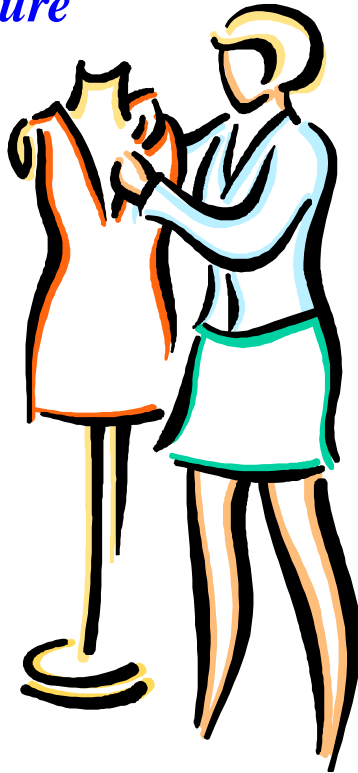


MARIA BRESLIN
Sewing Tuition

2012 Brochure

**Sewing
Courses
For All Levels**



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Maria Breslin

Welcome to my new brochure for 2012. 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, so treat yourself to some training and make the most of your embroidery machine. I have also introduced a monthly Sewing Group and a monthly Embroidery Software Group which have both proved very popular.

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

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Sewing Courses

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

Three Day course

Dates: Monday/Tuesday 28/29 May, Friday 15th June

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). You will cut and make your skirt up in the fabric of your choice. Brilliant course, lots of skills will be learnt.

Course Cost: £189.00

Material Cost: £15.00 Pattern & calico. Please bring your own fashion fabric, zip and threads..

Advice on choice of skirt pattern will be given.

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

One Day course

Dates: Thursday 26th April

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: Thursday 2nd February, Tuesday 23rd October

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 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. Pressing and under-pressing techniques will also be covered. 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: Tuesday 6th March, Thursday 27th 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: £49.00

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.**

Machine Accessories & Stitches (Sewing level – beginners/Intermediate)

One Day course

Dates: Thursday 24th May

Most modern machines have a huge choice of stitches and are supplied with various feet; however the majority of sewers use only a small percentage of these. Have you ever wondered what foot to use, what needle to use or even just what stitch to select? Then this course is aimed at you. You will learn what the various feet and stitches are used for and the correct needle selection (including twin and wing needles). You will go home with a portfolio of samples for future reference. No excuses after this course!

Course Cost: £69.00

Material costs: £0.00

Sewing with Knits – A Basic Understanding (Sewing level – Beginners)

One Day course

Dates: Thursday 29th March, Tuesday 20th November

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: Thursday 20th September

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. 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 – Intermediate)

Two Day course

Dates: Thurs/Fri 17/18 May

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: Thursday/Friday 15/16 March

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) – (Sewing level – Intermediate/Advanced)

Three day course

Dates: Monday/Tuesday 16/17April, 3rd May

On this course you will analyse 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!

Course Cost: £189.00

Material Costs: £15.00

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 11/12 June and Friday 22nd June
Monday/Tuesday 12/13 November and Friday 23rd 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: £189.00

Material costs: £15.00

Trouser Block – three day course

Three day Course

Date: Monday/Tuesday 9/10 July and Tuesday 17th July

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: £189.00

Material costs: £15.00

Brother Embroidery Software Courses

PE Design (vers 6 onwards) - PE – Design Lite/Plus

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)
£80.00 per half day (10.00 – 12.30)

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

Machine Embroidery Courses

Stabilisers for Machine Embroidery

One Day course

Dates: *Thursday 1st March, Tuesday 2nd October*

You will spend the day learning about the various stabilisers available for machine embroidery. Advice will be given on when and why to use tearaway, cutaway, water soluble and various speciality products e.g. sticky back stabilisers. Advice will also be given on how to match up stitch density, fabrics and stabilisers.

Course Cost: *£49.00*

Material costs: *£10.00*

Machine Embroidery Project Days

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Come and spend a day creating your own special Christmas Stocking. A gift that the family will always treasure.

Date: Thurs 18th October

Price: £69.50

LACE COAT HANGER

A day learning to make a spectacular lace coat hanger for that special occasion or just to adorn your own bedroom.

Date: Tues 26th June

Price: £77.50

CHRISTMAS DOILY

A terrific day learning techniques to make a free standing lace doily, bowl and napkin ring with a Christmas theme.

Date: Mon 8th October

Price: £64.00

SCENTED BAGS

Another great day creating lace scented bags which make fabulous gifts for any occasion.

Date: Tues 18th September

Price: £55.00

NOTION BAG

Learn to make a beautiful embroidered four sided bag with pockets. Can be used for toiletries etc.

Date: Thurs 23rd February

Price: £69.50

CUT WORK

Spend a day learning to make cut work lace and use the skills to create an Easter themed cushion cover.

Date: Tues 13th March

Price: £64.00

RING CUSHION

A fabulous day making your own lace and embroidering a small silk ring cushion. Another terrific gift for that special occasion.

Date: Tues 24th April

Price: £69.50

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)
£80.00 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.

Tutored Sewing & Embroidery Software Groups

I run both Tutored Sewing and Embroidery Software Groups.

The Sewing group runs on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00 to 14.00 (£30).

The Embroidery Software group runs on the second Thursday of the month from 10.00 to 12.30 (£20).

If you would like to book a place, please contact me as soon as possible, as places are limited (maximum of four people per session). As always if you would like any further information please feel free to contact me.

Course & Project Day Dates 2012

January		February	
		2	How to Support your Garments
		23	Notion Bag
March		April	
6	Basic Overlocker Techniques	16/17	Customising a Commercial Pattern
13	Cut Work	24	Ring Cushion
15/16	Boned Bodice	26	Basic Sewing Techniques Part 2
		29	Sewing With Knits
May		June	
3	Customising a Commercial Pattern	11/12/22	Bodice & Sleeve Block
17/18	Speed Tailoring	15	Basic Sewing Techniques Part 1
24	Machine Accessories & Stitches	17	Zips
29/29	Basic Sewing Techniques Part 1	26	Lace Coat Hanger
July		August	
9/10/17	Trouser Block	Closed	
September		October	
		2	
18	Scented Bags	8	Christmas Doily
20	Zips	18	Christmas Stocking
27	Basic Overlocker Techniques	23	How to Support Your Garments
November		December	
12/13/23	Bodice & Sleeve Block		
20	Sewing with Knits		

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:
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Total: £.....

Name:.....

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