

# COCHENILLE NEW MEXICO RETREAT 2025

**AUGUST 21ST - 25TH, 2025**  
**CIMARRON, NEW MEXICO**

## **GARMENT DESIGNER: ONE PLUS ONE = TWO!**

**Cost: \$400.00**

We are continuing our tradition of truly retreating in an amazing location and spending focused time with Garment Designer. So, we return to Cimarron, New Mexico and the 100+ year-old inn we have grown to love.

This year our theme is called 'One Plus One = Two'. We will focus on how to design two 'top' garments that can be worn together. Typically this would be a top and a jacket, but you can choose to use any other top style you like such as a camisole, sweater, vest, etc.

Students will be asked to bring fabric/yarn samples for these projects as we will discuss the role a fabric plays while making decisions about the styles you choose to create. Ease, Drape, and Style compatibility are all considerations that need to be determined prior to building a pattern.

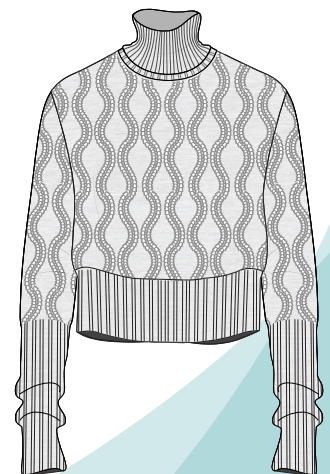
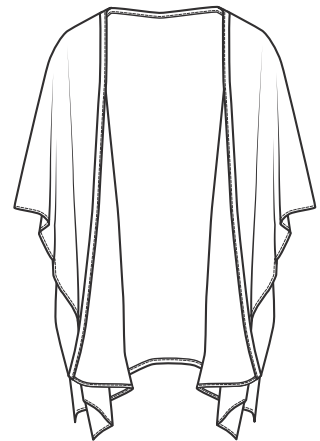
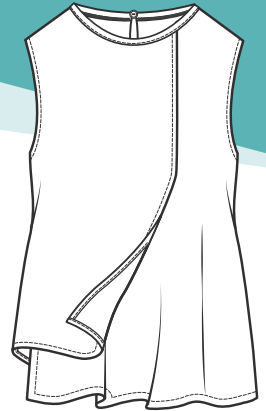
Your first garment will be the Top, and through the creation of the pattern for this, and then, the building of a full-scale paper pattern, we can test fit and style. If you bring some muslin, this can be stitched for even better results. We will evaluate the garment and make adjustments should you need them. It is a great skill to know how to take changes back to your Garment Designer pattern.

Once the first garment is set, you will proceed to design the second garment bearing in mind that the two pieces will be worn together. Often, this requires some basic changes to certain areas of the second garment if it is to be worn over the first.

The skills you learn in this workshop will serve you well for future projects. You will experience a great mix of design considerations used to create a successful project.

You will love learning more about the abilities of Garment Designer. In addition to the hands-on workshop, moving from project to project, there will be lots of talk on design, creativity, etc. You will be free to work into the wee hours of the night, as we have taken over an area of the Inn. We do take a partial day to explore the city of Taos for its fashion, fabric and yarn. There is lots of inspiration there.

Plan to arrive on August 21st by dinner time. We will work full days on Friday and Saturday. Then, on Sunday, we will take a trip to Taos for part of the day. We can continue to work until mid-day on Monday.



## INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN LAZEAR

Susan Lazear is the owner and Creative Director of Cochenille Design Studio. As a Professor of Fashion, Susan taught at San Diego Mesa College for many years in the areas of design, textiles, and computer, & pattern making courses.

### To Be Covered in the Workshop

- Online meeting in early August to discuss the projects and address any questions
- Inspiration Images and Resources
- Building pattern pieces for garments that will be worn together
- Understanding the role fabric plays in decision making while planning the pattern
- The steps that lead to successful pattern design
- Getting your Ideas onto Paper and Prototyping in Small Scale
- Planning Coordinates in Garment Designer
- Tips for using Garment Designer
- Sewing and Knitting Techniques

*Computer:* Please bring a portable computer with Garment Designer installed (or we can install the software for you if you don't yet own the software and want to test drive it).

*Supplies :* You may bring fabric samples, yarns, and test fabrics if you want to cut and experiment. We cannot guarantee a sewing machine (possibly someone driving will bring one), but we can still cut, baste, and pin fit. A full supply list will be sent in early August.

**Cost:** \$400.00 for Garment Designer Workshop and online meeting

This includes: Webinar, Tuition, and Handouts. Instruction will be given 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22nd through Sunday, August 24th, and 8:30 a.m. to mid-day on Monday, August 25th.

### Not Included:

- **Travel:** airfare, travel to and from Santa Fe/Albuquerque/Denver, and the Inn in Cimarron. We will assist with **car pools** for those who want to do that.
- **Accommodation** for four nights at the Inn. Plan to arrive to the Inn on Thursday, August 21st by dinner time and leave on Monday mid-day (the 25th).
- Meals (except breakfast for those who stay at the Casa)
- Note: Once the group is established, we can decide jointly, how to handle the dinners. In past, we had dinner in Cimarron twice and cooked our own at the Inn once, plus a meal in Taos.

### Notes:

- In order to 'take over' the Inn for our workshop, we must fill all the rooms. Please hold off booking flights until we know we have enough people to fill the Inn, and thus make the workshop a 'go'.
- Casa del Gavilan has six rooms (the Guest House can be treated as 2 rooms with a shared bathroom). We will take reservations for rooms at the Casa Inn based on the order of registration and we encourage room-sharing. Upon reservation, you are committing to four nights at the Inn.
- Casa del Gavilan rooms must be booked through Cochenille. Please contact Susan for information on which rooms are still available (info@cochenille.com). Let her know if you would be willing to room-mate, as this is sometimes possible as there is a second bed. You may look at the Inn by going to [www.casadelgavilan.com](http://www.casadelgavilan.com). If we fill the Inn, we will assist you in locating other housing in Cimarron.