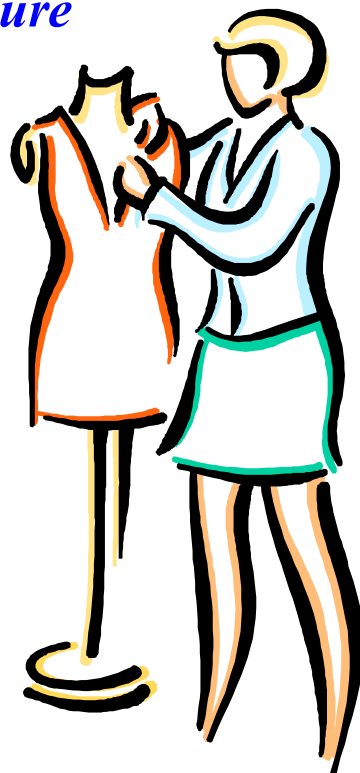


MARIA BRESLIN
Sewing Tuition

2011 Brochure

**Sewing
Courses
For All Levels**



**TEL: 01543
480822**

**E-mail: maria@breslinsewingcourses.co.uk
Web site: www.breslinsewingcourses.co.uk**

Maria Breslin

Welcome to my new brochure for 2011. I hope that you will find something of interest to you. Don't forget that I do offer one to one training so you can have a half or full days training on specific sewing matters which are of interest to you e.g. areas that give you problems or perhaps techniques to help you to develop your business. Embroidery software training has become increasingly popular over the last year, so treat yourself to some training and make the most of your embroidery machine.

For those who don't know me, I have a H.N.D in Clothing Studies and wide experience in design, pattern drafting and all aspects of sewing.

I am able to offer a choice of courses, to suit all abilities, in a relaxed atmosphere. In order for my customers to gain maximum benefit from the courses, they are focused on small groups - a maximum of three for Fitting/Pattern Drafting courses and four for the rest,. Courses run from 10.00 to 16.00 and vary from one to three days duration.

My sewing courses include the use of top quality Janome and Brother sewing machines. If booking on an overlocker course or machine embroidery courses, you will need to bring your own machine. Tea and coffee are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch with you.

My venue is the Sewing Studio at D.C. Nutt Sewing Machines. Many of you will already know David and for those of you who don't, D.C. Nutt Sewing Machines is a small family run business striving to provide its customers with a complete sewing service.

Studio Venue:
D.C. Nutt Sewing Machines
55 Park Road
Bloxwich
Walsall
WS3 3SS

Tel No 01543 480822

Venue Tel No 01922 497603

E-mail: maria@breslinsewingcourses.co.uk

Web site: www.breslinsewingcourses.co.uk

Sewing Courses

Basic Sewing Techniques - Part 1: **Understanding Patterns and Making a Skirt** **(Sewing level - Beginners)**

Two Day course

Dates: Monday/Tuesday 7/8 March

Are you new to sewing and not sure what all the symbols mean on a paper pattern and how to lay and cut a pattern out? This course is aimed at the newcomer to sewing. You will learn how to read all the information provided on the pattern envelope and then you will be shown what all the symbols on the pattern mean. You will then be shown how to lay out the pattern pieces, cut them out in calico (to make a test garment). The next day you will cut and make your skirt up in the fabric of your choice. Brilliant course, lots of skills will be learnt.

Course Cost: £135.00

Material Cost: *Pattern, calico and fabric.*

Advice on choice of skirt pattern will be given.

Basic Sewing Techniques - Part 2 **(Sewing level – Beginners/Intermediate)**

One Day course

Dates: Friday 13th May

On this day you will be given tips on cutting out and sewing with fine fabrics. You will make up half a blouse (using fine fabric), which will involve pressing and sewing techniques for dart construction. You will be shown how to attach a mandarin collar (no more puckers at the front edge), sleeve openings and an easy way of setting in a sleeve. Tips will also be given on stabilising necklines and making rolled hems.

Course Cost: £69.00

Material Cost: £10.00

How to Support Your Garments (Interlinings and Interfacings)

(Sewing level – Suitable for all levels)

One Day course

Dates: Friday 18th February, Friday 18th November

This is a brilliant day's course which will benefit sewers of all abilities. The great couture houses use interlinings and interfacings to magnificent effect; you can learn some of these techniques. You will gain an in-depth knowledge of: fabrics, linings, interlinings and interfacings. You will be shown the different types of woven interfacings that are available, where and how to use them: to prevent creasing and stretching and much more. Stocked up with beautiful fabrics? Not sure what type of garment to make with them? Help is at hand. This is a great day to gain a lot of general sewing knowledge and it will give you confidence in all your sewing projects. You will also be taught basic pressing techniques which is a must for all sewing projects.

Course Cost: £69.00

Material Cost: £5.00

Basic Overlocker Techniques

(Sewing level – Beginners/Intermediate)

One Day course

Dates: Friday 11th March, Friday 16th September

Not sure how to use your over locker? If so this is the course for you. Bring your own overlocker and you will begin with the basics, threading up and tension adjusting. Cutting widths and differential feed will be explained and samples of various stitches will be completed. Rolled and fishnet hems will also be covered. This is a great day to learn all about your overlocker.

