Learning Bespoke Tailoring Vocabulary

Maria’s PGCert Action Research Project

How can I make it easier for Bespoke Tailoring students to learn specialist vocabulary?

I will introduce you to a few resources. Some you are already familiar with, others are prototypes, and one is just an idea.

I will ask you to fill in a short questionnaire.

This is not part of your assessment, and **participation is voluntary**.

This study is part of my research on the PgCert Academic Practice. I will ask you to sign a Participant Consent Form.

Technical Presentations

These are the PowerPoint presentations I show at the beginning of our sessions.

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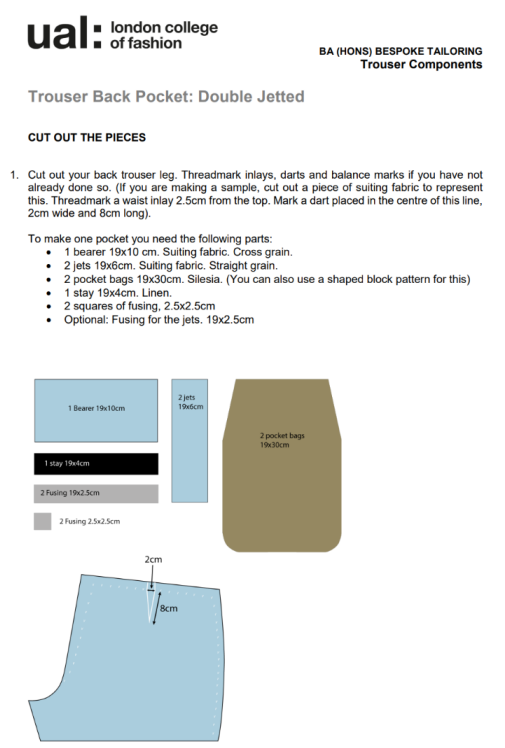
Trouser Hip Pockets – Double Jetted

Silesia

- The edges fray if they are left raw.
- Baste the silesia in place.
- Lasts longer than fusing.
- Softer than linen.
- Used as stay on, or to back, light weight fabrics.
- We will also use silesia for pocket bags.

Worksheets

These are the worksheets, printed and on Moodle, with the step-by-step guides to tailoring techniques.



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Trouser Components

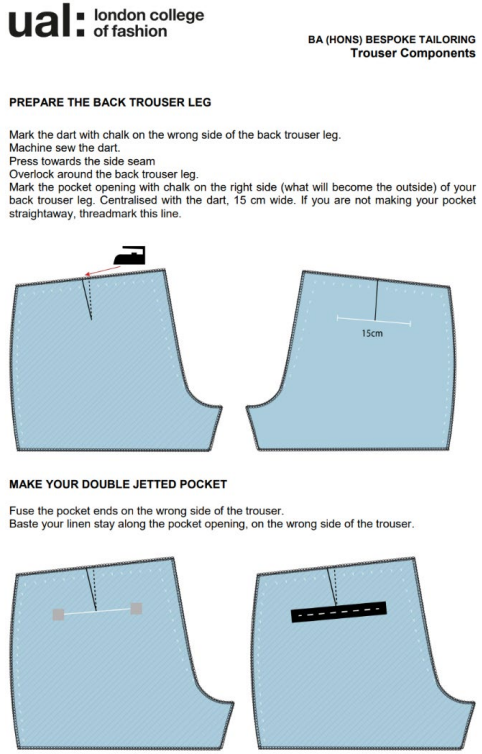
Trouser Back Pocket: Double Jetted

CUT OUT THE PIECES

1. Cut out your back trouser leg. Threadmark inlays, darts and balance marks if you have not already done so. (If you are making a sample, cut out a piece of suiting fabric to represent this. Threadmark a waist inlay 2.5cm from the top. Mark a dart placed in the centre of this line, 2cm wide and 8cm long).

