

Dressmaking for All

Tutor: Amber Burnett

Dates: Monday – 08/09/25 to 17/11/25) (excluding 27/10/25)

Times: 18.30 – 21:00

10 weeks

Course Information & Teaching Methods:

This is a practical, general sewing course for all abilities. The course aims to show you all aspects of sewing, including;

- How to choose, mark and assess material ready for cutting
- How to cut a pattern and material correctly
- Develop confidence in using a sewing machine
- Teach the required techniques to complete a garment/item simply and correctly

The class is taught by one-to-one contact between the student and tutor and occasionally group tuition when required. The course may, in discussion with the tutor, extend beyond that advertised. Some students return term after term to gain more experience and to use the specialist equipment.

Everyone works at their own speed on projects of their own choice. The tutor is there to help and give advice.

Information:

The Arts and Crafts Centre has a variety of sewing machines available to use, but if you have your own you are welcome to bring it along.

You will need to bring the following: (consultation on pattern and fabric with the tutor before the first session is advisable if you are new or a beginner.

- A simple pattern of your choice
- Fabric, thread and haberdashery for your chosen design
- Sewing scissors, pins, cotton
- Tape measure
- Needles
- Small, tape-measure
- Calico or cheap cotton sheeting for toiles
- Folder and plastic pockets for your hand outs

Fabric can be bought from the following places:

- Fabric World MK Ltd (Bedford Bus Station)
- John Lewis in Milton Keynes or Welwyn Garden City
- Hobby Craft
- Niels Fabrics, Milton Keynes
- Fabric Mungar, Bedford Town Centre Market (Friday & Saturdays in front of B&M)

Additional Information:

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the kitchen area, for a small charge.

Please adhere to the regulations concerning Personal Protective Equipment & Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) and how they apply to the course or accommodation and to any 'Safe System of Work' as advised by your tutor.

In addition to the Centre's legal responsibility, students also have the responsibility to take care of the Health and Safety of themselves and others.