

Tailoring Techniques syllabus
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If you are new to tailoring and are unsure of where to start, then *The Tailoring Techniques Course* is for you. Tailoring is not rocket science but it does include a number of skills that must be mastered before advancing into garment making. These skills include (but are not limited to) the proper use of a needle and thimble, hand sewing the various stitches and machine sewing.

This course is ideal for complete beginners and helps novices with advancement in their skills. It covers a wide range of sewing details such as pockets, buttonholes and pattern drafting. We work closely with the absolute beginner who has little to no hand or machine sewing skills and they are taught everything they will need to know for our making courses.

Week 1	Lesson Description
Lesson 1	Introduction to tools, measurement chart, head units, taking measurements and assessing figures
Lesson 2	Introduction to using an industrial sewing machiner Tension and threading the bobbin Sewing straight seams Needle and thimble and the basting stitch The student will first learn how to set up the machine before mastering its use
Lesson 3	Basting in-hand and on the board Basting in fullness Machine sewing fulled seams The day is split between hand sewing details and machine sewing
Lesson 4	Sewing darts Basting in-hand on an edge Diagonal basting Blanket stitch We begin with the basics before moving to more involved hand sewing
Lesson 5	Blanket stitch Sewing parallel stitch lines Learning to stop and start the machine at will is the most important step in keeping it in control
Week 2	
Lesson 6	Introduction to jetted pockets – jets only Pick stitch Jetted pockets are found in both trousers and coats
Lesson 7	Double jetted pocket with facing and pocket bags (also known as <i>cross pockets</i>) Continuing from the previous lesson, pocket bags are added to the sample
Lesson 8	Cross stitch Basting in fulled lining Felling stitch A day dedicated to hand sewing and how to add lining to any garment
Lesson 9	Sewing seam depths ¼”, ⅜”, ¾” and 1” Invisible cross stitch Sewing seams at various depths will give the operator more confidence
Lesson 10	Depth hand sewing Keyhole buttonhole The buttonhole will be practised everyday during any free time

Week 3	Lesson Description
Lesson 11	Cuff buttonhole Welt pocket The welt pocket is probably the most difficult pocket to make
Lesson 12	In-breast pocket In-breast pockets are the inside pocket found in the lining of a coat
Lesson 13	Flap and jet pocket D-tacks We circle back to the double jet and include a flap to the cross pocket
Lesson 14	Back stitch and half-back stitch Bar tacks Lapel hole Rose hold Not all buttonholes are keyholes. This lesson focusses the lapel and rose hold
Lesson 15	Double jetted back pocket Similar to the cross pocket but with a <i>bagged out</i> pocket bag
Week 4	
Lesson 16	Welted back pocket The second style of back pockets and increasingly more difficult
Lesson 17	Slanted hip pocket Commonly found on plain fronted trousers
Lesson 18	Straight hip pocket Usually associated with pleated dress trousers
Lesson 19	Zip fly As found in trousers of all styles
Lesson 20	Zip fly cont. A second day is added for the benefit of the student

Week 5	Lesson Description
Lesson 21	Button fly Buttonholes Easier than the zip to assemble but more time consuming as buttonholes are required
Lesson 22	Belt-loop waistband Side straps Waistbands are added to the sample
Lesson 23	Trouser cuff hems Pressing waistcoats A sample hem is made to explain the cuff/turn-up detail
Lesson 24	Pressing trousers
Lesson 25	Pressing jackets
Week 6	
Lesson 26	Straight leg trouser draft – topside and undersides The base draft of trousers is studied and practised
Lesson 27	Waistcoat draft – single and double breasted The waistcoat is closely likened to that of a <i>body coat</i> , more so than a <i>lounge coat</i>
Lesson 28	Two piece 6” drop coat draft The side-body draft is the standard across the industry
Lesson 29	Sleeve draft Facing Neck darts Under-collar A continuation from the previous lesson
Lesson 30	Ladies jacket draft and sleeves As we offer a ladies jacket making course, we’ve introduced the draft into the beginner’s course