

COURSE INFORMATION



Course Title	Pattern Cutting for Beginners (Clothing)				
Course Description	The course is tailored to meet the needs of those who want to learn and practice pattern drafting, pattern cutting and to generally study the art and core skills involved using standard body measurements. You will study the basic pattern block making, process creating your own pattern pieces in which you can then go on to create items of clothing. Tutor led demonstrations will help during the practice and in developing your skills.				
Start Date	22 nd Sept 2025	Day & Time	Monday 7.00-9.00pm	Venue	Cambourne Village College
Tutor Details	Leonie Rose has been pattern cutting and sewing for 20 years. She studied at clothing manufacturing and Fashion design & illustration at Banfield College and was awarded a City & Guilds Gold Medal for Excellence. Leonie furthered her studies at The University of the Arts, London College of Fashion graduating with a BA Hons Fashion Design Technology. Having worked in the industry as a pattern cutter and Garment Technologist Leonie has since gone on to have her own clothing brand. With a PTLLS Level 4 qualification Leonie enjoys passing on her knowledge, skills and expertise of her practice to help bring out learner's aspirations and creativity.				
No. of wks	5	Terms		1	
Fee	£71	Concessionary Fee		£	
	Mixed ability			х	
Course Level:	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class			You should have an interest in pattern cutting, and have basic sewing skills that will help, but no previous skills or qualifications are required.		

Course aims & objectives

Acquire and practice pattern cutting skills and apply them to create finished pattern pieces. Upon completion of the course learners should:

- Know the tools and equipment to be used for pattern cutting.
- Understand the principles and terminologies of pattern cutting.
- Be able draft a pattern block using standard body measurements.
- Be able to create a standard size pattern, labelled with the correct information.
- Understand fabrics, grainlines and lay planning.
- To be able to sew a sample garment from the pattern pieces created.
- Know how to adapt and amend pattern pieces for a correct fitting.
- Develop skills in flat pattern cutting.

Progression – after this course what might you do next?

Leonie will be running a "Sew with Jersey Fabric (Stretch Fabric)" course in April 2026, and a dressmaking for beginners' course starting in the spring term. Please contact the Adult Education office for further details, on 01223 264721 or commed@combertonvc.org.

How progress & success will be recorded

Weekly 1-to-1 discussion, feedback and reviews.

Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)

To fully participate in the practical exercises, you will need to purchase some tools/equipment and fabric that can be purchased relatively cheaply online. This information will be given prior to the start of the course as a checklist.

Extra wide plain tracing paper is available to purchase from the tutor at a cost of £4.50 for 3 meters.

	Tools and equipment requirements will be discussed in the first session, however, <u>please bring a note pad and pen</u> to make notes during all sessions. Sewing Machines are provided; however learners may wish to bring their own, please contact us to advise.
	Equipment requirements will include:
	Camera/Smart phone (to record the process)
	Calculator
	2H or 2B pencil and sharpener or a mechanical pencil
	Biros in Blue, Red and Green - or pens in various colours
	Glue Stick
	Pencil Eraser
	Masking Tape or Magic scotch tape
	Paper Scissors
Materials/equipment	Fabric Scissors
required for first class	Metric tape measure
	Ruler (60 cm or 1 meter)
	Seam unpicker
	Thread cutting scissors or Snippers
	Fine Steel dressmaker pins
	Set Square or Pattern Master
	Tracing Wheel
	• Awl
	 Learner's own domestic sewing machine with pedal foot/power cord and accessories such as bobbins and a bobbin case
	• 1 spool of sewing thread
	Tracing paper or dot & cross pattern cutting paper
	Calico, cotton fabric or upcycled fabric (1-1.5 meters)
Contact for further	Adult Education: 01223 264721
information	commed@combertonvc.org

Enrolment and payment

Enrolments in person, for all our courses, can take place from our office based at Comberton Village College. Please note, the quickest way to enrol onto a class will be to visit our website and follow the online booking links from there. Enquiries can also be made by emailing commed@combertonvc.org or calling our office on 01223 264721.

We are a cashless school. We accept card and cheque payments (made payable to The Cam Academy Trust), from our office based in Comberton Village College.

Online enrolments can be paid directly in GBP (Sterling) via a secure server over the internet by debit or credit card. Online enrolment will ask for additional information that will enable us to register you, on your chosen course and allocate your payment accordingly.

Your debit/card details will be encrypted via a payment processing company Stripe, payment information is not held on college servers. If you are paying online for a course, you will also be asked for contact information to be provided. This information will be held by the college, so we are able to contact you if required.

For further information on Stripe and its privacy policy https://stripe.com/qb/privacy

For further information on how we use your data https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-key-stage-4-and-5-and-adult-education

Secure payment links for courses, can also be sent out via emails or text messages. This process would involve you being notified in advance, of a secure link due to be sent shortly afterwards. If required card payments, in person, can also be taken at the beginning of each term, via a portable payment system.

Refunds

If you choose to withdraw your booking, at least 2 weeks before the start date of a course, a refund will be given, minus a £5 administrative charge. Refunds are only available in the event of course cancellation or early closure from the college.

Classes cancelled by the college due to unforeseen circumstances, will be replaced with an extra class at the end of the course, whenever possible. For comprehensive details, please refer to our fees and refund policy which can be found on our website.

Concessionary Fees

A 25% discount is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP/PIP), evidence must be provided on enrolment. Most of our courses display two fees, the concessionary fee is the lower amount advertised. It is also possible to pay the fees for a course by instalments, please contact us directly for details.

Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2025). We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behavior so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest level of qualifications or no qualification at all, and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search their website **www.cambsals.co.uk** for details of all their funded courses.

Safeguarding Statement

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

Calendar (Please check start date of specific courses)

Autumn Term Half term 27^{th} Oct -31^{st} Oct 2025 Spring Term Half term 16^{th} Feb -20^{th} Feb 2026 Summer Term Half term 25^{th} May -29^{th} May 2026