

Pattern Drafting & Cutting **BEGINNER**: Womenswear

Tutor and Course Provider: Leann Marshall-Jones

This course is ideal for learners who already have a sewing background and have perhaps used shop bought patterns to make garments. This is particularly suitable for industry professionals as part of work based training or for keen sewing enthusiasts.

Pattern drafting is the art of using maths and ratios to convert three dimensional measurements into a two dimensional diagram (a draft) that can be used to create patterns for cloth cutting.

The course will be delivered over six sessions and will require independent sewing work in between the sessions. The course will cover drafting, blocking, pattern production, toiling and fitting at an introductory level.

The course will run on **Fridays and Saturdays**.

Friday 13th November 2026 10am-4pm
Saturday 14th November 2026 10am-4pm

Friday 20th November 2026 10am-4pm
Saturday 21st November 2026 10am-4pm

Two weeks Independent Learning Time

Friday 4th December 2026 10am-4pm
Saturday 5th December 2026 10am-4pm

Course Structure:

Day1 Measurements and Drafting,

Day2 Pattern Piece Preparation,
Layplanning, Cutting, Marking,
Toiling

Day3 The Fitting Process and Draft Adjustments

Day4 Draft Adjustments, Re-toiling, Further Fitting

Day5 Sleeve Drafting, Sleeve Insertion, Sleeve Fittings

Day6 Sleeve Adjustments and Dart Rotations

NB: Homework will be set at the end of each Saturday session



Each session will include a 1h20 social lunch break with an arranged visit to a different local café each time. The cafes cater to lots of dietary needs and, depending on food choices, it would be realistic to budget £6-£12 for lunch, perhaps more if wanting a cooked lunch. Should any delegates prefer not to join the group for lunch, there is a park just a few minutes walk from the venue as well as various pubs in the area. We will also visit a fabric shop during one lunch break.

**For further information, please contact Leann on
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Tutor Biography

Formally trained in design and garment construction to degree level (BA Hons A.I.B.), Leann has worked professionally as a costumer in film and theatre and also in couture retail. Additionally Leann can offer made-to-measure and design services in womenswear and having returned to the industry full time, in 2016, Leann now runs a bespoke bridal wear design, remodelling and bridal alterations service.

Leann has lived and worked in both Sheffield and London as a freelancer and also a teacher (PGCE U.E.L.). She served in management as a secondary school teacher, offering textiles, fashion, art and interior design as specialist subjects. Currently, alongside full time bridal work, Leann still does a small amount of teaching, through her own private workshops and also at Nottingham Trent University.

The venue:

The Burton Street Foundation
<https://burtonstreet.org.uk/about/>
57 Burton Street, Hillsborough,
Sheffield, S6 2HH
0114 233 2908

For accommodation on the Friday nights:

We would suggest the Garrison hotel, just
around the corner:
<https://garrisonhotel.co.uk/>

Payment Information:

Courses must be booked in advance using the booking form.

The full course price is £600.

Please note that a booking deposit (£200) is required to secure your place on the course, at the time of booking. The balance is due by the 12th October 2026.

Online payments can be made by electronic balance transfer:

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Confirmation of safe receipt will be emailed.

Kit List

Session 1:

- Tape measure
- Pencils HB and coloured
- 30cm Ruler
- Large Set square
- Rubber & Sharpener
- Paper scissors
- A roll of masking tape
- Calculator
- Meter rule (if you have one)
- Note Book

Later sessions:

- Cheap toiling calico 5m
- Tracing wheel
- Tailors chalk
- Small 'snips'
- Pinking shears (optional)
- Fabric shears
- Pins
- Needles
- Tacking thread
- Unpicker

Drafting and tracing paper will be provided, but equipment and calico should be brought by learners themselves.

Learners should bring their sewing machine for the construction aspects of the course.

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This course is ideal for learners who:

- already have a pattern drafting background
- have begun to explore the basics of design and fit, when working with a personal draft
- are industry professionals wanting to up-skill
- are keen sewing enthusiasts.

All delegates must have a strong range of sewing construction skills, in order to assemble drafted patterns into garments.

The course will be delivered over four sessions and will require independent sewing work in between the sessions. The course will cover pattern production and adaptation using a pre-made draft. Experiments and designs will be toiled.

Sessions are flexible and can be adjusted to meet the needs of learners. Sessions are designed to be creative, inspiring and will provide a stimulating environment in which to develop garment creation skills.

The course will run on **Fridays and Saturdays**.

Friday 27th November 2026 10am-4pm
Saturday 28th November 2026 10am-4pm

Two weeks Independent Learning Time

Friday 11th December 2026 10am-4pm
Saturday 12th December 2026 10am-4pm

Course Structure:

Day One:

- Shaped waistbands (with pencil skirt pattern)
- Slash&spread fullness using dart shaping
- Godet width and height experiment
- Gore panel experiment

Day Two:

- Circular cut skirt with conjoined-dart bodice
- Peplum bodice
- Box pleat exercise

Day Three:

- Sleeve with circular-cut cuff
- Cap sleeve
- Puff sleeve

Day Four:

- Raglan sleeve
- Extension work OR Finishing and catch-up work

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