

Introduction to Tailoring and Altering

Course Overview

This non-accredited course is delivered at St Margaret's Campus and takes place each Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for 13 weeks, starting on 16 September and finishing on 16 December 2026. This course is for anyone interested in developing skills in customising, altering and repurposing garments. Each week, you will be introduced to a range of garment alteration techniques and guided through practical activities to develop your skills and confidence. Towards the end of the course, you will complete an individual project to apply the techniques and skills you have learned. This is a tutor-led course.

What you will learn

During this course, you will learn:

- Health and safety, safe working practice regulations
- Add darts to garments
- Shorten trousers, tops skirts
- Add pleats to garments
- Add elastic casings to waistbands and tops
- Replace zips and other garment fastenings to garments
- Add a godet (panel) to garments
- Adjust necklines on tops
- Customise garments to achieve a better tailor fit
- Repurpose garments

Entry Requirements

This course is designed as an introduction to tailoring and alterations. It is suitable for learners who already have some sewing skills and knowledge. If you are unsure whether this course is right for you, please contact the Adult Engagement Progression team via the main college contact number. You should be able to use scissors and sewing equipment safely and work independently throughout the course. You must be aged 19 or over and be able to complete a short workbook each week with support from your tutor.

Course Fees

The cost of the course is £130.00. However, you will not be required to pay a fee if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA - Employment and Support Allowance Work Related Action Group)

There will be no fees if your annual income is less than £26,800.

Course Progression

You can only complete this course once. On completion of this course, you may progress onto our Garment Making Improvers 1 course. Your tutor will discuss the various progression routes available to you and provide advice on your next steps. You can also access support from the College Careers Team to help with 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	P01130
Start Date	16/09/2026
Study Hours	Part Time
Duration	13 weeks
Campus	St Margaret's Campus
Level	1

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