

School • of • Sewing



ALISON + SMITH

DIPLOMA

2020

Fashion & Tailoring
for the
Complete Wardrobe

The School of Sewing is delighted to offer a certificated Diploma course. The Diploma is certified by OCN (Open College Network).

The Diploma consists of 5 units, spread over the period of 12 months. Each unit must be taken and passed before progression to the next unit.

The course will commence in January and completion will be in early December. Students will be expected to attend approximately twice a month on Fridays and the occasional Saturday, but this depends on bank holidays etc. The taught sessions will run from 9.30am to 4.00pm at the School of Sewing, in Ashby de la Zouch. A list of attendance dates can be found later in this document. You will also be expected to work at home on your own, between taught sessions. You should expect to spend approximately one day a week working at home. In addition to the taught sessions you will expected to participate in museum visits if appropriate to the subject area being taught.

Applicants should submit a completed copy of the application form via email to bookings@schoolofsewing.co.uk before the end of November 2019. Applicants may be invited to interview. Priority will be given to existing sewing school students.

You should also have the following skills and experience:

- Students must be able to understand fit and have a basic knowledge of pattern adjustment;

- Students must be able to use an intermediate level of construction techniques and finishing, including:
 - Understand what a grainline is and how to use it
 - Understand what a notch is and how to use notches
 - Know what a layplan is and understand how to cut on the fold and on the bias.
 - Be able to thread up and use a sewing machine and overlocker.
 - Be able to construct garments to a good standard, including sewing darts and setting sleeves and collars; and
- Students must be able to read, write and understand and communicate fluently in English

A knowledge of pattern drafting is desirable but not essential.

Your tutor will keep accurate records of your progress, and produce feedback on your work, to ensure that you make the best possible progress on your course.

Your work will also be assessed by the School of Sewing's internal assessor. Each unit must be passed before moving on.

There will be a display of your work at the end of the course.

Aims

The aim of the Diploma is to enable the student to produce a range of garments that mix and match to create a complete wardrobe of clothes. A capsule 'me made' wardrobe. To give students the confidence to create their own fashion style.

Objectives

Each unit will focus on an aspect of sewing.

The student will be encouraged to design and draft or adapt patterns.

The student will be encouraged to try working with new fabrics and techniques.

Assessment

Each unit must be taken and passed before progressing to the next unit. You will only achieve your certificate if all units are passed. At the end of the year in December 2020 you will display your work at a School of Sewing open day. All students will keep a sewing diary of their work and a scrapbook of ideas.

Unit 1 Wardrobe planning

This unit will last for 2 taught sessions. This unit will concentrate on wardrobe planning, colour and fabric. We will look at body shapes and styles to suit, including necklines, sleeves and hemlines. Students will produce a mood board/s featuring a minimum of 5 garments, and 2 accessories that will mix and match, fabric swatches and their colour palette. These garment ideas can come from any part of their wardrobe, and any part of this syllabus.

Unit 2 Dressmaking

This unit will last for 8 sessions and will concentrate on dressmaking techniques.

Students will make a minimum of 4 garments and one accessory that will form the basis of a 'me made' wardrobe.

Patterns can be commercially produced, adapted or designed and drafted by the student.

Suitable garments include skirts, dresses, tops, blouses, trousers, NOT jackets, as these are covered in unit 3.

The following fibres are to be included: wool and cotton. One garment must be made from a knit or jersey fabric, not scuba.

A minimum of 4 of the following techniques must be featured, at least one per garment: a patch pocket or inseam pocket, a sleeve, a zip with a placket, a concealed zip, a decorative zip, a collar, pintucks, pleats, a lining, facings, buttons and buttonholes, bias binding.

Unit 3 Tailoring

This unit will last for 5 sessions and will concentrate on tailoring techniques. Fusible tailoring techniques will be used.

Students will make one jacket or coat. The jacket or coat will complement the garments made in Unit 2.

Patterns can be commercially produced, adapted or designed and drafted by the student.

The following fibres are to be included: wool or silk or linen.

A minimum of 2 of the following techniques must be featured: a jetted pocket, a welt pocket, a vent, a collar, a trimming, a fastener, a lining.

Unit 4 Lingerie

This unit will last for 3 sessions and will concentrate on lingerie. Students will make lingerie to complement the garments made in units 2 and 3.

Suitable garments include nightwear, contour wear and lingerie. A maximum of 2 garments can be made.

Patterns can be commercially produced, adapted or designed and drafted by the student.

At least one of the following fabrics are to be included: polyester or silk satin, lace, cotton.

A minimum of 3 of the following techniques must be featured: picot edge elastic, lace insertion, rouleaux loops, boning, fasteners, decorative hems, French seams.

Unit 5 Couture

This unit will last for 6 sessions and will concentrate on couture techniques for dressmaking. Appropriate couture techniques will be taught as applicable.

Students will make a SIMPLE outfit (eg day dress or cocktail dress, lace skirt) to complete their wardrobe collection, using couture techniques such as underlining, balanced darts, hand stitched zips. The outfit can consist of one or more pieces.

Patterns can be commercially produced, adapted or designed and drafted by the student.

One of the following fibres should be included: silk, wool, linen.

A minimum of 3 of the following techniques must be included: underlining, boning, a difficult fabric, rolled hems, concealed zip, lining, interfaced hems, hand inserted zip.

Each unit will be supported by a scrap book of research into ideas and fabrics and a sewing diary. Each unit will also be supported by technique samples as appropriate.

Once all units have been completed the students will display their work.

Students will achieve a pass or a merit or a distinction.

A pass – to complete all units successfully

A merit - to complete all units successfully and to show a high standard of construction.

A distinction - to complete all units successfully, show a knowledge of pattern drafting, and/or pattern adaptation, a high standard of construction and to have pushed their skill set to the next level.

APPLICATION FORM

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Mobile phone no.	
Email address	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Employment status	

Do you have access to a sewing machine and overlocker at home?.....YES/NO

Have you attended a School of Sewing workshop previously?.....YES/NO

If YES which workshops.....

Terms & Conditions

The cost of the diploma will be £3,600.00

A non refundable deposit of £600 will be due on acceptance onto the course and the balance will be paid via 12 x £250.00 monthly instalments, commencing December 2019 If for any reason you fail to complete the course or dropout, the full fees as stated are still liable.

I agree to the terms and conditions as above

Sign.....

Date

ATTENDANCE DATES 2020

Dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Some dates you may be working from home .

Friday 17 January 2020

Saturday 18 January 2020

Friday 24 January 2020

Friday 7 February 2020

Friday 21 February 2020

Friday 6 March 2020

Friday 12 March 2020 – NEC Sewing for Pleasure Exhibition

Friday 20 March 2020

Friday 3 April 2020

Friday 24 April 2020

Friday 15 May 2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Friday 5 June 2020

Friday 19 June 2020

Friday 3 July 2020

Friday 24 July 2020

Friday 7 August 2020

Friday 21 August 2020

Friday 4 September 2020

Friday 11 September 2020

Friday 25 September 2020

Friday 2 October 2020

Friday 16 October 2020

Friday 23 October 2020

Friday 6 November 2020

Friday 20 November