

Soft Furnishing Improvers - Blinds and Pinch Pleat Curtains skills

Course Overview

This non-accredited course runs from St Margaret's Campus, each Wednesday, 5:30pm - 8:00pm for 8 weeks starting on 12 November and finishing on 14 January 2026. This is a tutor-led improver's course during which you will build on the skills from the beginner's course to make a variety of soft furnishings. This will include a small scale Roman blind, and how to create hand-finished pinch pleat curtains.

What you will learn

During this course you will learn: - Health and safety, safe working practice regulations. - Measure windows and quantify fabric requirements for Roman blinds - Consolidate learning from previous course to prepare Roman blind facing fabrics using hand-stitching - How to calculate and construct rod pockets within the linings for Roman blinds - How to complete and attach the finished blind to a track - Demonstrate an understanding British Safety Standards relating to these items - How to create hand finished curtains applying a variety of different pleating styles - How to calculate pleat and gap sizes to achieve the above.

Entry Requirements

This course is suitable for those who have completed an Introduction to Soft Furnishings - Curtains, Cushions and Blinds course or have some previous experience in making these before. You must be aged 19+ and be able to complete a short workbook on a weekly basis with the help of your tutor.

Course Fees

The cost of the course is £80.00. However, you will not be required to pay a fee for this course if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits: - Universal Credit - JSA or ESA (Employment and Support Allowance Work Related Action Group) - There will be no fees if you earn less than £25,750.

Course Progression

You can only complete this course once. On completion of this course, you may progress onto one of the other Adult Engagement and Progression courses or a course within Leicester College Art and Design department. Your tutor will advise and discuss the various progression routes available to you. You can also access the College Careers Team to support your progression.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will be contacted to attend an interview if required or sent a conditional offer according to the course's entry requirements. You will then be invited to enrol for your chosen course.

Course Details

Course Code	P00743
Start Date	11/11/2026
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	8 weeks
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	1

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