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obvious diagonals, because they require pattern matching - a skill not covered in this book. For your particular project, you need to refer to the back of the pattern for fabric suggestions. See Chapter 3 for more information on reading pattern backs.

Male Posted 23 March - It is over words long and did this for your benefit so start your journey in tailoring the right way by taking in this treatise. Beginners, Home-sewers and those passionate about tailoring. I wish to welcome you to the Cutter and Tailor Forum and glad you have found this little vault of tailoring knowledge on the web. I am not an official spokesman for this forum, just a passionate contributor and thought this will help cover the absolute basics to help one get started, this will help keep the posts down asking the same questions over and over again while giving a central depot to all the beginning information to be referred to. As alluded to above, over the past few months or so, there has been certain reoccurring themes in the threads started by those new to tailoring that has prompted me to write this guide. In this guide I will give the beginner a step by step focused look into how to get the most out of this forum. From where to start to beginning your first garment. But first, lets take a moment to look at some basic information that will make this forum more enjoyable for all and give the beginner some back ground. What this Forum is: As the trade has declined over the years, the trade journals and sense of community has started to be lost as well. This forum is a step forward for a new and progressive community of, for, and by tailors. As such, the majority of the topics on this forum are advanced in nature and well beyond the skill set of the beginner. So with this in mind, new sections have been added as the forum grows for those just starting in the trade. Remember, the only stupid question is the question not asked. When posting a question, be patient and humble with the replies, no one is getting paid to help you. I will tell you now, being demanding, a know-it-all, or telling the tailors how to teach WILL NOT gain you any favours and the gift cow will dry up as quickly as it produced! What the Forum is not: While the purpose of the forum is to educate, be it for beginner or advanced practitioners of the trade, this is not your own personal tutorial site. In the past people have even made demands of the contributors. This is rude and frowned upon. Please realise many of the contributors to the forum are busy and make a living out of tailoring, their advice is given with the best intentions and from their own time. While the contributors are more than willing to answer your questions and help, remember that you can only be helped as far as you are willing to help yourself. With this said, please let me guide you in how to help yourself. First off, this is NOT a historical or costuming forum for home sewers, if you ARE a professional costumer please read this thread. You will be shown the door as this is NOT the scope of this forum and there are many costume forums available for this sort of thing. Some may think I am hypocritical in my view of this as I, myself, am considered an expert in the field toots horn and openly write on and make historical garments. To answer this, I respect this forum and its rules. I respect the members of this forum and their expertise and thus follow the guidelines probably more than most here. While I do make historical garments, I am, first and foremost a tailor. Thou hast been warned. As the forum has been up for well over a year now, and through the prolific and tireless scanning by Sator and others, it should be some time before you actually have to ask your first question. In each section there is more than enough to keep one busy until you hit a snag and need to ask for help or advice, typically around the first fitting. We do understand that a little help is needed to discern what is important to where you are and where to need to be, so the following will give you a rough guide in how you should focus your efforts. Again, there is more than enough information to get you started in tailoring, please be aware though that no book, article or on-line tuition will ever be a replacement to an apprenticeship or personal mentoring in person by a practising or retired tailor. There are a few here that learned from retired tailors and have built up a good living. Others here have had proper traditional apprenticeships. Never-the-less they will all tell you, no matter how broad and exhaustive this forum becomes, this forum will never replace experience, wisdom and knowledge that you can only find with a tailor. Seek out a tailor if you can! Some steps to make your learning experience better: First thing you will need to do is leave any desires of grandeur, big dreams, ego and enthusiasm at the door. While these are important, they will only hurt you in the beginning. Be humble and respectful not only to the art of

