



## Course details

### Course title

Craft: Textiles and Fashion: Closures: zips, buttons and flaps, beginner

### Course code

Q00025389

### Course date

Start: 09/07/26

End: 30/07/26

### Number of classes

7 sessions

### Timetable

Thu 9th Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Tue 14th Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Thu 16th Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Tue 21st Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Thu 23rd Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Tue 28th Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

Thu 30th Jul, 12:30 to 15:30

### Tutor

Tracey Sweetman

### Fee range

Funding available - £168.00

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

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## **Venue**

Clovelly Centre (Southampton)  
60-68 Clovelly Road  
Southampton  
SO14 0AU

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

This beginner-level course introduces learners to the essential fastening techniques used in textile and fashion projects. Ideal for those new to sewing or looking to build core construction skills, the course focuses on understanding and applying three key types of closures: zips, buttons, and flaps. Students will learn how to prepare fabrics, mark placements, and use sewing tools confidently while practising a range of simple methods. The course covers inserting standard zips, sewing on buttons securely, creating buttonholes, and constructing basic flaps suitable for bags, cushions, and garments. Clear demonstrations and step-by-step guidance support learners through each technique, helping them build accuracy and good sewing habits from the start. Through hands-on practice, participants will produce a set of samples that demonstrate their developing skills, with opportunities to personalise details such as stitching, fabric choices, and finishing touches. The course emphasises building confidence, improving precision, and understanding how closures contribute to both function and design. By the end of the course, learners will have a strong foundation in using simple closures and the confidence to incorporate them into future sewing projects. This course is perfect for beginners who want to enhance their making skills and gain practical experience with essential textile techniques.

## **Course description**

This beginner-friendly course introduces learners to three essential fastening techniques widely used in sewing, textiles and fashion: zips, buttons, and flaps. Designed for complete beginners or those looking to strengthen foundational skills, the course provides step-by-step guidance in understanding how closures function, how they are constructed, and how to apply them neatly and confidently to a range of textile projects.

Students will begin by learning how to prepare fabric, measure and mark placement lines, and handle basic sewing tools with accuracy. The course covers inserting standard zips, sewing buttons securely by hand or machine, creating buttonholes, and constructing simple flap closures commonly used in bags, garments and home décor items. Each technique is introduced through demonstrations followed by supported practice, ensuring learners gain hands-on experience at a comfortable pace.

Throughout the course, participants will create a set of neatly finished samples that showcase each closure type. They will also explore how closures contribute to both function and design, and how thoughtful choice and placement can enhance the appearance of a finished piece.

By the end of the course, learners will have developed a solid foundation in using basic closures and built the confidence needed to apply these essential techniques to future sewing and textile projects.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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