! Work on anything you want! We'll provide expert assistance and excellent fitting help. Demonstrations are given as needed or requested. Price: \$995

**Dates:** August 23-27, 2024

### [5-day Fit & Sew Custom Jeans](#)

Learn how to achieve the look and fit you want in jeans. We will determine your size, then tissue-fit the pattern and alter it to fit you. Details such as sewing pockets, fly zipper, waistband, belt carriers and other techniques will be demonstrated. This course is recommended for students who have taken the 4-day Pant Fit Workshop or the 5-day Design, Fit, Sew Custom Pants. Price: \$995

**Dates:** September 13-17, 2024

### [5-day Fit, Design, Tailor a Jacket](#)

Tailor any jacket style. You will learn cutting and marking accuracy, interfacings and proper fusing, shaped darts, sleeve heads, bound buttonholes, patch and welt pockets, linings, and perfect hems. You will select a good fabric and a pattern based on your skills. This course is recommended for students who have taken the 4-day Fit Workshop or 2-day Upper Body Workshop. Price: \$995

**Dates:** October 4-8, 2024

### [4-day Pant Fit & Sew](#)

Learn to fit any style pant using the Palmer/Pletsch Tissue-Fitting Method. We will measure your hip to determine your size, fit you in tissue using Butterick #6845, and show you how to alter it for your figure. You then will cut it out and fit it in fabric. Learn to sew details like pockets, zippers, and waistbands. Price: \$895

**Dates:** October 24-28, 2024 (Optional Teacher Training: October 29)

### [4-day Fit Sewing Patterns](#)

Learning to tissue-fit patterns is a process. Using the Palmer/Pletsch Tissue-Fitting Method, we will alter Butterick #6849, our sheath dress pattern, to fit your body. You see what alterations are necessary in the most fitted garment you would sew. This will become your personal "body map" of your alterations. Price: \$895

**Dates:** November 15-18, 2024 (Optional Teacher Training: November 19)

### **Palmer/Pletsch Teacher Certification Program**

Teacher Training is available after the 4-day Fit and Pant Fit workshops, and for Tailoring as a CD. Find more information as well as how to sign up at <https://www.palmerpletsch.com/become-a-sewing-teacher/>. Price: \$195