


COMBERTON ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title	Dressmaking					
Course Description	Learners will be guided through the purchase of fabrics and patterns. They will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit their garments. As well as this they will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practice their skills. There will be plenty of help with using sewing machines if required. More advanced learners will be encouraged to make more complicated garments.					
Start Date	27 th Sept 2016 17 th Jan 2017 02 nd May 2017	Day & Time	Tuesday 7-9pm	Venue	Cambourne Village College	
Tutor Details	Sally has been dressmaking domestically and commercially for the past 30 years. She studied at Loughborough College of Art and worked briefly as a fashion designer before moving into teaching textiles. Since leaving the industry she has continued to take on commission work and teach dressmaking workshops.					
No. of wks	10	Terms		3		
Fee	£78	Concessionary Fee		£59		
Course Level:	Mixed ability			✓		
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)					
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level					
Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class			None			
Course aims & objectives						
Acquire and practice some dressmaking skills and apply them.						
By the end of the course learners should:						
Beginners:						
✓ know how to use a lockstitch sewing machine						
✓ know how to use a domestic dressmaking pattern						
✓ understand the importance of a well fitted garment						
✓ know how to assemble a garment in the correct order						
✓ know a variety of dressmaking skills e.g. inserting zips, different seam finishes, pockets, hems etc.						

Intermediates:

- ✓ appreciate how to use a variety of fabrics e.g. stretch
- ✓ know a variety of dressmaking skills to produce a professional finish e.g. attaching collars, cuffs, pockets, button etc.
- ✓ be able to make garments including more complicated skills and processes

Advanced:

- ✓ work on achieving a professional finish to their garments
- ✓ make more complicated garments e.g. coats, jackets etc.
- ✓ alter patterns
- ✓ use luxurious fabrics
- ✓ work more independently

Progression – after this course what might you do next?

Continue with more dressmaking courses to make and create garments including more advanced skills, techniques and fitting problems.

How progress & success will be recorded

Trackers and completed samples and garments kept by the learners

Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)

In order to make a garment you will need to purchase fabric, pattern and a sewing kit, this includes: stitch scissors, dressmaking shears, steel pins, tape measure. All of these will be discussed in the first session. Each student will also need at least one metre of fabric to make their samples, an old sheet or quilt cover is ideal.

Materials/equipment required for first class

You will need to bring a tape measure, pencil & pen, **an old sheet or quilt cover to make samples**. I would advise all beginners not to buy a pattern and fabric before the first session.

Contact for further information

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