

Dressmaking – Fashion Sewing Course

This course caters for those who wish to learn how to make up a pattern in fabric of their choice. Students learn how to cut out, sew, fit and finish their garment. Individual attention is given to students to cater for different levels of competence, from beginners to advanced.

Beginners are advised to choose a simple pattern to enable them to learn basic sewing techniques while students at a more advanced level may choose a more complicated pattern – dress, suit, coat, etc.

Equipment for Dressmaking Course:

- Simple pattern for skirt or trousers – Simplicity, Style, Butterick or Vogue.
- Fabric to suit pattern.
- Lining to suit fabric, if required.
- Interfacing for waistband – Vilene.
- Thread to suit colour of fabric.
- Thread for tacking – contrasting colour.
- Zip to suit colour of fabric – if required.
- Scissors for cutting fabric and scissors for cutting paper (old scissors).
- Tape Measure
- Dressmaking pins
- Needles – machine and sewing needles.
- Bobbins – plastic and metal
- Taylor's chalk – to contrast with fabric
- Seam ripper.

Dressmaking Beginners

Students are advised to choose a reasonably simple pattern to begin with. A skirt or simple shift dress are ideal choices for the beginner.

The following patterns have been tried and tested by our students and are generally available in Hickeys Home Focus Stores. Also please be sure to seek advice when choosing your material as some fabrics can be difficult to work with.

Pattern Tops	Pattern Skirts	Pattern Dresses
Burda 2254	Burda 8280	Burda 7663
Burda 2593	Burda 8327	Burda 7517
Burda 2892	Burda 8213	Burda 7520
	Burda 2186	Burda 7305
	Burda 2258	
	Burda 2314	

Tidy up at the end of class is essential. It would be greatly appreciated if all students would help out.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in leaving the room in good order for the next class group. It is much appreciated.