tailoring but to the contributors as well. They have years of experience and are willing to share, so in return take in, evaluate and apply their advice if applicable. As the trade is no longer a large as it once was apprenticeships are few and far between and at the present moment this forum IS the best resource to learning the art of tailoring. As mentioned before though, it is NOT a replacement for learning from a tailor in person. Take a little self initiative with the following advice and put it straight to practice. The more you show, the more willing we are to give input and advice to help you develop your skills. Lastly, we will be honest with you even if you are not honest with yourself. We have passion for what we do and as such respect the art and science of the trade. With this understood, not being honest in our thoughts and actions will be disrespectful to the trade. Unlike costuming or home sewing forums where everyone is nice and give compliments over every little thing, we will not. So please do not take it to heart, as professionals we have professional standards. This is good, as you will always know we will be honest in our critiques, which will help you better yourself in the end. As with any trade, there are certain foundational skills that need to be mastered before making a serious study of the trade. You can not build a house if you can not swing a hammer so to say. So here are some recommended steps to get you to the absolute basic skill set before you attempt any tailored garment. Starting out Your first hurdle, when starting out, is to hold and use your thimble properly. This in itself will test your mettle in wanting to become a tailor, or at least learn tailoring methods to improve your home-sewing projects. Now place the middle finger of your sewing hand into the thimble. The tip of the finger should be able to touch the top of the table easily yet not fall off when you lift your hand. Once you get a thimble that fits, you need to purchase a blister pack of multi-sized betweeners. In Continental Europe, get Prym no. The no 5 needles the longest are used for basting and buttons. Soon you will get a feel for the different needle sizes and can purchase them by the size as you need them. Now that the thimble and needles are sorted, you will need a bit of good worsted cloth, preferably with a pinstripe, a cake of bees wax and a spool of 40wt mercerised cotton in a contrasting colour to the worsted. Once you have these simple tools read this thread! Look at where the base of the needle is on the thimble and mimic the movements. Here are some helpful hints, start with ONLY the fore stitch. This will help your muscles gain memory of the movements and holding the thimble without making any extra movements. Think of it as the amount past your fingers is the stitch length and when you grab the needle at the same point each time you, have calibrated the length of that stitch and each succeeding stitch. NOW Do this exercise until each fore-stitch is evenly spaced and straight and you have full control over the needle and thimble. Be honest with yourself, this will take a week to a month depending on how often you practice. Then move on to the back-stitch and repeat the process all over. I am not being funny, I am dead serious about this. This is a serious trade, not a hobby, and it will not be easy. If you do this right from the beginning, I guarantee by the time you make your first garment the workmanship will be much cleaner and you can take a little more pride in the finished product. Your First Garment should either be a skirt recommended or a pair of trousers. I had been an advocate to start out with a commercially available pattern, but I have come to realize much work would be needed to make them suitable for tailoring that you might as well draft your own. It can be a little daunting at first but like the stitches it gets easier with practice. Once you make up a few you will start to see how the pattern truly works and be able to adjust more readily. After you draft your pattern, cut it out, place pieces on your toile cloth and trace the patterns with a good sharp chalk. Add inlays and add marking threads and then cut out. Now we are ready for making up! But now, how do we actually make this up? Simple, get a book. This is probably the most recommended book on the forum and is a good base to launch from. This will give a more in depth look into classic trouser making and will give you much more professional results.

