



## **A Gentle Start – Complete Beginners Dressmaking Course**

**Cost:** £175 excl haberdashery, incl equipment

**Tutor:** Emma Morrison

Equipment & Materials (such as paper pattern, sewing machine, scissors, tape measure, pins) included

Haberdashery (fabric, thread, zipper, hook & eye fastening) not included.

**Course:** This gentle-paced, relaxed and friendly beginners dressmaking course is open to everyone who would like to learn to make beautiful clothing for themselves, or others, and maybe has never used a sewing machine before or needs a refresher course. The lessons are short, so you will not have to make a large time commitment to do this course. The learning outcome is that you will make a skirt from a commercial pattern, over a period of 10 weeks, allowing you to really absorb each stage of the garment construction process in order to become confident and competent at making clothes from a commercial pattern. Places are strictly limited to six participants so book early to avoid disappointment.

### **Core skills:**

- Distinguish fabric selvages, right and wrong sides and width
- Recognise own body measurements and select from pattern envelope
- Follow simple laying out diagram and position pattern pieces accurately onto fabric according to diagram; cut and mark-up fabric according to pattern specifications.
- Learn Cutting technique: correct and safe use of fabric scissors
- Follow a simple, commercial paper pattern instructions and learn how to construct basic features on a skirt such as seams, hems, zipper fastenings and waistband.

### **Materials:**

Essential –

Haberdashery: Fabric (dependent on dress size: tutor will advise), thread, 7” zipper

1 metre lightweight fusible interfacing, hook and eye fastening.

Optional -

sewing machine (in good working order); equipment for sewing can be bought eg; fabric scissors, tape measure, pins, pin cushion etc)

**About the Tutor** - I’m an experienced City and Guilds qualified tutor, a qualified dressmaker and I have been teaching individual and small group beginners and intermediate dressmaking to all ages in the local area since 2010. My class sizes are kept small to optimise the learning experience for all my students.

Set requirements:

Seven tables (7)

Seven chairs (7)

Tutor parking space

Access to tea/coffee making or purchasing facilities