

LEARN TO LOVE YOUR OVERLOCKER

Cottenham Summer School

24 - 28 July 2017

2 DAY COURSE: Tuesday 25th - Wednesday 26th July 2017

10am – 4pm

FEE: £110

including lunch and refreshments



TUTOR: Pamela Tasker

This course is for everyone who has an overlocker but is unsure how to use it, finds threading a nightmare and can never get the tensions right. On this course 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 can also learn how to piece and assemble quilts on the overlocker. At the end of the course you will be able to use your overlocker with confidence on whatever type of sewing that you do. It will speed up the processes and give your work a highly professional finish.

Materials:

- Your overlocker, foot pedal and the **instruction book**
- All the accessories that came with the machine including tweezers and a small brush
- Spare machine needles that fit your overlocker (check your instruction book 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)
- Cutting out and a small pair of scissors
- A hand sewing needle and a blunt tapestry or knitters needle
- A selection of different fabric pieces including those you most usually sew.

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- 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, one will be available to use

Requirements List for the Projects:

The Easy Shopper

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

The Easy Gift Bag

- Something you would like to make a gift bag for e.g. Bottle of wine, toiletries or preserves. An empty bottle, jar or carton will do
- 2 pieces of fabric approx. 20cms wide with the length the height of the item plus 15cms(6")
- 2 pieces of contrast fabric 3cms(1¼") wide and 40cms (16") long
- 4 reels or cones of thread to contrast with or match the fabric

For Overlocker Quilt Samples

- At least 6 cotton Fat ¼ s in different prints/colours and 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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