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Applique Lesson Using Pressing Sheet. A cutting mat is a self healing when cut. This means that you can lay a piece of fabric on it, run a rotary cutter over it basically a round razor blade and the fabric will be cut without harming the mat. When I need to make long, straight cuts there is nothing like a mat and rotary cutter. I can cut much more quickly and easily than with scissors. This is a personal choice; I have friends who prefer scissors. If you plan to quilt, this is a "must have". If not, it is just a nice tool for cutting square corners. It is used for "squaring down" a quilt block. I also use it to square other items. Usually used for drawing curves in clothing patterns drawing a lower neckline, for example, it can be used to draw any curved line. I use these on my large sewing ruler. One side has adhesive, allowing the small gripper dots to stick to the ruler; the other side has a finish like fine sand paper and is the side placed on the fabric. The grippers keep the ruler from slipping on the fabric. This is a huge help when using a rotary cutter. Luxury Sewing Tools large sewing table: A large table better than the floor or kitchen table because it is at a height that is friendly to backs sewing tables are higher than regular tables. They usually have wings that can be folded back. This means they provide a large surface when needed, but can be folded down for storage. This type of thread is washable; it holds fabric together until stitched, but does not have to be removed because it will wash out. I have an extended workspace, which I absolutely love! It comes up around the arm of my machine, giving me a larger surface. Keep all tools and sewing items in a safe place, where they will not be damaged such as a tupperware box with lid. New fabric can change when washed or dry cleaned. New fabric might have become stretched out of square during processing. To obtain the best results for your finished product, always pre-treat the fabric and trim if it will later be washed or dry cleaned. This means wash and dry or dry clean if that is required for the fabric to be used and square it into shape. Pre-wash Fabric or dry clean: Sizing can hinder the performance of a sewing machine. It also might interfere with adhesives used for attaching appliques and other items. Sizing is used to give body and a bit of stiffness to fabric that would otherwise be limp. The sizing should be removed by washing before the fabric is used for sewing. Another reason to pre-wash is that fabric might shrink or fade with machine washed, or change in some way when dry cleaned. I once made a baby quilt that used beautiful pale yellow flannel, contrasted with a dark navy flannel. The first time it was washed the navy faded all over the yellow. It was a difficult learning experience. Stretch Fabric Back Into Shape: If the fabric does not lie in line nicely, it might be a bit stretched out of shape. If this is the case, you will need to stretch the fabric on the diagonal. Get someone to help you stretch the fabric from one corner to the opposite corner, in the direction that needs the adjustment. This should take care of the problem pre-washing the fabric tends to take care of this problem also. Stretch of Fabric The grain generally runs the length of the fabric parallel to the selvages, with the greater stretch running in the opposite direction perpendicular to the selvages. The selvages are the side edges of the fabric. The distance between the selvages is the width of the fabric, such as 42", 45", 54" or 60". Quilt fabrics come in narrow widths 42""; home decor fabrics come in wider widths 54"". Please note that the greatest stretch may be opposite of what is shown on the right. If you are not sure, grab the fabric in two places, 1" apart. Pull the points apart and measure the length of stretch. Repeat in the opposite direction to see which direction has the greatest stretch. Be sure to place the pattern pieces according to greatest stretch. It is very important to follow layout instructions regarding correct fabric direction the direction the pattern piece is placed on the fabric. This is because there is usually more stretch in one direction than in another, even with non-stretch fabrics. This can make a difference in how the finished garment behaves. At least a bit of stretch is desired across the back width of a skirt, for example, but not along the length of the skirt. The pattern pieces will be clearly marked as to what direction they should be laid on the fabric. Place the pieces on the fold, and make sure you have enough fabric go cut the necessary number of pieces. Refer to the image on the following page. Refer to Chapter Three: This will ensure that you fully understand the lay-out, and there is sufficient fabric for all pieces. Review the lay-out instructions in the pattern and carefully follow these

