



Doin' it for yourself

Instead of wasting money on throwaway goods and extravagant pleasures, invest in a course that will transform you from a buyer into a creator.

Fashion

Make clothing you'd actually want to wear

Sew Fast Sew Easy (212-268-4321, sewfastseweasy.com) is known citywide for its well-stocked sewing-supply store and comprehensive classes. Those with some experience can try the more advanced classes on offer. In the one-session **Leather Clutch**, you'll get experience sewing leather, fur or pleather for \$95; the six-session **Perfect Dress** (\$118) includes pattern making for frocks with and without sleeves. Online versions of several classes are a snip at \$7.99.