To make one pocket you need the following parts:

- 1 bearer 19x10 cm. Suiting fabric. Cross grain.
- 2 jets 19x6cm. Suiting fabric. Straight grain.
- 2 pocket bags 19x30cm. Silesia. (You can also use a shaped block pattern for this)
- 1 stay 19x4cm. Linen.
- 2 squares of fusing, 2.5x2.5cm
- Optional: Fusing for the jets. 19x2.5cm



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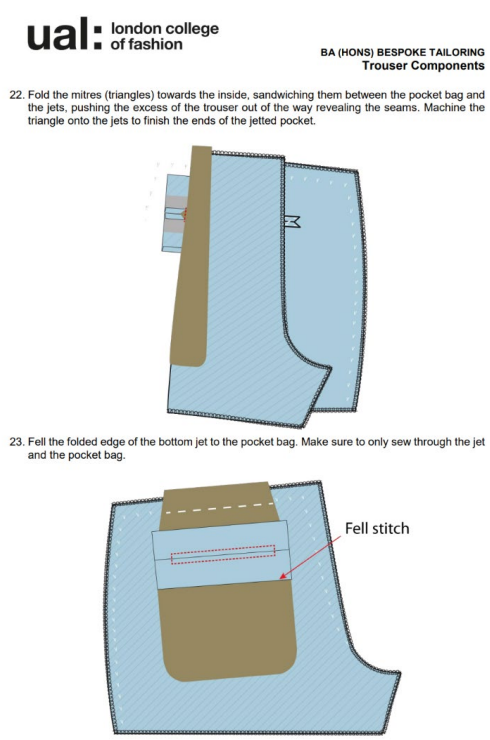
PREPARE THE BACK TROUSER LEG

2. Mark the dart with chalk on the wrong side of the back trouser leg.
3. Machine sew the dart.
4. Press towards the side seam
5. Overlock around the back trouser leg.
6. Mark the pocket opening with chalk on the right side (what will become the outside) of your back trouser leg. Centralised with the dart, 15 cm wide. If you are not making your pocket straightaway, threadmark this line.

MAKE YOUR DOUBLE JETTED POCKET

7. Fuse the pocket ends on the wrong side of the trouser.
8. Baste your linen stay along the pocket opening, on the wrong side of the trouser.



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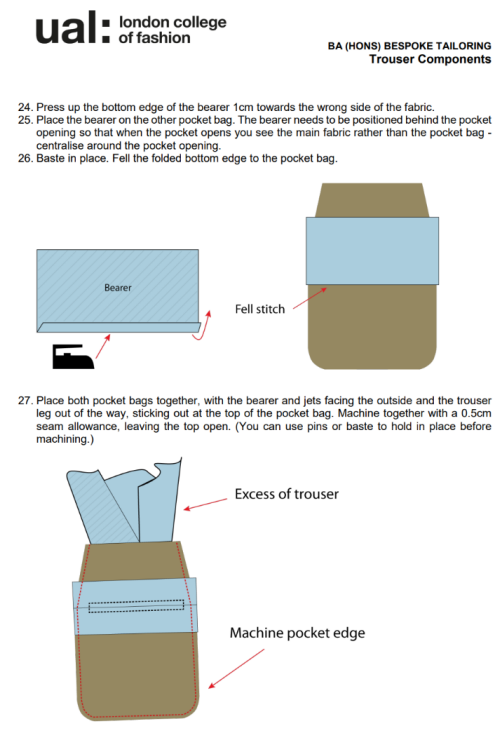
22. Fold the mitres (triangles) towards the inside, sandwiching them between the pocket bag and the jets, pushing the excess of the trouser out of the way revealing the seams. Machine the triangle onto the jets to finish the ends of the jetted pocket.

23. Fell the folded edge of the bottom jet to the pocket bag. Make sure to only sew through the jet and the pocket bag.



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24. Press up the bottom edge of the bearer 1cm towards the wrong side of the fabric.
25. Place the bearer on the other pocket bag. The bearer needs to be positioned behind the pocket opening so that when the pocket opens you see the main fabric rather than the pocket bag - centralise around the pocket opening.
26. Baste in place. Fell the folded bottom edge to the pocket bag.

27. Place both pocket bags together, with the bearer and jets facing the outside and the trouser leg out of the way, sticking out at the top of the pocket bag. Machine together with a 0.5cm seam allowance, leaving the top open. (You can use pins or baste to hold in place before machining.)

