



Cynthia Winward says her strength is not only in her talent as a seamstress, it's also in her speed. "I don't do any project that takes me more than two hours. My friends call me the speedy sewer."

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As a business major at BYU, Cynthia Winward learned a valuable lesson.

"I had an accounting professor who said, 'If you do what you're passionate about, the money will follow,'" the Provo resident says. "I never forgot that. Now I'm doing something I'm passionate about and everything is just falling into place."

Cynthia's passion for sewing began before she hit her teenage years, when a church leader taught her to sew in exchange for babysitting hours. When Cynthia began raising her own children, she used her hobby to create clothing and blankets for them.

"Then I started decorating my house by making my own curtains," she says. "And I slip covered all my furniture. People started asking, 'Oh, you make curtains? Could you make me some?'"

So Cynthia gave it a shot, creating custom window treatments for local homeowners and designers. She enjoyed the work but found she had too many requests to keep up with. After sewing 72 sets of sliding



"As much as I love the other parts of my life, sewing is my escape. I can go in that room and be in my zone. It's therapeutic that way. The money is nice, but it's something I love to do — it's my break from everything."