

Pattern Cutting Womenswear – Basic Block Pattern

About the course

This course is part of our creative specialist programme designed to enable learners to develop specific sewing and fashion skills and deepen their material and technical knowledge in a particular subject. The course might support your independent creative practice, enable you to design clothes yourself or provide additional skills as you are progressing in your creative craft learning.

The basic block pattern is the Master/Foundation Pattern that is used to make all other patterns for dressmaking. On this course you will be making your very own front and back block pattern, based on your own measurements. This includes upper and lower body, that will come together as a simple dress. You will transfer the pattern to calico fabric and stitch this together for fitting.

The course is for womenswear but men and nonbinary person are welcome. Everyone will be making a dress pattern, by using the measurements of one of your fellow course mates or making simple adaptations to the pattern.

****If you are unemployed, looking for work, and are in receipt of a means tested benefit, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to sign a self-declaration form stating that you are looking for a job and provide supporting evidence.***

****If you are in low paid employment and you earn less than £10.85p/h or £21,157.59 annual gross salary, you do not have to pay the course fees. You will need to provide proof of income, for example, this could be a wage slip within 3 months of the course start date, or a current employment contract, which states gross monthly/annual wages.***

What will I learn?

After this course you will be able to:

- Take accurate body measurements
- Draw a Basic Block Dress Pattern from your own measurements.

- Make a Toile from your pattern and learn how to adjust fitting.
 - Prepare your work area in a healthy and safe way, with the equipment that you need
 - Name the basic dressmaking tools
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What are the entry requirements?

- This course is for beginners with little or no previous knowledge of dressmaking.
 - However, you should have basic knowledge of sewing, and we recommend you do an Introduction to Sewing Machine course beforehand.
 - To access this course basic digital skills are essential. We use Google Suite for Education to record your learning journey. If you are a new learner with us, we will create an account for you. Details will be sent to your personal email so please check your inbox and spam regularly prior to course start.
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What do I need to bring with me?

- Resources and equipment will be provided.
 - You may wish to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes
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How will my learning be assessed?

This is a non-accredited course with the intent to benefit lifelong learning. Your tutor will give you regular verbal and written feedback to support your progression. You will submit your course work and track your learning in Google Classroom. You will participate in group discussions and receive guidance.

To successfully complete the course your attendance should be a minimum of 85% and course work should be completed by the end of the course. **Please note that the first session is an induction to the course and the centre, so it is therefore essential that you attend.** If you for any reason are unable to attend, please let us

know and ensure that you read through the induction slides located in your Google Classroom and complete any related tasks.

What can I do after completing this course?

- The most obvious pathway after this course would be to further develop your skills on the progression course *Pattern cutting womenswear - How to use Basic Block Pattern*, where you will learn to adapt the block into actual garment patterns. You might also be interested in learning dressmaking skills or to gain a L2 Textile Qualification.
 - At the end of the course your tutor will advise you on your possible next steps.
 - You can call us to find out about upcoming courses on 020 8583 6000
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- Call 020 8583 6174 to speak to an advisor
 - Email work@hounslow.gov.uk
 - Visit <http://www.hace.ac.uk/employment-support>
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