


CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

ACADEMY TRUST	Dressmaking Mixed Ability			
Course Title				
Course Description	Learners will be guided through the purchase of fabrics and patterns. They will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit their garments. As well as this they will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practice their skills. There will be plenty of help with using sewing machines if required. More advanced learners will be encouraged to make more complicated garments.			
Start Date	26 th Sep 2023 16 th Jan 2024 30 th April 2024	Day & Time	Tuesday 4.30pm-6.30pm 7.00-9.00pm	Venue Cambourne Village College
Tutor Details	Sally Tilley has been dressmaking domestically and commercially for the past 30 years. She studied at Loughborough College of Art and worked briefly as a fashion designer before moving into teaching textiles. Since leaving the industry she has continued to take on commission work and teach dressmaking workshops.			
No. of wks	10	Terms	3	
Fee	£116	Concessionary Fee	£87	
Course Level:	Mixed ability		✓	
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)			
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level			
Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class	None			
Course aims & objectives				
Acquire and practice some dressmaking skills and apply them. By the end of the course learners should:				
Beginners:				
✓ know how to use a lockstitch sewing machine				
✓ know how to use a domestic dressmaking pattern				
✓ understand the importance of a well fitted garment				
✓ know how to assemble a garment in the correct order				
✓ develop a variety of dressmaking skills e.g. inserting zips, different seam finishes, pockets, hems etc.				

Intermediates:

- ✓ appreciate how to use a variety of fabrics e.g. stretch
- ✓ develop a variety of dressmaking skills to produce a professional finish e.g. attaching collars, cuffs, pockets, button etc.
- ✓ be able to make garments including more complicated skills and processes

Advanced:

- ✓ work on achieving a professional finish to garments
- ✓ make more complicated garments e.g. coats, jackets etc.
- ✓ alter patterns
- ✓ use luxurious fabrics
- ✓ work more independently

Progression – after this course what might you do next?

Continue with other dressmaking courses to make and create garments including more advanced skills, techniques and fitting issues.

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

In order to make a garment you will need to purchase fabric, pattern and a sewing kit, this includes: stitch scissors, dressmaking shears, steel pins and a tape measure. All of these will be discussed in the first session. Each student will also need at least one metre of fabric to make their samples, an old sheet or quilt cover is ideal.

Materials/equipment required for first class

You will need to bring a tape measure, pencil & pen, an old sheet or quilt cover to make samples. The tutor advises all beginners not to buy a pattern and fabric before the first session.

Contact for further information

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Enrolment and Payment

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne, Melbourn and online. **Please assume the class is running once payment has been received, unless you hear to the contrary.**

We would appreciate payment of fees over the telephone by debit card, however, if that is not possible then we will accept cash/cheques.

By Phone: 01223 264721

Email: commed@catrust.co.uk

Cheques: The Cam Academy Trust

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Refunds

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. tutor illness) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

Concessionary Fees

25% discount (excluding materials) is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, PIP) evidence to be provided. It is also possible to pay by instalments, please ask for details.

Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2023). 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 behaviour 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 our website **www.cambsals.co.uk** for details of all our 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.

How we use your data

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