

Creative Pattern Cutting for Shirts and Tops

Course Overview

This course takes place at St Margaret's campus every Monday from 1pm to 4pm and runs for 7 weeks
You will learn skills for fashion garment production. The course starts with pattern cutting and moves to garment construction.
You will draft a basic pattern and master key techniques for creating different shapes. Next, you'll learn intermediate and complex pattern cutting skills. This will improve your garment construction to meet industry standards.
You will explore the tools, equipment, techniques, and products used in pattern cutting and garment construction. As you develop your skills, you'll create more advanced and personalized work. This course helps you return to education, prepare for further learning or work, and boost your confidence and well-being.

What you will learn

During this course you will learn about pattern cutting and garment construction. Every course focuses on a specific product type, such as Shirts and Tops. You will build your skills based on this focus.
Your learning will include:
How to draft a basic pattern (block)
Labelling and instructions
Equipment used
Pattern blocks – by type
Amending and adapting a pattern block
Material types and suitability
Standard/body measurements
Design process through to finished garment
Introduction to industry-standard manufacturing equipment
Product construction
Health and Safety in the workshop

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

Course Fees

£75 plus £10 material fees, unless you are on certain benefits or low income

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	P00782
Start Date	02/11/2026
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	7 weeks
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	1

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