

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Get Started in Fashion and Soft Tailoring		
Level of Course	All Levels	Course Code	A3001
Duration in Weeks	10		
Brief Description of Course	<p>This course is for you if you want to learn the hand and machine stitching skills necessary for fashion construction and soft tailoring. It is a beginner's course you do not need any previous experience or knowledge though you should have an interest in fashion and clothing and sewing techniques. You will construct a basic 'softly tailored' garment whilst on the course.</p> <p>You will also learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to thread up and use a sewing machine. Learn about hand and machine stitches Understand basic health and safety requirements in the studio and using the machines. Learn how measure and record measurements accurately. How to calculate the amount of fabric required. Choose appropriate seam finishes. Evaluate your project using some new words (professional terminology). 		
Entry Requirements	No previous experience is necessary and you do not need to own a sewing machine.		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Select appropriate hand or machine stitches when constructing a garment.		
2	Use tools and equipment safely		
3	Choose appropriate seam finish for your garment		
4	Use measurements accurately in constructing your garment.		
5	Work out how much fabric is required.		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	Some basic equipment is provided. For the first lesson you need to bring a note book and pencil. You will be given a list of haberdashery materials that will be required throughout the course.		
What courses can I go on to?	You will have the opportunity to discuss with your Tutor your individual progression route. You may wish to progress to another Soft Tailoring course for Jackets and Coats, or Trousers and Skirts. Alternatively we have other Pattern Cutting and Sewing, Clothes Making courses at Beginners, Improvers/ Intermediate levels.		

What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?

At the beginning of the course the tutor will carry out an initial assessment to identify your current level of experience knowledge or skills. This is repeated at the middle and end of the course. There is no exam.

The tutor will also carry out informal assessments to check your understanding. Your tutor will let you know how you are getting on throughout the course to you will help you work to your full potential.

At the end of the course you will receive written feedback.

How will I know I am making progress?

You will have an 'Individual Learning Plan' where the course learning outcomes are shown and where you can set individual learning goals and monitor your own progress against these.

You will need to evaluate your own progress and manage your time.

Your tutor will give ongoing feedback and will keep you informed of your progress.

Is there anything else I need to know?

To maximise your chances of benefiting from the course fully we expect you to attend **all** scheduled sessions and that you do so **punctually** and are ready to start learning at the start of the class.

What if I want extra support?

Come and see one of our experienced and friendly advisors. For further information, email ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.

This is a brief description of the course content and is not definitive or exhaustive. The course content may be subject to change without notice however the details above are intended to give a picture of the types of activities which may be included on the course.

Course outlines provide a general summary of the contents and material to be covered during lessons. They are subject to change at the discretion of teachers to meet the needs of learners and should not be regarded as prescriptive lists of activities to be covered.