

Millinery- Straw hat for the summer

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

Join us in our fabulous studio for this friendly, relaxed class.

A perfect opportunity to create a designer straw hat for the Summer, whether for a special occasion or everyday use learn to make a straw hat to impress! Your tutor is an expert hat maker and designer and will guide you to success!

Start Date: 22 April 2025

Start Time: 13:00

Lessons: 10

Weeks: 10

Hours: 20.00

Please note that during your first session you will plan your design and be informed about suppliers for your fabric so that you can order ready for session 2.

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. Design and create a record of their planned design for one straw hat
2. Learn how to block straw to create the body of one hat
3. Experiment with trimmings and select an appropriate piece to attach to your design.

Is this course suitable for me?

Basic hand sewing skills are desirable.

Learners need to bring some equipment and materials and should allow approx. £20-£30 minimum for materials.

Please note that the straw capeline / cone will not be required for your first session, your tutor will guide you on where and what to buy depending on your design so that you can bring all you need along to session 2.

It is important that you bring along your capeline and trimmings and all equipment to session 2.

Is there anything I need to know about the course?

Learners will need:

For session 1:

Pencil, pen

Eraser

Tape measure (for sewing)

small scissors or snips

ruler

For session 2 in addition to the above

straw capeline and / or cone

millinery petersham ribbon - 1m x No 5 / 25mm for inner band; plus approx 1 - 3m for additional trimming

optional - millinery wire, 1mm cotton covered, depending upon the chosen brim finish.

threads - to match the sinamay and trimmings, plus a contrasting black or white

needles (millinery type if possible)

thimble

an apron

Heat proof gloves (or normal woollen gloves with marigold gloves on top will do fine)

Pins – household steel pins (26mm x .75mm) or millinery blocking pins

Tailors' chalk

Fabric and paper scissors

Cling Film

Optional

Trimmings, feathers and other decorations

Please note that hat blocks cannot be removed from the classroom, ongoing work will be locked away between classes

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

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 85%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

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 millinery 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.

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