

## Millinery- Winter Felt hats

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new wool craft career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

Join us in our fabulous studio for this friendly, relaxed class. You will learn the traditional craft of millinery, using felt to create at least one hat ready to wear for Winter.

Our tutor is an expert hat maker and designer and will guide you through the various stages to enable you to transform a piece of felt into your own amazing designer hat.

Please note that during your first session you will plan your design and be informed about suppliers for your fabric so that you can order ready for session 2.

Start Date:	29 October 2024
Start Time:	13:00
Lessons:	10
Weeks:	10
Hours:	20.00

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### **Venue**

Rochester Adult Education Centre  
Rochester Community Hub  
Eastgate  
ME1 1EW

### **What will I learn on this course?**

Learners will:

1. Design and create a record of their planned design
2. learn the various stitches involved in millinery and demonstrate at least one.
3. experiment with different trimmings and use at least one on the project

### **Is this course suitable for me?**

Basic sewing skills are desirable.

Learners need to bring some equipment and materials and should allow approx. £20-£40 minimum for specialist materials and trimmings.

Please note that felt will not be required for your first session, your tutor will guide you on where and what to buy depending on your design so that you can bring all you need along to session 2.

It is important that you bring along your felt and all equipment to session 2.

### **Is there anything I need to know about the course?**

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Learners will need:

For session 1:

Pencil, pen

Eraser

Tape measure ( for sewing)

small scissors or snips

ruler

For session 2 in addition to the above

felt cone or flare (your tutor will advise)

millinery petersham ribbon

threads- black, white, and any to match the felt and trimmings

needle (millinery type if possible)

thimble

an apron

Heat proof gloves (or normal woollen gloves with marigold gloves on top will do fine)

Pins household steel pins (26mm x .75mm ) or millinery blocking pins

Ruler

Tailors chalk

Fabric and paper scissors

Cling film

Optional

Trimmings/ feathers and decorations; lining material

Please note that hat blocks cannot be removed from the classroom, ongoing work will be locked away between classes

### **What could I go on to do after this course?**

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related courses available.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through with you individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

### **Attendance Policy**

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 85%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

### **How are digital skills used and enhanced on this course**

Information technology may be used to introduce skills, techniques, and the work of other artists along with safe internet usage. Whilst you do not need any IT skills to enrol on this course, please do speak to the tutor if this is an area you would like to explore.

### **Health and Safety**

By participating in the live class you accept that you understand that millinery involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability.

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities.

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