

# Sewing: Zips masterclass

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

For beginners or those wishing to feel a little more confident about inserting zips, and how to choose the correct zip for a project. Join us for this relaxed workshop, where you will learn how to insert a zip, and a little about the different types of zips available. Join us in our fabulous sewing studio for this friendly class where we will explore the humble zip and learn some techniques along the way for a more professional finish and build confidence in its use.

Start Date:	25 April 2025
Start Time:	14:00
Lessons:	3
Weeks:	3
Hours:	9.00

Please do not buy tools and equipment until you know that the course will run.

## Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre  
Rochester Community Hub  
Eastgate  
ME1 1EW

## What will I learn on this course?

Learners will:

1. Look at and identify the different types of zips.
2. Insert at least one zip into fabric.
3. Understand the different feet available for zip insertion and demonstrate the use.

## Is this course suitable for me?

Suitable for complete beginners or those who have rusty skills and need a refresher course

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

Learners will need the following tools and equipment

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You will need to prepare the following tools and equipment before the start of the course:

A basic sewing kit including dressmaking scissors, un-picker, tape measure, small scissors or snips, some sewing threads etc.

You WILL need some scraps of fabric to practice techniques on, please bring a selection of scraps that are a reasonable size (maybe the size of standard pieces of paper or larger). Cottons or poly/cottons preferred.

## Will there be additional costs?

You will need to buy a zip or two from your tutor on the day – please bring a couple of pounds maximum. (some change would be appreciated).

## 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

This is one session course- please attend for the duration of the lesson. If you enrol and then cannot attend please inform us as soon as possible so that your place can be given to someone else.

## 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 dressmaking 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.

You understand that this is a practical activity and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working . MAE is not responsible for damage to items in your house / home or person.

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