

Sewing Machine Introduction

Venue & Contact Details	
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Course code	Day	Times	Start date	End date	No of Weeks	Fee
MM599BBA	Friday	1-3pm	17.09.2021	08.10.2021	4	£56 /*Free
MM499AEA	Thursday	10.30am-12.30pm	25.11.2021	16.12.2021	4	£56 /*Free

**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.*

About the course

This course is part of our creative specialist programme designed to enable learners to build the basic sewing machine skills so to develop their practice in textiles and applied arts. Once you have completed this course you are recommended to continue your learning on the sewing machine intermediate course to gain the skills to take your sewing practice further.

On this course you will receive a thorough introduction of the technical functions of a sewing machine and learn how to care for it and use its basic functions. You will also learn how to use other equipment, to achieve great results when sewing. You will mainly be doing exercises and complete sewing samples, and will get the chance to apply your learning in one small project.

What will I learn?

After this course you will be able to:

- Identify the different parts and functions of a sewing machine
- Thread and spool a sewing machine
- Use straight, zig-zag and backward stitches
- Stitch the 4 fundamental seams on a sewing machine; Plain, Flat-Felled, French and Lapped
- Stitch corners (square)
- Use and care for the sewing machine and other tools and equipment in a healthy and safe manner. Tools include scissors, measuring tape, pins, needles, unpicker, iron and pressing tools, tailors chalk.

What are the entry requirements?

- This course is for complete beginners with little or no previous knowledge of a sewing machine
 - 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 will be provided
 - You may wish to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes
 - *Please note that you can not bring your own sewing machine to class, since this is not PAT tested with us.*
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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?

- After this course, we recommend that you continue learning on Sewing Machine Intermediate, to develop functional skills for using a sewing machine
- 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

Information, advice and guidance for employment

- 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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