

Summer Term 2025



Project Brief

There are three pathways you can go down for this term depending on your experience and desires.

1. **Summer Fun! (Beginner Friendly)**

Design and make a summer outfit using one of the many existing patterns we have. We have copies of clothing from Brandy Melville, Subdued, Urban Outfitters, and more! Edit patterns for a perfect fit and learn a variety of sewing techniques such as: overlocking, French seams, adding elastic, top stitching, cover stitching, and more. Consider using our amazing embroidery machine to add a personal touch!

2. **Completely Custom! (Intermediate- Advanced)**

Design and create and outfit from start to finish. We will guide you through the pattern cutting process and help you bring your fashion visions to life! More advanced making techniques such as bias cut fabrics, rolled hems, and boning are encouraged! Whether it's a corset, ball gown, pair of jeans, or structured coat, with help from the tutors you can create something completely unique and totally you!

3. **Arts Award (additional charge, all skill levels)**

Would you like to gain a qualification for your fashion work? We provide opportunities for students to complete bronze or silver arts awards. Both awards involve research, sketchbooks, making, reviewing, leadership skills, and more. The bronze award can be completed within one term. The silver is longer and takes 1.5-2 terms and requires additional homework, but is recognised as a GCSE level qualification! If you are interested in learning more please contact Ellie (ellie@thefashionschool-uk.com).

Skills Weeks!

We have two skills weeks per term. Once at the start and the other after the half term. This allows all students to learn a new skill which they can implement into their projects.

Skills 1: Scrunch and Ruffle

In this lesson students will learn techniques to ruffle fabrics in a variety of ways. This technique is super useful for everything from inserting sleeve caps to adding frills to skirt hems.

- Two thread gathering.
- Sewn elastic gather.
- Elasticated channel gather.
- Curve cut ruffle.
- Shirring.

Skills 2: Flipping Out

In this lesson you will make either a simple lined drawstring bag or zipped lined pencil case. This will teach you how to leave a hole in the lining and turn the bag right ways out through there for a perfectly neat finish. You will practice closing the hole using a hand sewn ladder stitch for an unnoticeable closure.

Weekly Breakdown

26th April: Skills Week 1 (Scrunch and Ruffle)

3rd - 16th May: Work on individual projects.

Trial and new students will be required to make either a scrunchie or pair of shorts before beginning on longer project.

Returning students may continue with existing projects.

24th May: Half term- no classes.

31st May: Skills Week 2 (Flipping Out)

7th June - 19th July: Continuing with and finishing off individual projects.