

Cuma Özdemir is a son of a shepherd, but he didn't want to live in a village. So, at the first opportunity he moved to the city. He found a job in a wool-processing factory working night shifts. During the day he worked as an apprentice, learning from a master **tailor**. He learned how to cut the textile, how to shape it and how to sew from the masters.

Once he had saved enough money to rent a workshop and buy sewing machines, he opened his own tailor shop. He has been working as a **sole trader** for more than 20 years now and apart from his son, who is now his apprentice, he has not employed any other workers.

The services he offers include **sewing** trousers, skirts, dresses, jackets, repairing zippers, and hemming trousers. He has learned everything from his masters. He can fulfil any customer's wishes.

People see this job as a hobby, but one cannot sew complicated clothes unless they start learning the skills on their mother's lap. Also, a tailor should have very good communication skills and try to understand what the customer needs.



People mostly prefer to buy new clothes but sometimes they want bespoke clothes or just need to save an old favourite garment. So in a certain way, being a tailor is still a good job.

Glossary

- **Tailor:** someone whose job is to make, repair, and adjust clothes
- **Sole trader:** the simplest form of business structure and the owner is responsible for all aspects of the business
- **to sew:** to join two pieces of cloth together by putting thread through them with a needle

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