



Contour Fashion BA (Hons)

Equipment List 2013 BA (Hons)

1. Basic Equipment

Basic sewing and pattern cutting equipment is necessary for ALL students undertaking the Contour Fashion BA (Hons) course. You are expected to provide the following basic equipment for yourselves:

Pattern master	Tape measure
French curves	Flexi curve and/or flexible 30cm ruler
Propelling pencils	Black fine felt tip pens
Magic tape/Sellotape	Eraser
Machine Tweezers	
Pattern Notcher	Tracing Wheel
Notepads	Pattern Awl
Scissors (fabric)	Scissors (paper)
Embroidery scissors	Stitch unpicker
Cloth marking pencils	Designer Fashion Tape
Metre Rule	Pins and hand sewing needles.

You may be familiar with most of the equipment listed above. These can all be purchased from the 'Morplan' Student Catalogue 2012 or alternatively go to: www.morplan.com/students . You must allow 7 to 10 working days for delivery so don't leave ordering your equipment to the last minute!

You will also need to purchase a bobbin and bobbin case, for the DMU lockstitch machines, from the DMU Materials Shop on the Mezzanine floor in the Fletcher Tower. To do this you need to purchase a pink card which gives you credit from the same shop. We will give you more information about this when you arrive for Fresher's Week and this equipment can also be purchased then.

Books

'Pattern Cutting for Lingerie, Beachwear and Leisurewear' by Ann Haggart
'Metric Pattern Cutting' (Womenswear) by Winifred Aldridge

2. Additional Sewing Equipment

It is desirable to have your own domestic sewing machine, because many of the sewing techniques taught can be practised on a domestic sewing machine. It is also useful for making samples to add to your sketchbook work, where you are giving an indication of how a garment might look.

We also recommend that you purchase your own specialist Contour Fashion garment stand. Details for this will be given to you by the staff on your arrival at DMU. The roughly estimated cost for this stand is £200.

If you are thinking about purchasing a sewing machine prior to your attendance at university, it is worth noting that all domestic sewing machines have a straight stitch facility, but it would be useful to have a zig-zag and/or a 3-point zig-zag stitch too. Janome and Bernina sewing machines are a good starting point however it is your choice.

3. Additional General Equipment

You will need general art and design materials – paper, pens, pencils, water colours etc. It is difficult to be very specific, as what you actually need will depend on the way you take your individual projects forward. Be prepared to buy some equipment that you don't already own.

Collect fashion magazines and KEEP them, as these will also be useful throughout university.

Finally, collect and keep fabric swatches and trims suitable for lingerie and swimwear.