Course Cost: £69.00

Material costs: £5.00

Note: All overlappers must be in **working order**. If for any reason there is a problem with your overlocker on the day, all efforts will be made to provide a replacement overlocker, however this cannot be guaranteed. **DC Nutt Sewing Machines will not be able to do on the spot repairs.**

Sewing with Knits – A Basic Understanding

(Sewing level – Beginners)

One Day course

Dates: Friday 6th May, Friday 9th September

This one day course will help you sew knits with confidence. You will be shown the difference between knits and woven fabrics and then the different types of knits will be discussed. The selection of patterns and the use of the stretch gauge on the pattern will be discussed. Advice on the correct choice of interfacing, sewing seams, hems, edges and waistbands will be given and samples will be made. You will be shown how to stabilise necklines, zip and shoulder areas using stay tapes and interfacing. This course will give you the foundations for sewing knits successfully.

Course Cost: £69.00

Material costs: £10.00

Zips (Sewing level – Beginners/Intermediate)

One Day course

Dates: Friday 17th June, Friday 7th October

If you have problems inserting zips, come along to this course where you will be taught how to put in the following types of zips: lapped, concealed, fly front and exposed (the latter is used where there is no seam). You will be shown how to mark the fabric to ensure correct zip placement and you will spend the day putting in all four types of zips with help at hand. You will also be talked through the various types of zips that are available and their uses.

Course Cost: £69.00

Material costs: £10.00

Speed Tailoring (Sewing level – all)

Two Day course

Dates: Mon/Tues 20/21 June, Mon/Tues 10/11 October

Would you like to make your own professional jacket? Tailoring does not have to be too time consuming and difficult. You will make up half a jacket, which you will take away with you, along with course notes. During the course you will be taught how to use fusible interfacings, fabric preparation, how to perfect a notched collar, the plastron and setting in sleeves. Advice on pressing will be given and you will be shown how to adapt the collar and lapel for the roll of the cloth.

Course Cost: £135.00

Material costs: £15.00

Bridal/Special Occasion Wear (Sewing level – Intermediate/Advanced)

Boned Bodice

Two Day Course

Dates: Monday/Tuesday 4/5 April

On this two day course you will learn how to construct a boned bodice using various interlinings. This way of constructing a bodice enables you to make alterations to the garment at the final fitting stage if necessary. Advice will be given on the types of boning and interlinings to use. You will be shown how to attach piping and insert a waist stay (the inclusion of a waist stay makes a bodice very comfortable and secure to wear). No more hitching your bodices up! You will also insert an open ended zip and completely line the bodice.

Course Cost: £135.00

Material Cost: £15.00

Fitting Courses

Customising a Commercial Pattern (Jacket, Blouse or Dress) - 2Day Course (Sewing level –

Intermediate/Advanced)

Two day course.

Dates: Monday/Tuesday 27/28 June, Monday/Tuesday 7/8 November

On day one of the course you will analyze a commercial pattern. This will involve: comparing a commercial pattern and your actual body measurements to assess what alterations are necessary to obtain a good fit. You will be shown how to make adjustments to suit your figure type and then tissue fit a pattern. A toile (test garment) will be made and fitted, and then you will be shown how to make the final pattern alterations. This course is a must for all of you who have made a fantastic garment only to be disappointed by the fit! **There will be work to be done at home on the evening of day one.**

Course Cost: £135.00

Material costs : *Price of pattern and calico charged as used. Alternatively you can bring your own pattern and calico.*

Pattern Drafting Courses (Intermediate/Advanced)

Drafting your own Blocks

Have you ever wanted to draft your own patterns? Well here is your opportunity to draft a block from your own measurements:

Bodice and Sleeve Block – three day course

Three day Course

Date: *Monday/Tuesday 4/5 July and Friday 15th July*

Monday/Tuesday 14/15 November and Friday 25th November

On this three day course you will draft the basic bodice block using your own measurements, then you will be shown how to trace off the block. You will also draft a sleeve block to fit the bodice. The final part of the course will be making up a toile (test garment) of your garment to check the fit and to ensure that the darts, seam lines etc are positioned correctly. By completing this course you are building up your portfolio of blocks.

Note: You will need to purchase specialist pattern drafting equipment and books. Advice will be given at time of booking.

Cost: £195.00

Material costs: *Pattern drafting paper and calico. These items can be purchased on the day or you can bring your own.*

Trouser Block – three day course

Three day Course

Date: *Monday/Tuesday 16/17 May and Friday 27th May*

Monday/Tuesday 28/29 November and Monday 5th December

On this three day course you will draft the basic trouser block using your own measurements, then you will be shown how to trace off the block. The final part of the course will be making up a toile (test garment) of your garment to check the fit and to ensure that the darts, seam lines etc are positioned correctly. By completing this course you are building up your portfolio of blocks.