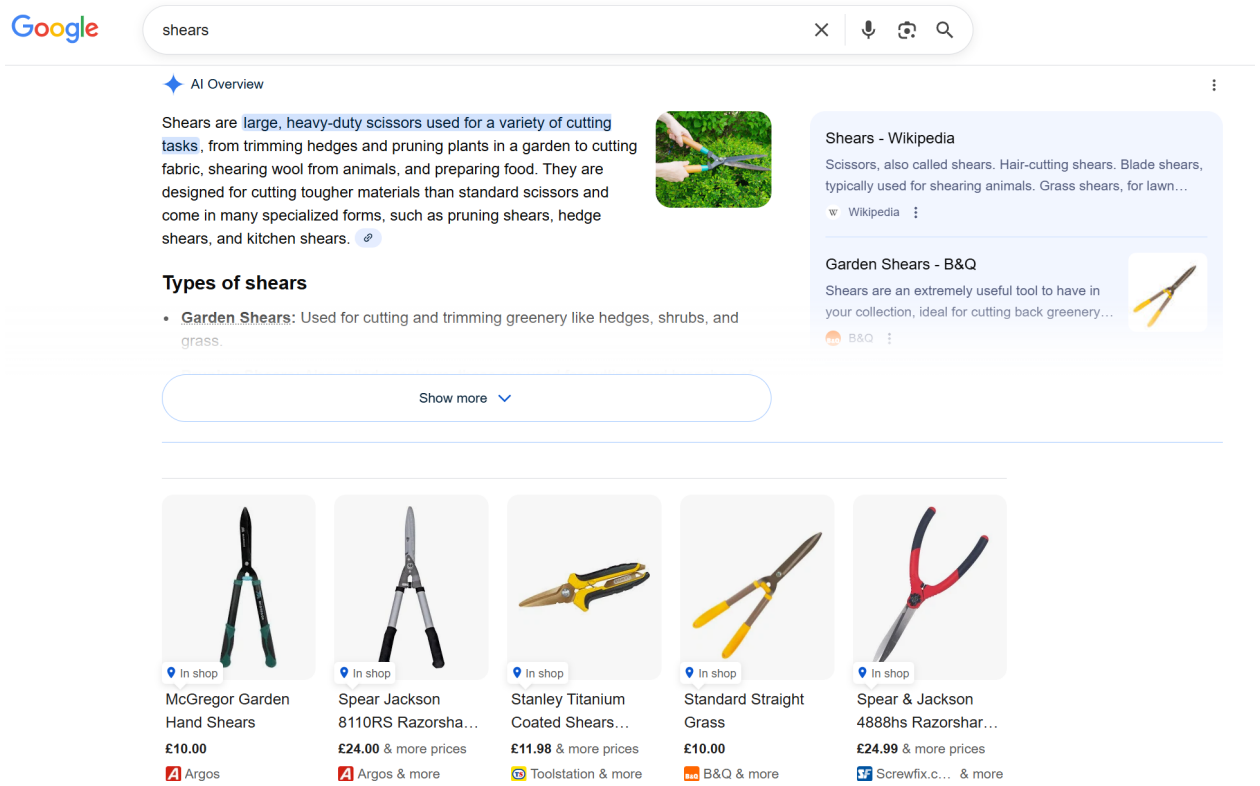
Image Based Glossary

This is the Image Based Glossary, available on Moodle and printed in the classroom. It is still a prototype, and not yet complete.

Shears

Google/AI

This is when you search for the meaning of a word using Google, another search engine, or a translation tool.



Playing Pictionary

Cards from the Image Based Glossary can be used to play Pictionary.

Some of you did this during the Welcome Event.

Playing Bespoke Tailoring Pictionary

Give each team:

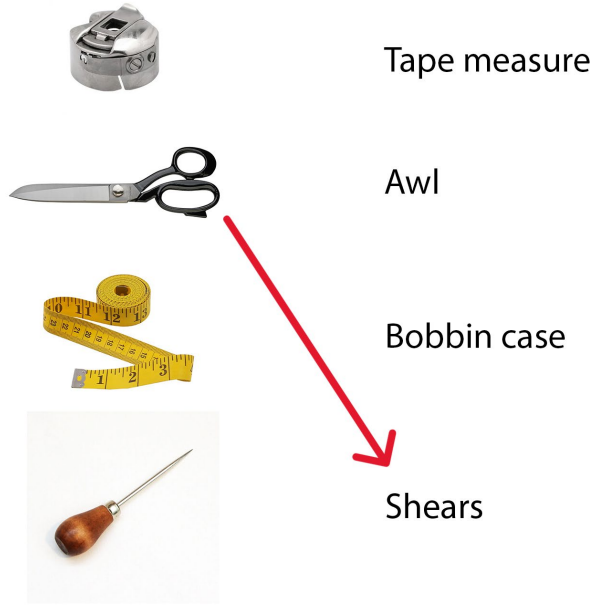
- A big paper to draw on
- Pens/pencils
- A deck of Bespoke Tailoring Pictionary cards

One player from each team will pick a secret card. This player sketches a picture representing the word. The other players in the team try to guess the word. When they have guessed the correct word, the next player picks a new secret card and begins to sketch.

