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Bespoke trouser making is the garment for a skilled machiner. Often the focus of tailoring is honed in on hand sewing skills, overlooking the skilled artisan that can operate an industrial sewing machine. There is a technique to using such a machine which must be learnt and mastered.

Since the *threadle* machine was made obsolete, trouser making has evolved to almost an entirely machine made garment. All the main details such as pockets, straight seams and fly are sewn by machine. The making process utilises the industrial sewing machine for many of the details so it's a great opportunity to improve one's skills.

At The HTA, students can opt to start the course online and complete it in-house or vice-versa. We also host introductory courses for beginners who wish to master the art of Savile Row tailoring.

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Week 1	Lesson Description
Lesson 1	Introduction to tools, head units and measurement chart; taking measurements and assessing figures Students will take turns measuring one another to become competent in assessing figures
Lesson 2	Pattern drafting The student will draft a trouser pattern based off their own measurements
Lesson 3	Cut, lay and inlays The project begins by cutting in cloth
Lesson 4	Trimming and mark stitches The mark stitch, also known as <i>the tailor's stitch</i> or <i>thread mark</i> , is used to transfer the pattern from one side of the cloth to both layers
Lesson 5	Overlocking Using an industrial overlocker, a machine stitch is placed on the edge to prevent the cloth from fraying
Week 2	
Lesson 6	Hip pockets Choosing a style from your samples, the hip pockets are then sewn into the trousers
Lesson 7	Hip pockets cont. The same pocket is sewn on on the opposite side
Lesson 8	Back pockets Choosing a back pocket from your samples, they are sewn into the trousers
Lesson 9	Zip, fly and waistband The zip, fly and waistband is added to the trousers
Lesson 10	Inside leg and shrinking The side-seams and inside leg are sewn and the legs are shaped by <i>shrinking</i>

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Week 3	Lesson Description
Lesson 11	Shrink, press and seat seam Both legs are pressed firmly and the seat seam is sewn
Lesson 12	Hook, bars, straps and prep for lining The fasteners are added to the trousers in preparation for fitting
Lesson 13	Curtains The lining curtains are added to hide the inlays
Lesson 14	Waistband lining The waistband lining is basted into place
Lesson 15	Felling the lining The waistband lining is <i>fell</i> stitched
Week 4	
Lesson 16	Cross stitching the hem The hem is overlocked and cross stitched
Lesson 17	Pick stitching the fly and pockets The finishing stitches are added to the fly and pockets
Lesson 18	Finishing stitches Bar-tacks are added to strengthen the pocket mouths
Lesson 19	Buttons and buttonholes Buttonholes are sewn in and the brace buttons are added
Lesson 20	Press off The trousers are pressed off and ready to be worn home!