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Camp participants work on their designs, from left: Jennifer Seo, Jessie Keppler and Izzy Pauletich. Photo Susan Goldie

Participants of the 401 Hoodie Camp at Sewnow in Lafayette learned to work with stretch knits, designing and sewing a hooded sweatshirt with custom embroidery August 6-10. All three of the girls pictured have completed multiple camps or classes at Sewnow and have designed and made skirts, sleepwear and dresses, in the past. Students learned to work with proportions, stretch fabric properties, and how to design large-sized embroidery to be placed on the project. Some of the students chose to do zip front hoodies and to use color blocking in their designs. The biggest challenge for most students in the 401 Intermediate Fashion Sewing class was dealing with the stretchy quality of the knit fabrics and setting in the sleeve or sewing in the zipper, said Goldie. This is the 6th year of Sewnow's summer camp program. "I just love to see the camper's creativity translated into real fashions they can wear," Goldie said. -- J. Wake

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