

Sewing: Dressmaking Summer school - mixe

This three-day dressmaking course (running Friday, Monday and Tuesday) offers hands-on learning in a professional studio environment. Aimed at learners of all levels with sewing skills wishing to improve and develop their skills and produce a professionally made garment.

This is a nonfunded course, concessions will not be available.

PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE PATTERN OR FABRIC UNTIL AFTER YOUR TUTOR HAS CONTACTED YOU.
YOUR TUTOR WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED

If you looking to turn your passion into a career? Do you want to learn or develop new skills? Book onto one of our courses from the Employability and transferable skills offer.

Start Date: 10 July 2026
Start Time: 09:30
Lessons: 3
Weeks: 2
Hours: 18.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What Will I Learn On This Course?

Learners will:

1. Demonstrate the working of at least one paper pattern
2. Identify suitable fabric to fit the purpose for at least one project
3. Identify personal fitting alterations and assemble the project using a professional approach to garment construction

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

Is This Course Suitable For Me?

This course is for learners aged 19+ some sewing and machine skills would be helpful beginners could join and would work on a simple garment all patterns and fabrics for the workshop can be purchased after discussion with the tutor

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:

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You will need to bring on the first lesson:

- Sharp dressmakers' scissors
- Pins
- Tape measure
- Threads x 2
- Sellotape
- Notebook and pen
- A bobbin or 2 (available to purchase from the centre)
- Marking chalk (purchased after discussion with the tutor)

A sketchbook will be provided

Commercial pattern and fabric (all learners will purchase these items after discussion with the tutor).

Will There Be Additional Costs?

During the course there will be additional cost of interfacing where needed purchased from the tutor

What Could I Go On To Do After This Course?

Your tutor can talk to you about another subject related course 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 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 your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. 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

Health & Safety

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By participating in the live class, you accept that you understand that dressmaking 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.

You understand that this is a dressmaking activity and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working with dressmaking tools. MAE is not responsible for damage to items in your house / home or person.

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