

STRETCH YOUR SEWING SKILLS

2 DAY COURSE: Thursday 27th - Friday 28th July 2017

10am – 4pm

FEE: £110

including lunch and refreshments



TUTOR: Pamela Tasker

If you already make clothes in woven fabrics but hesitate to use any kind of stretch/knit fabric then join this 2 day course to find out just how to sew them successfully. Stretchy fabric/knits are not difficult to sew, just different. If you love to wear stretch/knit fabric clothes then why not learn to make your own.

During the course you will learn the all the necessary techniques of sewing stretch/knit fabrics on your sewing machine, which will enable you to assemble and finish a variety of garments. If you are confident in the use of your Overlocker then this can be used on the course as well as your sewing machine

There is a huge variety of stretch/knit type fabric to buy and all the pattern companies have many designs for use with knit fabric. There will be time to make a simple skirt without a pattern and then make a top or dress from a paper pattern of your choice.

If your sewing machine can do a zigzag stitch you can make clothes in stretch/knit fabrics

Materials List Overleaf

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Materials:

- Sewing Machine that can do straight and zig-zag stitch plus the Instruction Book
- Spare Machine Bobbins that are for the make and model of your machine
- All the feet and accessories that came with the machine
- Pins
- Cutting out scissors, a small pair of scissors and paper scissors
- Tape measure
- Fading Marker Pen and a piece of Tailors Chalk
- Any pieces of stretch/knit fabric to make samples (Tutor will have some for you to use)
- 50cms of fusible stay tape
- An A4 Folder for your notes and samples
- Pen, pencil and a ruler

Important

For sewing stretch/knit fabric you must have the following:

- Ball point Sewing Machine needles size 75, 80 & 90
- A twin Needle size 80 or 90 with 2.5 or 3.00mm gap
- 2 reels of 100% polyester thread to stitch practise samples

Overlocker

If you have an overlocker you can bring this as well but you must be confident in 4 thread seaming and understand the differential feed.

Please bring with your overlocker:

- The instruction book
- 2 ball point needles size 75, 80 & 90 to fit the overlocker
- 4 reels or cones of 100% polyester overlocking thread

To make the skirt you will need the following:

- Stretch/knit fabric at least 140cms or wider and you will need quantity that is the finished length of the skirt required plus an extra 20cms ($\frac{1}{4}$ yard)
- 2 reels of 100% polyester machine sewing thread to match the fabric
- 1 metre of 2.5cms (1") skirt elastic

For the top or dress that you would like to make, bring a pattern, the fabric and any haberdashery required as listed.

If you would like advice or would like to discuss a suitable pattern or other queries then contact the tutor Pamela Tasker: taskeronly@hotmail.co.uk

