

Resources for SCA Sewing

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The following sources for information and supplies should help you get started in sewing your SCA garb.

Sources for Fabric and Trims

Dharma Trading Company (<http://www.dharmatrading.com/>) caters to fabric painters and dyers and has very low prices on a wide variety of cotton, linen, and silk fabrics. They only carry white, natural, and (in a few instances) black fabric, but they carry a stunning range of dyes to enable you to obtain nearly any color. They also offer volume discounts on their fabrics, so buying enough for several projects at once or going in with friends on a purchase will also save you money.

Denver Fabrics (<http://www.denverfabrics.com/>), **Fashion Fabrics Club** (<http://www.fashionfabricsclub.com/>), **Renaissance Fabrics** (<http://www.renaissancefabrics.net/>), and **Barjavel Design Studios** (<http://www.barjaveldesign.com/>) are all online sources that carry natural fabrics suitable for garb. There are many more out there, so don't be afraid to search around!

Calontir Trim (<http://www.calontirtrim.com/>), **Cheeptrims** (<http://www.cheeptrims.com/>), and **The Jay Company Trimmings** (<http://www.jaytrim.com>) are online sources that carry trims. Calontir Trim is a well-known SCA trim merchant and carries trim with SCA-specific patterns (such as the Meridian populace badge.)

Information and Tutorials

Here's an article from Sew News magazine called "**Do-it-Yourself: Machine Maintenance.**" (<http://www.sewnews.com/resources/library/0704machine/>) This article walks you through diagnosing many common problems, including incorrect tension.

Here is a complete **sewing book for beginners**, available online.
<http://www.craftandfabriclinks.com/sewingbook/sewbook.html>

Here is a **list of resources for beginners** who want to make garb.
http://www.southern-shores.org/gull/articles/sewing/first_garb.htm

This site has a lot of **helpful information for beginners** on topics from "Understanding Fabric" to "Sewing Jargon and Technique."
<http://www.loudzen.com/users/jessica/precostuming/index.html>

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