directions. When you are more experienced, you might have your own preferences for lay-out. Secure Pattern Pieces Secure the pattern pieces in place before cutting. Pins or weights work well. Pins are more precise and secure, reducing risk of knocking a piece out of place. Therefore, I recommend pins for beginners or precise cutting. Always place pins in the seam allowance. For patterns that do not require a lot of precision cutting, I like to lay my fabric on a large sewing mat. I secure it with weights and use a rotary cutter to cut out the pieces. It is a quick and easy method of cutting. Cut Fabric Pieces For cutting out the pieces, a rotary cutter or any of a wide variety of scissors can be used. As with pins, scissors are more precise. Bent handle scissors are best if cutting fabric on a flat surface. A rotary cutter is fast and easy to use for long, straight edges, but difficult to use around corners. I definitely recommend scissors until you are experienced. Small snippers are wonderful for cutting small areas. Instead, cut away from the pattern piece. Notches are used to line up pieces when sewing them together see below under "Marking Pieces". In marking fabric, you are transferring important information from the pattern piece to the cut fabric, such as where to sew in darts, where to place buttonholes, where to place a zipper, etc. There are various ways to mark fabric. You need to consider your own preferences, as well as the type of fabric, when you choose your method. Pins Pins can be used to mark places such as start and stop places for sewing and measurements. You must be careful with pins, however, because they can leave tiny holes in our garment. Consider the placement of the pins as well as the type of fabric before choosing this method. Pins are best used only where you will sew a seam line. Tailor Tacks Tailor tacking uses thread to mark the fabric pieces. The following is an example. The thread can be sewn through the fabric only, or the pattern piece and the fabric. Then cut the thread and pull away the pattern piece. You now have your mark in exactly the right place. ALWAYS before using a marker or pencil, try it on a piece of scrap fabric to be sure it performs well. It should stay on long enough to be useful not smear or rub off , but should be easily erased with a fabric eraser. Tracing Paper and Tracing Wheel The tracing paper is placed between the fabric and pattern piece with the transfer color toward the fabric. Use the wheel to press down on the pattern marking to be transferred. The color on the paper will rub off onto your fabric. Notches Notches shown above under "Cutting" mark the fabric by creating areas that extend beyond the regular seam allowance. These notches are used for lining up two pieces of fabric such as lining up the front and back pieces of a skirt to sew the side seam. Whenever possible, I trace my patterns onto freezer paper bought on a roll at Costco. The reason is that most patterns come with multiple sizes. I can trace and cut only my size, without cutting the original pattern.

Chapter 3 : Cutting and Tailoring

The Institute's Cutting and Tailoring curriculum has been developed over the period of more than 23 years. It has emerged out of a major challenge that there are a vast array of books on cutting and tailoring available in the market but mostly these.

Imagine, if you could escape into your dreams, visit mythical places and travel back and forth in time. Experience the thrill of letting your imagination go wild. Books have that kind of power. They teleport you to places you might not otherwise get to see in your lifetime. Many people take up book reading in different ways. Come to think of it, you can classify book readers into a few categories: The first two groups are those who cannot live without books. Wherever they go, whatever they do, they need a book with them. You get the picture, right? And then, there is the last group of readers, who only pick up books when they have free time to spare. They are not as addicted to reading as the first two categories of readers. Enough about readers, let us take a look at what they like to read Comics: Whoever thinks that comics are only for kids, has never been more wrong. From Superman and Spiderman to Wonder Woman and Black Widow, comics bring to you a world of superheroes that can inspire you to become a better human being. You can add Marvel: Also, let us not forget the wise world of Calvin and Hobbes comics or the adventurous tales in Tintin comics. If you do not have the patience to sit through long novels, and want your tales to be short and sweet, then short stories are for you. Short Fictions and Disturbances by Neil Gaiman, fall into the category of short stories. Whether you are a diehard fan of the Harry Potter series, or you love to delve into the thrilling world of The Millennium Trilogy, novels keep you on the edge of your seat with action-packed tales of adventures. They are often long, and are best for readers who devour books like popcorn. Since we are talking about novels, let us not forget the novellas. These books are shorter than novels but the tales are longer than short stories. From how-to and technical books to text and reference books, you can find a host of nonfiction titles online. Apart from them, you can also find spiritual, motivational and religious books online. If you are taking a competitive exam, you can seek guidance from entrance exam preparatory books. These books tread a fine line between fiction and nonfiction. Books like Wings of Fire: An Autobiography by Dr. Buy Books Online If you are someone who loves reading, then online shopping can be a boon for you. With so many titles available from various publishing houses, these sites offer great discounts coupons online on your favourite books. Find Best selling books online and if you were planning to build a library of your own, this is the right time to do so.

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