

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 1 Award in Traditional Millinery Skills (RQF)

The Open Awards Level 1 Award in Traditional Millinery Skills (RQF) is designed to introduce you to the knowledge and practical skills needed to begin learning the craft of traditional millinery.

The qualification is available through two endorsed pathways, allowing you to choose the route that best matches your interests and future aspirations:

- **Millinery Craft and Production**
- **Millinery Studio and Retail Support**

Whichever pathway you choose, you will develop an understanding of safe working practices, the materials, tools and equipment used within traditional millinery, and the professional behaviours expected within the sector. Both pathways provide a structured introduction to traditional millinery and form the first stage of a progressive suite of regulated qualifications.

Who is it for?

This qualification is for you if you:

- are new to traditional millinery
- would like to develop practical craft and creative skills
- are interested in learning traditional millinery techniques
- are considering progressing to higher-level millinery qualifications.

What does this qualification cover?

You will complete three mandatory units and commit to approximately **100 hours** of learning and assessment, including **80 Guided Learning Hours (GLH)**.

You will follow one of two endorsed pathways.

Millinery Craft and Production

This pathway introduces you to the practical skills required to make traditional millinery.

You will learn how to:

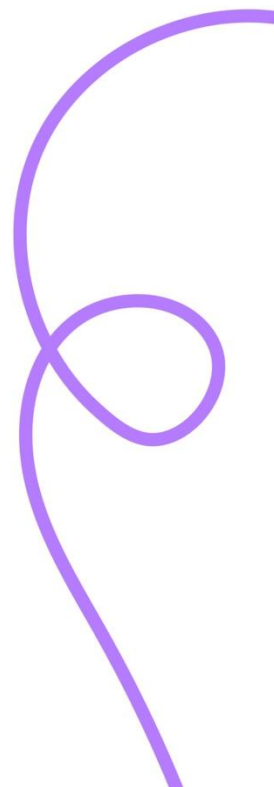
- identify and use traditional millinery materials, tools and equipment
- work safely in a millinery workshop
- apply fundamental traditional millinery techniques
- produce simple traditional millinery items
- evaluate your finished work and identify opportunities to improve your skills

Millinery Studio and Retail Support

This pathway introduces you to the knowledge and practical skills required to support a professional millinery studio, atelier or specialist retail environment

You will learn how to:

- prepare for customer appointments and fittings
- support customers throughout the fitting process
- use equipment and documentation required for studio and retail activities
- present, package and care for millinery products
- carry out basic practical studio support activities
- review completed customer and studio support activities.



What are the entry requirements?

There are no formal entry requirements.

This qualification is intended for beginners, so you do not need any previous knowledge or practical experience of traditional millinery before you start.

Your provider will help ensure that this qualification is the most appropriate starting point based on your previous learning and experience.

What are the assessment methods?

You will build a portfolio of evidence throughout the qualification rather than sit a formal examination.

Assessment includes completed millinery products, practical observations and supporting evidence that demonstrates both your practical skills and your understanding of traditional millinery.

The qualification is internally assessed by your provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

The qualification is awarded on a **Pass/Fail** basis.

What are the progression opportunities?

After successfully completing this qualification, you could progress to the **Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Traditional Millinery Skills (RQF)**, where you will develop a broader range of traditional millinery techniques and undertake more complex practical projects.

The qualification may also support progression into wider creative learning in areas such as fashion, costume and traditional crafts.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been developed by Open Awards in partnership with the British School of Millinery. It has been designed with input from experienced millinery practitioners to ensure the knowledge, skills and assessment reflect contemporary professional practice while preserving traditional millinery techniques.