Note: You will need to purchase specialist pattern drafting equipment and books. Advice will be given at time of booking.

Cost: £195.00

Material costs: *Pattern drafting paper and calico. These items can be purchased on the day or you can bring your own.*

Brother Embroidery software Courses

PE Design - PE – Design Lite

One to one tuition is available for the above mentioned software. Please contact me if you would like to book training.

You will need to bring your **laptop computer, already loaded with the applicable software, dongle (the reader/writer that connects to your computer and comes with the software) embroidery machine and either a memory stick or memory card.** You will also need to bring embroidery threads, stabilisers and a couple of metres of medium weight calico.

Cost: £150.00 per full day (10.00 – 16.00)
£85.00 per half day (10.00 – 12.30)

Material costs: *If you wish, stabilisers and calico can be purchased on the day, price as used.*

Private Tuition/ Machine Training

One to one machine training and private tuition are available, please phone Maria Breslin on 01543 480822 for further information.

Cost: £150.00 per full day (10.00 – 16.00)
£85.00 per half day (10.00 – 12.30)

Please note that the one to one training is very popular and if you wish to book a Saturday slot it is best to book early as they go very quickly.

Course dates 2011:

January		February	
		18 Friday	How to Support your Garments
March		April	
7/8 Mon/Tues	Basic Sewing Techniques Part 1	4/5 Mon/Tues	Boned Bodice
11 Friday	Basic Overlocker Techniques		
May		June	
6 Friday	Sewing With Knits	17 Friday	Zips
13 Friday	Basic Sewing Techniques Part 2	20/21 Mon/Tues	Speed Tailoring
16/ 17 Mon/Tues & 27 Friday	Trouser Block	27/28 Mon/Tues	Customising a Commercial Pattern
July		August	
4/5 Mon/Tues & 15 Friday	Bodice & Sleeve Block	Closed	
September		October	
9 Friday	Sewing with Knits	7 Friday	Zips
16 Friday	Basic Overlocker Techniques	10/11 Mon/Tues	Speed Tailoring
November		December	
7/8 Mon/Tues	Customising a Commercial Pattern	5 Mon	Trouser Block
14/15 Mon/Tues & 25 Friday	Bodice & Sleeve Block		
18 Friday	How to Support Your Garments		
28/29 Mon/Tues	Trouser Block		

2011 - Courses/ Dates

Basic Overlocker Techniques: Friday 11th March, Friday 16th September

Basic Sewing Techniques – Part 1: Monday/Tuesday 7/8 March

Basic Sewing Techniques – Part 2: Friday 13th May

Bodice and Sleeve Block: Monday/Tuesday 4/5 July and Friday 15th July,

Monday/Tuesday 14/15 November and Friday 25th November

Boned Bodice: Monday/Tuesday 4/5 April

Customising a Commercial Pattern: Monday/Tuesday 27/28 June,

Monday/Tuesday 7/8 November

How to Support Your Garments: Friday 18th February, Friday 18th

November

Make a Pattern of your Favourite Trousers: Thurs/Fri. 6/7 May,

Thursday/Friday 9/10 September

Sewing with Knits – a Basic Understanding: Friday 6th May, Friday 9th

September

Speed Tailoring: Mon/Tues 20/21 June, Mon/Tues 10/11 October

Trouser Block: Monday/Tuesday 16/17 May and Friday 27th May,

Monday/Tuesday 28/29 November and Monday 5th December

Zips: Friday 17th June, Friday 7th October

Terms & Conditions

By us: If a cancellation is unavoidable, an alternative date or a full refund will be provided.

By you: If unavoidable then you will be offered an alternative date once only. Refunds for cancellations will only be issued on courses that have been paid for in full. Refunds will be issued on the following basis:-

28 days or more before date of course - 80% of course fee refunded

27-14 days before date of course - 60% of course fee refunded

Less than 14 days - nil

Booking Information:

Maria Breslin reserves the right to alter courses if necessary and no liability is accepted if a course does not take place. Places will be held for 10 days and a booking is made when we receive your booking form and payment and, in return, you have received a confirmation letter. This will be on a first come first served basis as we are limiting class sizes to **four** people.

All courses must be paid in full to confirm the booking.

Booking Form

Course:

.....

Date:.....Fee:.....

Course:.....

Date:.....Fee:.....

Total: £.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....

.....

Tel. No.....

E-Mail.....

Please make cheques payable to **Maria Breslin** and send to:

**Maria Breslin
2 Chestnut Drive
Shenstone
Lichfield
Staffs
WS14 0JH**

Tel. 01543 480822

Booking Form

Course:

.....

Date:.....Fee:.....

Course:.....

Date:.....Fee:.....

Total: £.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....

.....

Tel. No.....

E-Mail.....

Please make cheques payable to **Maria Breslin** and send to:

**Maria Breslin
2 Chestnut Drive
Shenstone
Lichfield
Staffs
WS14 0JH**

Tel. 01543 480822