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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	Full-time, 13 Weeks
Time	-
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

Discover a creative and fulfilling hobby or even a potential career in fashion design!

Whether you're a complete beginner or have some sewing experience, a beginners' dressmaking and pattern drafting course can provide you with the knowledge and skills to start creating your own clothing and explore your creativity in the world of fashion.

This course will enable you to gain valuable sewing skills that will save you money on alterations and store-bought clothing. It will also help you to understand the process of creating patterns and sewing garments, which can be a foundation for more advanced projects.

Please be informed that participants are required to have a sewing box containing essential equipment. Additionally, each participant is responsible for bringing their own sewing machine to the class.

Learners will need to bring in their own pattern and fabric, as well as any haberdashery such as thread, zips and buttons. Suggested patterns include basic skirts, slip dresses or trousers, such as pyjama bottoms or joggers.

We recommend using New Look patterns, numbers - 6899,6843,6106

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

Introduction to Sewing: An overview of sewing tools, equipment, and essential sewing techniques for beginners.

Fabric Selection: Guidance on choosing suitable fabrics for different types of garments and projects.

Pattern Reading: Learning to interpret commercial sewing patterns and understand pattern symbols and markings.

Pattern Drafting Basics: Introduction to pattern drafting techniques, which allow you to create custom patterns from scratch.

Body Measurements: Taking accurate body measurements and using them to create well-fitting garments.

Garment Construction: Step-by-step instructions on how to sew seams, darts, pleats, and gathers, as well as how to finish edges and hems.

Sewing Terminology: Understanding sewing-related terminology and jargon.

Assessment

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

Progression

Upon successful completion of the course students may wish to progress to the advanced sewing course to develop their skills further.

A variety of leisure and community courses are offered for your enrollment, including but not limited to:

Hair and Media Make-up

Health and Social Care

Art and Design

Languages

Childcare and Education

Counselling

Digital Skills

Hospitality and Catering

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

Contact Details

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