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Working Computer

This class includes use of a working computer. Please read the requirements below carefully to be sure you are fully prepared for class.

Laptop Computer: You must have your own computer in order to get the most out of this class. Looking over someone else's shoulder or sharing with me won't teach you anything. You can not substitute a tablet or smart phone.

Battery fully charged: (Please bring the power cord)

Internet accessibility: If you haven't used this computer in awhile please be sure it boots up and you can access the internet. If you know it boots up please start it up anyway and make sure you can access the internet. We will need to log on to the Silhouette USA website.

USB Port: Your computer must have at least one working USB port. (Knowing why it's broken. i.e. "My grandson shoved a paper clip in there" won't help. It must actually work.) Please do yourself a favor and plug in a USB drive and check even if you're sure. Note: If you are using a mouse that requires use of a USB port you will need at least TWO working USB ports.

Windows Operating System: I have a Microsoft based operating system. I am not familiar with Mac. If that's your computer I won't be able to help you figure anything out and I cannot hold up class while you "reacquaint yourself with its idiosyncrasies or try and get "fake windows" to work. If you are planning to use a Mac be sure your software will open and access the internet, log on to Silhouette America, and use the design library BEFORE class.

Computer Understanding: The above being said I'm not an I.T. person. I can't help you figure out why you can't log on to the internet. I use Windows 7. I will not be able to help you operate Windows 8, Vista, XP or any Apple product. If you are using those operating systems you need to be able to navigate well within the platform. I can't help you if you can't find stuff. I don't want to hold up others in class while you try to figure it out.

Passwords: If your computer requires passwords bring them with you.

Updates: I repeat - boot up your computer BEFORE you come to class. Many of you have laptops that you use only for sewing. Since you don't use them constantly there may be several hours worth of updates that need to be loaded. We can't wait for your computer to "do its thing" before we begin the lesson. I suggest one last boot up the night before class.

Mouse. If you usually use a mouse, please bring one. You may have a touch screen or mouse pad on your laptop... if you don't use that interface ALL the time... bring a mouse. We have a lot to do and learn... adding another unfamiliar tool to the process will just add more stress and hold up the rest of the class. I use a mouse and it will be difficult for me to help you if I have to use either one of those interfaces instead of a mouse. Staples/Office Max has inexpensive devices that are wireless and simply connect to a USB port... (That means you will need more than one working USB Port)

See you in class!