



Tailor

Description

Tailors are responsible for cutting, making and modifying garments using the patterns and design sketches. Most of their time they spend over the sewing machine, but many other activities make the difference in their workday: measuring, drawing, ordering of fabrics, cutting, ironing and similar. They can work by hand or by using special sewing machines. Accuracy and hand skills help tailors to make the most beautiful garments of fabric or leather depending on the requirements they have to fulfil, turning them into modern, elegant or sports clothes for women, men or children. They can also focus on manufacturing of professional workwear, such as uniforms or protective clothing. In their work they use and tailor various materials like cotton, silk, leather and fur. Their tasks include also maintenance of sewing machines, sorting, packing and completing finished products.

Tailors working at tailor's shops work directly with customers, give them advice on what cut and fabric to choose, considering their wishes, personal style and current fashion trends. They order necessary fabrics, use patterns. Apart from their professional knowledge and skill in reading sketches and patterns, creativity, skilful hands and „a good eye“, patience is another trait tailors must possess.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual ability/ hand skills;
- Creativity and sense of form, shape and colour;
- Attention to detail;
- Accuracy and responsibility;
- Communication skills and politeness;
- Being well-organized;
- Patience.

Positive aspects:

- Tailors have contact with many different people/customers. They keep up with the latest styles and fabrics, they recognize trends and are always a step ahead of others. The job is creative and interesting.

Negative aspects:

- A tailor must perform his work quickly and accurately which involves sitting down for long periods of time over a sewing machine. There is often certain time pressure to complete the task.

Career path/ fields of work

Tailor's job requires completion of a three-year secondary vocational education.

A tailor may work in textile and fashion industry, in large and small textile companies, tailoring shops, studios or on their own doing custom made orders.