

# LEARN TO LOVE YOUR OVERLOCKER

**2 DAY COURSE: Tuesday 23rd - Wednesday 24th July 2019**

**10am – 4pm**

**FEE: £110**

**including lunch and refreshments**



**TUTOR: Pamela Tasker**

This course is for anyone who has an overlocker but is unsure how to use it, finds threading a nightmare and can never get the tensions right. Threading will be made easy and tension explained so that it can be set correctly. You will then see how to adjust everything to ensure your overlocker makes a perfect stitch for everything you want to make.

There will be sessions on how to seam and neaten a variety of fabrics, do rolled hems and use threads for decorative effects. Included in the course will be an opportunity to make simple projects using the overlocker for most of the construction. You will also learn how to piece and assemble quilts on the overlocker.

By the end, you will be able to use your overlocker with confidence, on whatever type of sewing you do, speeding up the processes and giving your work a highly professional finish.

**Please see overleaf for a list of materials...**



## MATERIALS

### Requirements List:

- Your Overlocker, foot pedal and **instruction book**—*If your machine is over one year old, this must be PAT Tested and have an up-to-date safety sticker on the appliance.*
- All the accessories that came with the machine, including tweezers and a small brush.
- Any extra feet that came with the machine.
- Small bottle of Sewing Machine Oil.
- Spare machine needles that fit your overlocker (check instructions for type required).
- At least 4 reels or cones of polyester thread in different colours (if your machine has colour coded threading then bring the colours that are the same).
- Some machine embroidery/machine quilting threads (Tutor will bring a selection for you to use).
- Scissors for cutting out and a small pair with sharp points.
- A blunt tapestry or knitters needle.
- A selection of different fabric pieces, including those you most usually sew.
- A fading marker pen and a permanent pen, such as a laundry marker.
- Notebook, pen, pencil, ruler and a few sheets of graph paper.
- A small cutting board, rotary cutter and ruler if you have them. If not, there will be one available to use.

### Requirements List for the Projects:

#### The Easy Shopper

- 50cm (½yd) of fabric at least 114cm wide. Medium weight cotton, lightweight curtain fabric plain or printed, or a medium-weight calico would be ideal.
- 2 strips of calico 50cm (19")x 4cm (1½").
- 4 reels or cones of thread to blend with or match the fabric.

#### The Easy Cushion Cover

- A cushion pad.
- Piece of fabric twice the width of the pad plus 20cm (8") x the depth of the pad.
- Strip of the same or contrast fabric the width of the pad and 10cm (4") wide.
- 4 reels or cones of thread to blend with or match the fabric.

#### For Overlocker Quilt Samples

- At least 6 cotton Fat quarters in different prints/colours.
- If you have them, any Jelly Roll strips and offcuts of patchwork fabric.
- ¼ metre each of plain cotton in 3 different light colours.
- ½ metre of calico.
- ½ metre of wadding.
- Can of 505 or other temporary spray glue (Tutor will have this to use).

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