

## SHORT COURSE DETAILS

4D7180 PATTERN CUTTING AND SEWING A SOFT, UNLINED OR REVERSIBLE COAT

Tutor: ALLISON RODGER

Dates: 4 DAYS MONDAY 21 AUGUST – FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

### ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

On this course you will learn how to construct your own softly tailored coat, based on your measurements and proportions.

You will work from a classic round neck style, which you can individualise with sleeve and hem length. Choose textured wool, alpaca, cashmere, tweed or double cloth, for any season or occasion. Personalise your coat with simple pockets or the trim of your choice, and capture an elegant, understated style.

On the course you will create a made-to-measure pattern, making and fitting your toile, and constructing the coat, under expert guidance to achieve a professional finish.

At the end of this course not only will you come away with a coat that is beautifully made and a perfect fit, but also with skills and confidence to independently embark on other tailoring projects.

### LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

For those who have taken a related course or have some existing skills, and for more experienced practitioners who want to expand skills. The focus is on working towards independent practice.

You will need some prior experience of tailoring or dressmaking, including sleeves, and to understand how to 'read' a pattern to attend this course.

### ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Allison Rodger is a designer specialising in luxury bespoke Tailoring, Special Occasion, and Bridal Wear. She trained in fashion at Harrow School of Art. With a career spanning more than 25 years, Allison works from her boutique and studio in London, producing tailoring, special occasion, and bridal wear. She has a wealth of knowledge, and techniques for designing, toiling, and pattern cutting to share.

### TIMETABLE:

#### Arrival day: Monday 21 August

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm–9.00pm	First teaching session – <b>attendance is an essential part of the course.</b>

#### Other days: Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 August

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue

**Other days continued: Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 August**

5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

**Departure day: Friday 25 August**

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

**REQUIRED PREPARATION:**

Consider the style you would like to make from the coat shape offered. Also consider design elements, such as simple pockets, trims, and fastenings such as poppers, buttons, hooks etc.

Please email your measurements to the tutor in advance of the course.

If you wish to order fabric from Allison's suppliers, please email your preferred choice to Allison as soon as possible, so she can place the order. Please contact Allison in advance if you have any queries:

[info@allisonrodger.co.uk](mailto:info@allisonrodger.co.uk)

**MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:**

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

**Materials included in the course fee:**

The course fee includes the cost of providing spot and cross pattern drafting paper.

**Available from the Shop:**

Tape measure	Paper cutting scissors
H pencil/propelling pencil	Eraser
Embroidery/sewing scissors	Gutermann machine thread
Bradawl	Pins
Hand sewing needles	

**Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition (\*or you can borrow these from the tutor):**

Mannequin – please bring if you have one

Coat and lining fabric – see guidance above in PREPARATION – or order in advance via the tutor

Sewing machine – please bring if you prefer to use your own. (College machines may be used if you reserve one in advance by returning the form overleaf by 1st August 2017)

Sharp, fabric cutting shears

1 Metre rule

Grading square- metric/imperial as preferred (tutor can advise which, if buying in advance)

Notchers (if you have them – not vital)\*

Scotch Tape

Tracing wheel \*

Machine thread to match your fabric- recommended thread type Gutermann

Fastenings for your jacket e.g. Poppers, hooks, buttons

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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## SEWING MACHINE RESERVATION FORM

Title: PATTERN CUTTING AND SEWING A SOFT, UNLINED OR  
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Tutor: ALLISON RODGER

Dates: 4 DAYS

[ ] I will need to borrow a sewing machine from the College.

OR

[ ] I will be bringing my own sewing machine.

NAME: .....

TEL NO: .....

Please return before the 1 August 2017, or with your balance of fees to:

THE HEAD OF WORKSHOP  
c/o The Bookings Office,  
West Dean College,  
West Dean,  
Chichester,  
West Sussex,  
PO18 0QZ

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