

# WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



<b>Course title:</b> Machine Sewing for Beginners		<b>Course ID:</b> C2343901
<b>Start date:</b> 12/09/2020	<b>End date:</b> 05/12/2020	<b>Day(s)/time(s):</b> Sat 10:00
<b>Number of sessions:</b> 12	<b>Hours per session:</b> 2	<b>Tutor:</b> Karl Telfer-Banner
<b>Additional hours:</b>	<b>Online Learning Hours:</b> 0	
<b>Specific funder/partner requirements:</b>		
<b>Awarding body (if any):</b> <b>Title of qualification to be gained:</b>		<b>Level:</b> Entry 1
<b>Fee:</b> £76.80 or <b>Free</b> if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) <b>Accreditation Fee</b> (if applicable):		
<b>Venue:</b> Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
<b>Theme(s):</b> The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. <b>Employability</b> – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment <b>Health and Wellbeing</b> – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing <b>Community Engagement</b> – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities <b>Culture</b> – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments  The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are: 1. <b>Culture Education</b> 2.		

<p><b>Course Aim</b> An introduction to machine sewing for beginners. Learn how to use a sewing machine with confidence for a variety of projects. Understand sewing jargon and basic sewing techniques, types of stitches and how to make clothing alterations.</p>
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<p><b>Course Description</b> Have you received a sewing machine as a present but not sure how to use it? Maybe you would like to learn how to make clothes for yourself or your family or just do your own clothing alterations? Learn how to use a sewing machine with confidence to save money, while experiencing the satisfaction and fulfilment of creating your own sewing projects. Understand sewing terms and jargon. This online course will use Zoom video conferencing and WEA's virtual learning platform, Canvas.</p>
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<p><b>Do I need any particular skills or experience?</b></p>
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<p><b>What will I achieve?</b> <b>By the end of the course I will be able to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prepare for sewing: choosing fabrics, basic tools and understanding sewing terms and jargon.</li><li>2. Thread a sewing machine and perform basic cleaning/maintenance. Know how to troubleshoot problems.</li><li>3. Use and demonstrate basic stitches: straight, zigzag, overlock, blind hem, stretch stitch, button</li></ol>
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hole etc. Adjusting stitch width and length.

4. Measure and cut out patterns, determine seam allowances etc.

5. Create a sewing project. (Create a simple item of clothing or craft item).

### **What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?**

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning

- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning

- You will be expected to carry out a range of activities in your own time

### **What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?**

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.

- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.

- You will be able to keep a digital portfolio of your work on WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas.

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion

- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor

- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning

- A file of work will be kept which will help to record your progress

### **What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?**

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>

- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).

- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)

- A sewing machine, fabric, thread and a basic sewing kit consisting of: scissors, needles, measuring tape, pins, seam ripper and tailors chalk etc

### **Pre-course work, reading and information sources**

- You will have access to course resources and links to wider learning through the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>

### **Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)**

- Progress to another WEA course

- Progress to a course with another provider

- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member

- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

## Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB  
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