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Does the industry sew in a different way to the standard sewer?

There are so many different ways out there to construct a garment that this has resulted in many books being written with various techniques but to be honest there is no right or wrong way of sewing a certain project. If you sew on a regular basis you will even find your own techniques for constructing a garment. The difference with the way garments are constructed in the industry compared to the way some one makes up a garment at home are worlds apart. The industry use different machines and the techniques are designed for quickness. These results are possible to achieve at home but you do need a lot of experience in sewing and tailoring and you will also need to know how a garment is manufactured in the industry.

How do I achieve the same results as the industry?

The machines sold on the domestic market are becoming closer to the machines found in the industry but there is still a long way to go. The industry have very heavy duty machines for every task imaginable such as button hole machines, presses for shaping, machines for binding and machines for attaching pockets. It just would not be feasible to have all of these machines in our home and a would look rather a ridiculous site. What we can do is build up the perfect sewing room with all the equipment to be able to complete a garment at a professional level. The ideal sewing room would have two good sewing machines with stitch quality being the number one feature for both, one machine for general sewing and the other for decorative sewing or even embroidery. Also two Overlockers, one being set up as a cover stitch machine, a blind hem machine, a nice steam iron with a water reservoir and an air suction ironing board. To compliment the ironing system you would want various sleeve rolls, boards and tailors hams for the shaping of garments. For the fusing of interfacings into the panels of garments, a press would be ideal. To compliment the sewing machines a large selection of feet and general add on attachments would be beneficial to complete every task imaginable. There are some great attachments for the domestic sewing machine out there such as bias binders, walking feet, leather feet and rufflers along with some special needles. This list may sound rather daunting and some great results can be achieved with a lot less equipment but after all this is the ideal sewing room.

What does the industry do that is different?

The main difference that the industry do in the manufacture of garments is speed. Each task is completed by a particular person and so that specific task can be mastered to an alarming rate, yet with very professional results. The reason for this always boils down to the same things, supply and demand with money being the largest factor. As a domestic sewer this is not an issue and so the speed does not matter. If you take your time the results for producing a garment can be of an equivalent quality with the added bonus that it is made to your individual measurements and this in its self can be very rewarding and satisfying.

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