



Community Education
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Course Information

Dressmaking for Pleasure

(How to become a seamstress, with less emphasis on the stress part.)

Do you want to have a go at making your own clothes but don't know where to start?
 Or perhaps you've started to sew but become discouraged by the fiddly bits?

This course is designed to give a taster of dressmaking, with the emphasis on encouragement and fun while exploring different ways of making a simple garment. The aim is to whet your appetite for dressmaking, and to build confidence in the craft.

During this 10 week course you will explore elements of both pattern cutting and garment making, to design and produce either a skirt or a simple top to fit yourself. You will produce a basic pattern block for either a skirt or a top; these will be based on your own body measurements and can be used for future projects. You will then design either a skirt or a top, produce a complete and finished pattern for one of your designs, and make up your design in a fabric of your choice.

There will be opportunity to think about future embellishment of the garment if desired, group and individual encouragement, how you might do things next time and general feedback. Both pattern cutting and garment making techniques will be demonstrated throughout the course.

Target Group	This course is designed for enthusiastic beginners with a keen interest in starting to develop their dressmaking skills and also for those with some knowledge, who are looking to either develop their existing skills, or learn the basics.
Skills or entry qualification	No previous experience required, although an interest in dressmaking, and prior sewing experience would be beneficial.
Programme area	9
Venue	Witchford Village College
Start Date	22 September 2010
Day of the week	Wednesday
Time	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

No. of Weeks	10	
No. of Terms	1	
Learning Outcomes	You will be able to produce a basic pattern block for either a skirt or trousers, using your own body measurements. Apply techniques learnt to your basic pattern block to create your own designs and patterns. Make up your chosen design in a fabric of your choice.	
Course Level	Mixed Ability	√
	Pre Entry	
	Level 1	
	Level 2 equivalent to 5 A-Cs GCSE or NVQ2	
	Level 3 equivalent GCE A Level	
Tuition Fee	£85	
Concessionary fee	£64	
Additional Costs	Purchase of fabric and fastenings to make up your chosen garment, calico for your toiles* (see below)	
Requirements for first class	<p>Please bring with you the following equipment for all classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sketchbook/Notebook • Tape measure • Calculator • Sharp pencils and pencil sharpener • Paper and Fabric scissors • Assortment of rulers, including a set square • Sellotape or masking tape • Pins • Tracing wheel for pattern cutting (available in haberdashery shops) • Sewing machine - it will be optional to bring one in, although you will need access to one towards the end of the course. 	
Progression post achievement	To continue to apply new skills gained to future projects.	
What else will you have to do	We ask all students to complete an Enrolment form giving your details and it includes specific information for student monitoring by the Learning & Skills Council and is a requirement of entry to the course.	
How do we know if you are happy with your course	We will offer you the opportunity to complete a mid and end of course evaluation, where you can let us have your feedback on the tuition and other elements of your course. We encourage your views as it enables us to improve the courses we offer. You may contact us at other times if you wish.	

What else do we ask of you?	We would like you to let us know if you are unable to turn up to a class or are having any long-term difficulties. We like to know if there is a problem.
Equalities Statement	WVC operates an Equality of Opportunity policy. We will ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all can access activities. If you have specific needs, which may affect your learning you are entitled to a confidential interview where we can look at the support you require. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so we building a learning community based on mutual respect and trust.
Contact Us:	Email scook2@witchfordvillage.cambs.sch.uk Or telephone 01353 664468.

*Calico can be purchased at cost price from the tutor by prior arrangement. This will be discussed at the beginning of the course.