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Dress Making and Pattern Drafting

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	Adult
Department	Art & Design
Start Date	Tuesday 14th January 2025
Duration	Part-time, 11 Weeks
Time	18:30 - 20:30
Fee	£ 75.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	SPQ-ADXZ-1108

Course Overview

Experience, explore and enhance your pattern drafting and garment construction skills. This is a relaxed, informative and fun course for beginners that will develop your practical skills in drafting patterns and creating garments to a professional standard. You will be introduced to blocks, learn how to take measurements correctly, adjust ready-made patterns and create patterns from your own designs. Once you have gained pattern drafting skills, you will learn how to stitch garments together using machinery such as domestic sewing machines and over lockers, as well as attaching a variety of fastenings, creating pleats and darts. You will also execute alterations after fittings to construct 'made to measure' garments. This course will provide you with the ability to design and create your own garments, develop your fashion knowledge and build your technical ability.

Course Requirements

Participants are not required to possess any previous knowledge or expertise. We welcome individuals with a genuine enthusiasm for the subject and a willingness to actively engage and contribute.

What You Will Learn

This course will allow you to develop your practical skills and provide you with the technical ability to take on future fashion projects. Throughout the 11 weeks, you will produce a series of patterns and garments. These can be mounted in a portfolio for future study or employment. There are no specific mandatory units, however areas of study for Dressmaking and Pattern Drafting will be:

- An introduction to domestic sewing machines and over lockers
- Exploring different fabrics and completing burn tests
- Taking measurements accurately
- Using and adjusting pattern blocks
- Pattern drafting a range of garments
- Sewing fastenings, hems, pleats, darts and waistbands
- Conducting professional fittings and alterations
- Experimenting with moulage and draping

Assessment

This is a practical course with no formal assessments. Students will receive helpful feedback throughout the course.

Progression

This taster course can lead to further study on courses relevant to Art and Design, Fashion and Textiles, or Costume Design.

Career Options

Completing a Dress Making and Pattern Drafting course can be the first step towards a range of career options in the fashion, textile, and design industries, or it can simply serve as a foundation for a fulfilling hobby. Here are some potential career paths and opportunities after completing a Dress Making and Pattern Drafting course:

Fashion Designer: With further education and experience, you can become a fashion designer. You'll create your own clothing lines and fashion collections.

Tailor or Seamstress: Offer clothing alteration and tailoring services to individuals or businesses.

Dressmaker: Specialize in creating custom-made dresses and garments for clients, such as wedding dresses and formalwear.

Textile Artist: Create textile art pieces, such as quilts, tapestries, and wall hangings, using sewing techniques.

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Fashion Merchandiser: Work on the business side of the fashion industry, overseeing the buying and marketing of clothing and accessories.

Remember that your success in these career options will often depend on your dedication, continuing education, building a portfolio, and gaining practical experience. Networking with professionals in the industry can also open doors to job opportunities.

Mandatory Units

There are no mandatory units

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