The team that has guessed the most words after 5 minutes wins.

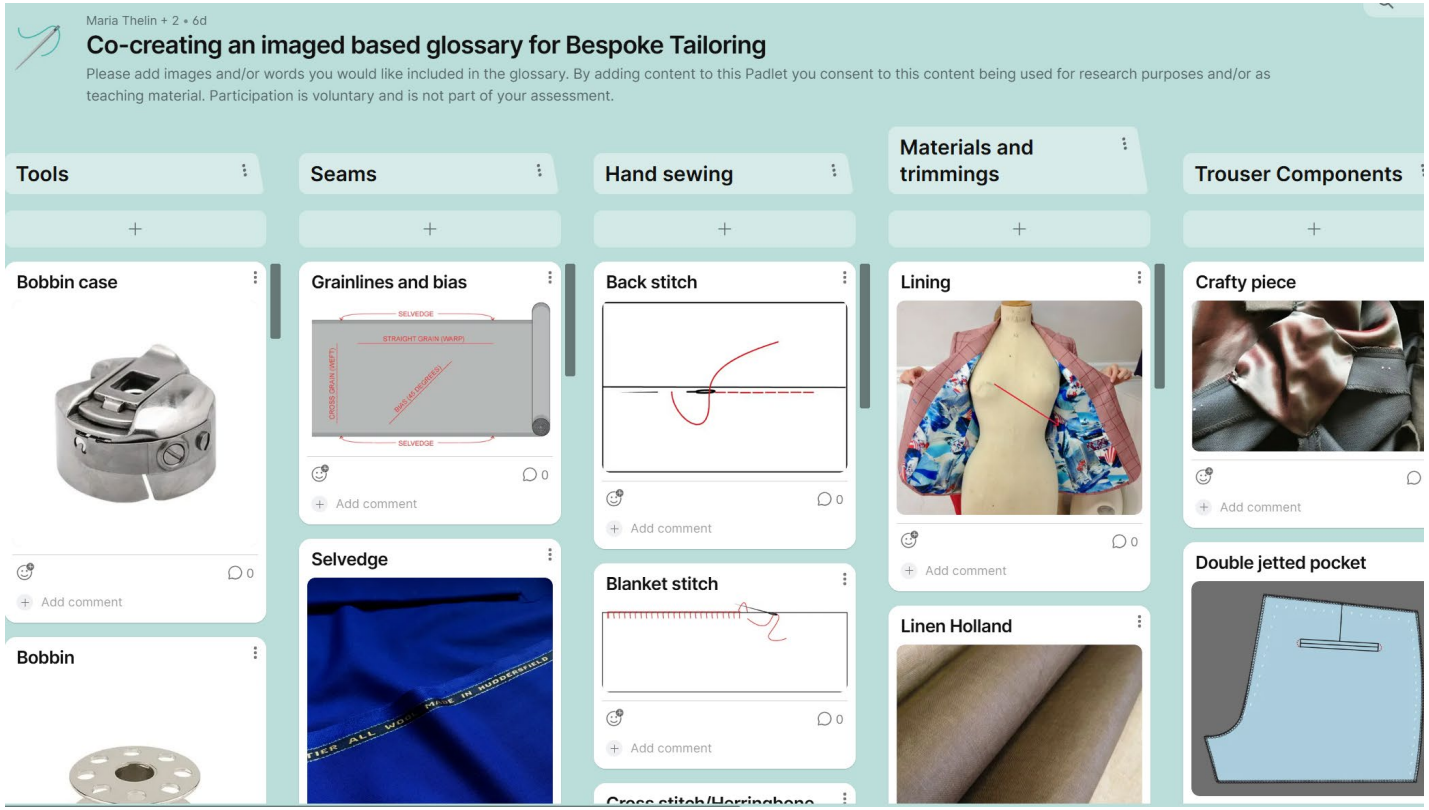
Glossary turned into a game app

The Image Based Glossary could be turned into a game app (similar to Duolingo and other language learning apps).



A Padlet allowing co-creation of the glossary

A Padlet where you can revise vocabulary, share images and add words you would like to be included.



Questions?

Questionnaire

Available printed and online.
Let me know what you prefer.

Takes around 2 minutes.

Questionnaire - Learning Tailoring Terminology