Sewing: Dressmaking & Machine Skills 1B

Medway Adult Education

R2641A

This is a level 1B Sewing: Dressmaking & Machine Skills course for beginners and improvers. This class is for beginners or those looking to boost their confidence with dressmaking and sewing machines.

In a relaxed environment, you will explore various functions of the sewing machine, complete engaging projects, and improve your essential skills.

You'll also learn to read patterns correctly and grasp basic pattern-making rules, ultimately helping you achieve a more professional finish in your sewing endeavours.
There will be the chance to learn how to read a pattern properly and to learn basic pattern making rules and progress with skills learnt during term 1. Come and enjoy creativity in our fabulous sewing studio.

If you are interested in developing your creative skills, book onto one of our courses from the Creative Arts offer.

If you have attended a higher levelled sewing course with us (1B -2C) then you are not eligible to enrol onto this course.

Start Date:	06 January 2027
Start Time:	18:30
Lessons:	12
Weeks:	12
Hours:	30.00

Venue
Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Be able to demonstrate using a sewing machine for at least 2 stitches.
2. Be able to complete at least one simple project(s) land complete with a professional finish.
3. Be able to demonstrate the ability to use pattern markings for at least one project.

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

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

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IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

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, notebook, small scissors or snips, some sewing threads etc.
- Pen & Pencil (you will be provided with a sketchbook).
- You WILL need some scraps of fabric to practice techniques on, and it is always a good idea to have an old (CLEAN) sheet or duvet cover to use as practice fabric when we come to make a garment.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

You will need to buy a pattern and fabric – but please wait until after the first week of the course so that we can decide as a group what the course will cover.

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available. Your progression courses are:

R26643A Sewing: Dressmaking & Machine Skills L1C (afternoon)
R26644A Sewing: Dressmaking & Machine Skills L1C (evening)

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 your 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
If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Multiple sessions-
To get the most out of the course:

- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that Sewing involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Sewing activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor
- Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
- By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.