


Course Title	Sew with Jersey fabric (Stretch fabric)				
Course Description	Learners will be taught how to sew with jersey fabric (stretch fabric) using their own domestic sewing machine or overlocking machine. You will gain an understanding of the fabric characteristics, sewing techniques and terminology that will enable the learner to progress onto sewing a garment from a commercial pattern of your choice. You will receive continual support from the tutor on working to assemble your garment to a professional finish.				
Start Date	20 th April 2026	Day & Time	Monday 7.00-9.00pm	Venue	Cambourne Village College
Tutor Details	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
No. of wks	4	Terms		1	
Fee	£57	Concessionary Fee		£	
Course Level:	Mixed ability			x	
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				

Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class	<p>You should have an interest in sewing with jersey fabric, having basic sewing skills will help, however no previous skills or qualifications are required.</p>
Course aims & objectives	
<p>Acquire and practice some sewing machine skills and apply them. By the end of the course learners should:</p> <p>Course aims & objectives</p> <p>Acquire and practice some sewing machine skills and apply them. By the end of the course learners should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to use a lockstitch sewing machine • Know how to use an overlocking machine. • Understand Jersey (Stretch) Fabric and its characteristics. • Understand the pattern markings and terminology on commercial patterns. • Developing a variety of sewing techniques e.g. overlocking seams, sewing pockets, attaching sleeves, sewing with elastic, folded band edge, neckline and hemming. • Understanding the importance of the fabric grainline and lay planning. • Know how to assemble a garment in the correct order. • To complete a wearable garment of your choice at the end of the course. 	
Progression – after this course what might you do next?	
<p>Leonie will also be running a basic pattern cutting and dressmaking for beginners course. Please contact the Adult Education office for further details, on 01223 264721 or commed@combertonvc.org</p>	
How progress & success will be recorded	
<p>Weekly 1-to-1 discussion, feedback and reviews.</p>	
Additional course costs (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)	
<p>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. It would be helpful to bring along inspirational images/photos to discuss at the first session.</p> <p>Extra wide plain tracing paper is available to purchase from the tutor at a cost of £4.50 for 3 meters.</p>	

Materials/equipment required for the sewing with jersey fabric class	<p>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.</p> <p>Sewing machines are provided, however learners may wish to bring their own, please contact us to advise.</p> <p>Equipment requirements will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner's own domestic sewing machine or domestic overlocker with pedal foot/power cord and accessories such as bobbins and a bobbin case • A commercial Pattern - (Burda, Butterick, Kwik Sew, McCall's, New Look, Simplicity, Vogue Patterns, Tilly and The Buttons) • Jersey fabric of your choice (information will be found on the reverse of your chosen commercial pattern) • 1 spool of sewing thread in your chosen colour to match your fabric (if only using a domestic sewing machine) • 3-4 spools of thread in your chosen colour to matching your fabric (if using an overlocker) • Tracing paper (if you wish to not cut your commercial pattern) • Camera/Smart phone (to record the process) • Calculator • 2H or 2B pencil and sharpener or a mechanical pencil • Pencil Eraser • Biro's in Blue, Red and Green - or pens in various colours • Glue Stick • Masking Tape or Magic scotch tape • Paper Scissors • Fabric Scissors • Thread cutting scissors or Snippers • Seam unpicker • Twin needle for domestic sewing machine (for stretch fabric) • Stretch fabric machine needle (Size 90) • Metric tape measure Ruler • Ruler (60 cm or 1 meter) • Fine Steel dressmaker pins • Set Square or Pattern Master • Tracing Wheel
Contact for further information	<p>Adult Education: 01223 264721 commed@combertonvc.org</p>

Enrolling

Enrolments in person, for all our courses, can take place from our office based at Comberton Village College. Please note, the quickest way to enroll 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/gb/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 Centers. 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 27th Oct – 31st Oct 2025
Spring Term Half term 16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026
Summer Term Half term 25th May – 29th May 2026

