

# Sewing equipment list

This is the basic sewing equipment that you will need in your sewing class and at home:

**Dressmakers shears** – a large, sharp pair of scissors for cutting fabric only. These scissors should be the best you can afford as they are an investment and a lifelong purchase.

**Paper or general-purpose scissors** – a medium sized pair of scissors for cutting paper and other materials – not fabric.

**Snips or small embroidery scissors** – for cutting threads when at the sewing machine. Ideally these scissors should have a sharp point.

**Tape measure**

**Dressmakers pins**

**Pin cushion** (optional)

**Seam ripper** – for rectifying mistakes and opening buttonholes.

**Tailors chalk, pencil or water/air soluble fabric pens** – for marking fabric

**Tracing wheel** – for transferring interior seamlines of garments on to paper.

**A selection of hand sewing needles**

**A selection of sewing threads**

**Folder and plastic sleeves** – for hand-outs and samples

**Stationery** – pens, pencils, ruler etc.

**Notebook/paper** – for taking notes

Fabric and pattern for project which will be discussed with the tutor. Any other specialised equipment needed will also be discussed with the tutor.

Most of these items can be bought from a well-equipped fabric shop/haberdasher like John Lewis, London Trimmings, Morplan or ordered online at Amazon or eBay.