

Pattern Cutting for Beginners level 1

Course Overview

Pattern cutting may seem complex and daunting however the aim of this course is to give you a centred and hands-on approach to the subject. The course has a back-to-basics approach to explain the processes, allowing plenty of practice and time for you to gain feedback on your skills and development. This course is ideal if you would like to start developing patterns for garments. No previous experience is necessary as the course will cover all the basics of pattern cutting. Taking place in the afternoons, this is a part-time, seven-week programme for adults only. It is intended as a hobby course but can lead to more industrial skills through progression onto our other part-time garment designing/sampling courses.

What you will learn

The course covers pattern making terms and equipment as well as pattern development in a style that understands the relationship between 2D patterns and 3D garments. Learn how to use pattern cutting equipment correctly and utilise templates to produce patterns. You will also recognise how to take measurements correctly, draft a basic block, practice lay planning, and discover how to assemble a garment.

Entry Requirements

Interest in industry or amateur garment construction, sampling or pattern cutting. You cannot apply for this course if you have already completed it with Leicester College

How you will be assessed

You will be introduced to techniques through group demonstrations and benefit from individual feedback. There is no formal assessment but you will be set personal targets from your tutor.

Course Fees

There is a small fee of £10 to purchase fabric through the College.

Course Progression

The course provides a solid grounding in understanding the basics of pattern cutting and garment construction. This course can lead to further pattern cutting and construction courses for a range of different garments or materials on part-time courses as offered throughout the year by the College. There are a range of other short courses offered at Leicester College such as laser cutting, printmaking, ceramics, jewellery, and photography which may inspire you to continue studying on a part-time basis.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will be contacted to attend an interview if required, or you will be sent a conditional offer according to the entry requirements for the course. You will then be invited in to enrol for your chosen course of study. For enrol and pay courses: Once you have decided to take the course, you need to fill in a short learner details form online and pay the course fee. Once you have done this, you will receive an electronic confirmation of enrolment and payment.

Course Details

Course Code	P00306
Start Date	27/10/2025
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	7 weeks
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	1

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