

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Make a Simple Lined Curtain in a Day		
Level of Course	All Levels	Course Code	A3066; B3067; C3072
Duration in Weeks	1 x 4.5 hour session		
Brief Description of Course	<p>Simple lined curtains are a beautiful way to dress a room. They can be elegant or a fun depending on your chosen fabric. The lining protects the fabric from fading and can also help retain heat in a room. They can be a beautiful way to dress a room and create a professional modern look.</p> <p>During the day you will learn how to use your window measurements correctly for a perfect fit. You can use the day as a practice run before undertaking a final curtain making project in your own time with your preferred fabric or you can make the finished article on the day.</p> <p>You will also learn how to prepare, mark and cut fabric and use a basic pattern. You will use a sewing machine so it would be helpful if you have some prior experience.</p>		
Entry Requirements	You will need to have accurate window measurements before you attend the course. Please see the notes below for guidance. Some experience of using a sewing machine would be useful.		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Measure a window accurately and calculate how much fabric to buy.		
2	Follow a simple pattern.		
3	Use basic sewing techniques.		
4	Use sewing tools and equipment.		
5	Make a simple lined curtain.		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	<p>Some basic fabric will be available on the day. Alternatively you may wish to bring your own. You could try:</p> <p>Dalston Mill Fabrics, 69-73 Ridley Road, London E8 2NP www.dalstonmillfabrics.co.uk</p>		
How to measure a window	<p>You will need to bring your window measurement for your curtains. Use a metal tape measure for accuracy. You need the following measurements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the curtain width measure the curtain track or pole; or measure the window plus 15cm either side. • For the curtain length measure the length from the pole to the window sill. 		

	<p>Considerations: How much fabric?</p> <p>There will be some basic fabric available on the day, do not buy any fabric if you are not confident in working out how much to buy. However if you do calculate how much fabric remember the following points:</p> <p>You will be making a simple curtain. Upholstery fabric usually comes in 140 cm widths. If your window is wider than the fabric you will need to sew two fabric drops together to create fabric wide enough to cover the window. For each drop add on 30cm for hem and top finishing allowance. <i>Please note: this is a guide only and only refers to plain fabrics without pattern repeats. Research calculating fabric carefully before buying.</i></p>
<p>What courses can I go on to?</p>	<p>You may wish to enrol on other courses held at Idea Store Learning. Please see a course guide for further information or speak with your tutor.</p> <p>Your tutor will support you in researching these and other courses outside of Idea Store Learning.</p>

<p>What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?</p>	
<p>At the beginning of the session the tutor will carry out an initial assessment to help identify the level of experience, knowledge or skills in this area.</p> <p>The tutor will also carry out informal assessments to check your understanding, there is no exam.</p> <p>You will complete a self-assessment at the beginning and end of the session.</p> <p>Your tutor will let you know how you are getting on throughout the session to you will help you work to your full potential.</p>	
<p>How will I know I am making progress?</p>	
<p>You will have an 'Individual Learning Plan' where the course learning outcomes are shown and where you can set your own learning goals and monitor your own progress.</p> <p>You will need to evaluate your own progress and manage your time.</p> <p>Your tutor will give ongoing feedback and will keep you informed of your progress.</p>	
<p>Is there anything else I need to know?</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>What if I want extra support?</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

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.