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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.

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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	Threading the industrial sewing machine , sewing straight seams, working with a needle and thimble, basting straight and diagonally and cross stitching A detailed explanation of the use of an industrial sewing machine is given
Lesson 4	Buttonhole stitch and sewing darts The buttonhole is taught early in the course so that the student is able to continue practising the skills needed for the completion of the garment
Lesson 5	Buttonhole stitch cont. and sewing parallel lines The sewing of parallel lines will help develop machine sewing skills needed for pocket making
Week 2	
Lesson 6	Fly sample The student will sew samples of the zip fly before attempting one in the unfinished garment
Lesson 7	Slant hip pocket sample All styles of trouser pockets are made in samples and two will be chosen for the finished garment
Lesson 8	Straight hip pocket sample This style of pocket is usually associated with dress trousers
Lesson 9	Double jetted back pocket This style of pocket is similar to the cross pocket found on the coat
Lesson 10	Welted back pocket This is the second style of back pocket and is increasingly more difficult

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Week 3	Lesson Description
Lesson 11	Cut, lay and inlays The project begins by cutting in cloth
Lesson 12	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 13	Overlocking Using an industrial overlocker, a machine stitch is placed on the edge to prevent the cloth from fraying
Lesson 14	Hip pockets Choosing a style from your samples, the hip pockets are then sewn into the trousers
Lesson 15	Hip pockets cont. The same pocket is sewn on on the opposite side
Week 4	
Lesson 16	Back pockets Choosing a back pocket from your samples, they are sewn into the trousers
Lesson 17	Zip, fly and waistband The zip, fly and waistband is added to the trousers
Lesson 18	Inside leg and shrinking The side-seams and inside leg are sewn and the legs are shaped by <i>shrinking</i>
Lesson 19	Shrink, press and seat seam Both legs are pressed firmly and the seat seam is sewn
Lesson 20	Hook, bars, straps and prep for lining The fasteners are added to the trousers in preparation for fitting

Week 5	Lesson Description
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Lesson 21	Basting for fitting The trousers are basted around the hem and waistband for the fitting
Lesson 22	Fitting – rip and remark The trousers are fitted and then altered accordingly
Lesson 23	Curtains The lining curtains are added to hide the inlays
Lesson 24	Waistband lining The waistband lining is basted into place
Lesson 25	Felling the lining The waistband lining is <i>fell</i> stitched
Week 6	
Lesson 26	Cross stitching the hem The hem is overlocked and cross stitched
Lesson 27	Pick stitching the fly and pockets The finishing stitches are added to the fly and pockets
Lesson 28	Finishing stitches Bar-tacks are added to strengthen the pocket mouths
Lesson 29	Buttons and buttonholes Buttonholes are sewn in and the brace buttons are added
Lesson 30	Press off The trousers are pressed off and ready to be worn home!