

**Student Learning Outcome Survey**  
**City Heights Sewing Project**  
**August 7, 2003**  
**(N = 35 Somali women respondents)**

**Courses taken in City Heights Sewing Project:**

- **Introductory Sewing**           **34**
- **Advanced Sewing**           **13**
- **Sewing Clinic**               **5**

**What garments can you sew to your satisfaction as a result of your experience at the City Heights Sewing Project?**

Shirts, sweater, curtains, pillow cases, hijab, pants, slipcovers  
Dust ruffles  
Everything and can make jewelry too  
Tote bag, shirt, dresses, pants, shawls, hijab, jewelry  
Pants, pillow cases, shirts, long dresses, tote bag  
Anything: If I can see it and take it apart, I can sew it  
Shirts, dresses, skirts, pants, tote bag, pillow case, scarf  
Shirt, pants, tote bag, pillow case, simple long dress  
Shirt, tote bag, pants, hijab  
I can sew skirts, scarves, pants, pillowcases, dresses, tote bags  
Skirts and pants, case for pillow  
Pillowcase, skirt, pants, tote bag, long dress, hijab  
Pants, tote bags, skirts, hijab, pillowcase  
Skirts, tote bag, long dress, pants, hijab  
Hijab, skirt, pants, pillowcase, tote bag, big dress  
Pants, skirts, pillowcase, tote bag, dress, blouse, aprons  
Long dress, pants, skirts, tote bag, pillowcase  
Pillowcase, pants, skirt, long dress, bag, hijab  
I make my clothes like pants, hijab, skirts, tote bag, and pillowcase  
I can make skirts, pants, tote bags, and pillowcases  
Skirt, pants, pillowcases, tote bag, long dress, aprons  
Skirts, pants, tote bags, hijab  
Skirt, hijab, baby's dress, pillowcase, trousers  
Tote bag, shirt, pillowcase, hijab, skirt, dress, scarf  
Tote bag, scarf, pillowcase, hijab, skirt, shawl  
Skirts, case, pants, hijab  
Tote bag, skirt, pants, how to cut pattern and fabric  
Hijab, skirt, pants, pillowcase  
Hijab, shirt, pillowcase, tote bag, how to measure and cut  
Hijab, pillowcase, pants, shirts, blouse, dress, tote bag  
Pants, scarf, shirt, dress, hijab, tote bag, pillowcase, skirts  
I can make anything mostly with patterns.

Tote bag, pants, skirts, pillowcase, dress, and other simple things  
Hijab, skirt, pants, tote bags, pillowcase, blouse, curtains  
Skirts, pants, tote bags, pillowcases, simple long dresses

**What garments have you made as a result of your experience at the Sewing Project?**

Tote bags, aprons, blouses, shirts, shawls, pants, scarves, sweaters, curtains,  
uniform shirts, jewelry  
Bought a machine so I can make the same at home  
Hijab and skirt  
Hijab and skirts  
All that I need  
Hijab and skirts  
Curtains, skirts for my children  
Skirts  
All of my clothes

**Did you learn the sewing skills that you expected to learn?**

**Yes 33**  
**No 1**

**Did the sewing instructors' teaching help you to gain skills in specific aspects of sewing on a machine?**

**Yes 35**  
**No**

**Have you sought employment or are you considering making garments at home as a result of your experience with the Sewing Project?**

**Yes 8**  
**No 20**

I have a machine at home to make shirts, pants, curtains  
Plan to buy machine  
I sew at home  
I am learning English first  
I go to school  
Don't have time  
I make my own clothes at home  
I have a baby  
Full-time job

**Will you take another course at the Project?**

Yes 28  
No 7

Have taken all offered  
Working full-time

**Have you recommended the courses to your family or friends?**

Yes 35  
No

**Did you enjoy this experience? if yes, why? if no, why?**

Learned to sew, make things for my children  
When children tear clothes – rrrrrrrrrrrt! --I can fix them!  
Before, I didn't know how to sew, now I don't have to take them to a tailor  
Didn't know how to sew before  
Yes, I learned for myself to sew for home and children  
Gaining experience everyday, like to do sewing, excited by sewing  
Love it; learning, group of friends  
Learned new things and met new friends  
Yes, I met new people  
Yes, because I increased my experience and have fun  
I learn and meet friends  
Yes because I can sew my hijabs  
Yes because I learned skills  
Yes because I can make my clothes  
It's fun and I can sew my clothes  
I learned a lot of patterns and cutting  
Yes, it was taught in my language  
It is worth it to give time  
Yes, because I learned new experience  
I enjoy it because I feel I can make my own stuff  
I did not know how to sew before and I meet new friends  
I learned how to sew  
I learned to sew and the use of machines  
Language, can sew, teachers, being with other people  
People, teacher, sewing machines  
I learned on the industrial machines  
I learned how to sew  
I learned a lot of new things  
Never sewed before, didn't know how to use machines  
Loved it – learning, kids' clothes  
Good teachers, good machines, good learning  
I can make my own clothes and clothes for my children  
I can make my own clothes

I have learned many things I didn't know before, like how to use industrial machines

I have gained a lot of experience and met a lot of Somali ladies

**If you could improve one aspect of the Sewing Project, what would it be?**

Become bigger so people can take their time

CalWorks credit

More students, more supplies, better facility

To learn more, bring friends, bring more students

More students, more supplies, better facility

To get a better facility downstairs (vs. upstairs)

Material

More supplies, more students, if welfare people would approve

More students

More students and more supplies

More students and supplies

More lesson times during the day because all people don't have some time free, more options

More supplies and fabric

Facility

More students and supplies

More students

More students and more material

Better facility and supplies

To get more money for the project

More fabric and thread

I would get more supplies and a better building

More fabric, more students, better place

I wish the class could continue without any fee

More material

A little more fabric, and more sewing machines

More students

Better place, more students

More students, better facility

More elastic, more materials, more supplies

Make man's shirt

More people to take lessons

More students and supplies

More hours and students

Better facilities and students

More students and fabric

**Any other comments for us (e.g., facilities, supplies, machines, classmates, cost, time, buying own fabric; we'll review all comments):**

Ask for paper certifying, ask for time sheet  
I like it, helps a lot of people, brings people out of the home  
Helps community – lots of people gain experience  
Need more students, need more supplies (scissors), need CalWorks approval  
(ladies will come on weekdays)  
Location close to home within walking/driving distance  
Falis is very good, very nice leader  
Better place  
It has helped our community – thank you  
Tuition fee  
Better facility  
Thank you  
It's wonderful to have this center in our community  
Perfect  
To accept welfare to work program and thank you  
I want to thank the people who work in the center  
To get more supplies  
Some people cannot afford the tuition  
More students and less tuition  
I wish the class could continue to help the community  
Take the next step for the better  
More fabric  
Thank you  
More fabric and classmates  
I would like to thank all the people who make the center possible

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