

COCHENILLE WORKSHOP WINTER 2026

FEBRUARY 7TH-8TH, 2026
SAN MARCOS, CA WINTER WORKSHOP

THE PATTERN PATH: NAVIGATING THE DESIGN PROCESS

Walking Through the Design Process: From Concept to Finished Pattern with Garment Designer

Cost: \$165.00

Optional pre-workshop day - \$75.00 February 6th, 2026

(Boot Camp for or measuring and review of Garment Designer, see page 2)

Have you ever sat down, ready to create a pattern, but you are not sure where to start? This workshop is for you!

The goal of our 2026 workshop is to introduce and guide you through the *Design Process*; *From Concept to Finished Pattern*. Whether you sew or knit, the approach is the same.

Explore thinking creatively and logically as you plan and build a garment pattern. You will be delighted to discover that it is not rocket science. Rather, it is learned series of steps that you can exercise again, and again; getting faster each time you develop a new pattern.

Our workshop will begin with various exercises that will teach you how to look at an inspiration garment, analyze it, and then develop a plan which includes style details and measurements. You will then build the pattern in Garment Designer. The first pattern will be a simple style for a standard size. We will provide the inspiration for this one. After you have completed that, we will then move on to making decisions of how to adapt that pattern for your own personal measurements and you will then alter the first pattern to suit your body. Once you have this under your belt, you will then move on to your own unique project, working from an inspiration image or garment through to a developed pattern.

Day #1: Saturday, February 7th, 2026. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Overview

The Design Process and Sequence Explained

Project #1: Project of a Stylish Top (inspiration provided): Analysis, Description, Sketch, Dimensions, Building the Pattern

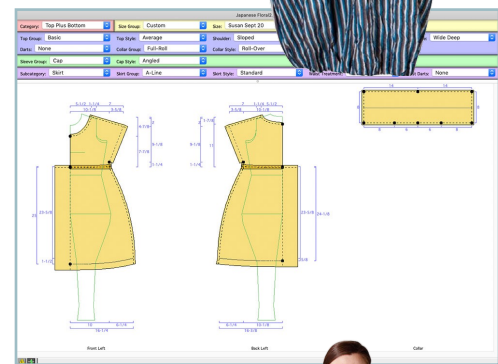
Project #2: Recreating the Top Pattern for your Personal Measurements and Tastes

Day #2: Sunday, February 8th, 2026, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Project #3: Developing your own unique top working from Inspiration to Pattern, employing the principles learned from the earlier exercises

Either Pattern Printing and Test Fit

OR Project #4: Additional Garment Pattern



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Note: We will be focusing on Tops which should allow us to walk through three different exercises. Bring clippings or printouts of Top styles you are interested in. Please choose relatively simple styles so you have time to complete the project. (Less tailored is best).

Optional Boot Camp Day: Body Measurements and Reviewing Garment Designer Basics

Friday, February 6th, 2026 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

\$75.00 Minimum: 2 persons

On this day we will walk through the taking of body measurements and the process of entering them in the program. Each student will print out their basic sloper to use as reference when planning garments in the future. We will then explore the basics of Garment Designer.

This day is designed for

- people who are new to the software
- those wanting a review
- those who want assistance with their Measurements

Note: If you are somewhat comfortable with the software but want the measurement component, Susan will have a pattern project for you to work on when the others learn some of the software basics.

LOCATION:

Susan Lazear's home in San Marcos, California. (approximately 25 miles north of San Diego)

Participation is limited to six persons.

INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN LAZEAR

Susan Lazear is the Creative Director of Cochenille Design Studio and the designer of Garment Designer's software. She is an Emeritus Professor of Fashion from San Diego Mesa College where she taught various design, computer, & patternmaking courses.

Please bring a portable computer with Garment Designer installed (or we can install the software for you).

Further materials list to be sent after registration.

Sewers : You may bring fabric if you want to cut and experiment.

Knitters: Bring yarns to swatch and experiment with, to plan a complete garment.

Note: Please do not book a flight until you know that the workshop is a 'go'. We will keep you informed.

2019 Garment Designer Workshop Registration Form

SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019

Retreat Cost: \$250.00

You may pay for the workshop by sending a check or purchase it on our website.
(www.cochenille.com/events). Remember, enrollment is limited.

Please complete and send us your Registration Form. This form is editable in PDF format.

REGISTRATION:

Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State	Zip: Postal
Country:		
Telephone:		
Email:		
Knitter? ____ Sewer? ____ Weaver? ____		
Number of Years I've done this:		
My Garment Designer level is: Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____		

Please hold off booking flights until we know we have enough participants to make it a 'go'. Of course, we will inform you as soon as we reach our minimum number.

____ I have purchased the retreat on your website.

____ Enclosed, please find my tuition cheque for \$____.

Mail to: Designer Workshop P.O. Box 235604, Encinitas, CA 92023-5604

Questions? Tel: (858) 259-1698

Cancellation Policy:

Please do not book flights until we have confirmed that we have met our minimum enrollment.

A 80% refund will be given if student cancellation is made before October 20th, 2019

Shortly after receipt of your registration, we will mail you a confirmation of your registration.

The supply list will follow in mid October

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

	I will be flying into San Diego Airport (or other) _____
	Airlines: _____ Flight _____ Time _____
	I am driving.
	I am driving, but would bring others from the airport
	I am renting a car and could car pool with others to share costs.
	I would like to car pool. Please let me know if there is a match.

HOTEL INFORMATION

There are an assortment of hotels in the area.

The following two are the closest (feel free to check them on Expedia, Hotels.com, etc.)

There are also a lot of hotels in Encinitas and Carlsbad, closer to the ocean.

Days Inn by Wyndham (\$89 per night) (Expedia)

517 San Marcos Blvd, San Marcos, CA 92078 1-760-471-2800

Hampton Inn (\$139 per night) (Expedia)

123 E Carmel St, San Marcos, CA, 92078 United States of America 1-866-599-6674

Residence Inn San Diego/ San Marcos (\$149 per night) (Expedia)

1245 Los Vallecitos Blvd, San Marcos, CA 92069

Lakehouse Hotel and Resort (\$213 per night) (Expedia)

1025 La Bonita Dr, San Marcos, CA, 92078 United States of America 1-866-599-6674