

SERENDIPITY

**For All Your Patchwork
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**Workshop Brochure
Winter/Spring 2018**

Dear Quilters,

January 2018

Very Best Wishes to you all for a wonderful New Year. We hope you will have lots of time to relax, read books, work in the garden, go on holiday, spend more time with the children/grandchildren/great grandchildren and of course make all the projects you have always wanted to do.

We are looking forward to starting the new year here at Serendipity with lots of new and exciting courses and workshops. Our tutors have come up trumps again with lovely projects and we want to do them all.

Emily's Bow Clutch is very tempting, using both felt and fabric for the outside and vinyl and netting for the inside. Same for Ruth's Quilt Medley. We wonder how that would look with a dark background fabric and vibrant prints, hmmm?

Where can we put another cushion made from these gorgeous new Liberty fabrics coming in February? A quillow is always handy in the car, isn't it?

But who needs an excuse to make something from beautiful fabrics either for a loved one or just to please yourself?

The past year has brought us very successful workshops and courses with fun, laughter, lovely finished projects and happy customers, but also a few sad moments.

Two of our loyal customers passed away very suddenly in the past few months.

Julie has been coming to us for years. A very active, positive and happy lady who has made numerous quilts for friends and family. Not long retired and looking forward to a long and happy retirement. Alas it was not to be. Julie passed away in July after a short stay in hospital. What a sad loss to all who knew her.

Lynne on the other hand was a relative newcomer but she made herself loved by many in a very short time. Sometimes we couldn't keep up with everything she was doing: knitting, crochet, traveling, baking, going to the gym, looking after her youngest grandson etc. etc. With patchwork and quilting she had found a whole new set of friends and a hobby that could have become a very happy addiction.

She was so eager to learn it all and threw herself wholeheartedly in the patchwork and Quilting world. We'd received an e-mail on a Tuesday to say that she wasn't well and couldn't attend a Sew Sisters session and on Wednesday she passed away. Such a shock. She was such a lovely, bubbly lady and she will be missed by a lot of people.

On a happier note: we have lots of new fabrics coming in over the next few months.

'Lemon Tree', the latest range from Tilda; Cottage Garden from Liberty of London; Anni Down's 'To The Zoo'; Lynette Anderson's 'Peacock Manor'; Jennifer Paganelli's 'Sugar Beach' and Lori Holt's 'Bake Sale 2' names you might not have heard of before and 2018 will see the return of Lewis & Irene to our shelves. And lots and lots of other ranges that at the moment we cannot even remember...

As always we will have an OPEN DAY to celebrate the release of our brand-new brochure. This time our OPEN DAY will be on Saturday 20th January 10am – 4pm.

Some of our tutors will be here to show you what they teach, answer your questions and you will have the chance to see all our samples and book your places for workshops and courses that appeal to you.

2018, bring it on!

With kindest regards from Myriam and Sunny, the Material Girls.

Courses

From Basics to Beyond with Ruth Smith

Hand sewing £ 85.00

6 monthly classes.

These flexible and relaxed hand sewing classes will teach you a wide range of techniques of Patchwork and Quilting, block by block. Working at your own pace, you will be able to make a full sized bed quilt or a smaller project of your choice using the quilt-as-you-go method.

ALL ABILITIES BUT ESPECIALLY TOTAL BEGINNERS VERY WELCOME!

Photos in the shop

The mornings of Ruth's courses are mostly fully booked but sometimes we can fit newcomers in. Please ask.

Group 1: Sat : Feb 3 / Mar 3 / Apr 7 / May 5 / June 2 / July 7

Group 2: Sat : Feb 17 / Mar 10 / Apr 14 / May 12 / June 9 / July 14

Group 3: Fri : Feb 16 / Mar 23 / Apr 20 / May 18 / June 15 / July 20

Group 4: Sat : Feb 24 / Mar 24 / Apr 28 / May 26 / June 30 / July 28

If there is a date in your chosen Group that you are unable to attend, then we can always try to squeeze you in on another group.

All morning classes are from 10.00 till 12.30pm.

All afternoon classes are from 1.00 till 3.30 pm

Quillow featuring YBR with Ruth Smith

Machine sewing

£ 70.00

1 Full day and two mornings on a Tuesday

Febr 27 from 10 till 4 and

March 27 and April 17 from 10 till 1.

The definition of a Quillow: a quilt that folds up in a pillow. For those of you who haven't made one of these or those who maybe need a refresher. Ruth will be running a short course which will also include the versatile and economic Yellow Brick Road (YBR) design as the quilt part of the Quillow.

Sample in the shop soon

Machine Sampler with Myriam

Machine sewing

£80.00

6 Wednesday mornings from 10 till 12.30

Feb 28 / Mar 28 / Apr 25 / May 30 / June 27 / July 25.

For the Beginners in Patchwork and Quilting. You will make a nine-patch Sampler Quilt, which will give you all the skills you need, like rotary cutting, sewing accurate seams and quilting, to then go and make quilts on your own.

Sample in the shop

Dress Making with Jacquie Lovett

Machine sewing

£ 50.00

3 Wednesday evenings from 5 till 7.30pm

March 7 / March 21 / April 4.

If you have always wanted to learn to sew your own clothes or have had a long break from it but want to regain your confidence, this course is for you. Half the course will be taken up by making a simple skirt. Even if you're not a skirt-wearer, this will teach you how to use a commercial pattern, cut it to your size, fit it to your body shape, sew seams and insert a zip.

Samples in the shop.

Take-It-All Tilda Tote with Emily Levey **Machine sewing** **£ 35.00**
Two Thursday mornings from 10 till 12.30.
March 8 and April 26.

With this capacious tote bag you really will be able to 'take-it-all'. Both roomy and sturdy, the brilliant foam interfacing will allow you to pack up this bag easily. Its pretty patchwork panel pockets on the outside means it is good looking as well as useful. Use your favourite fabrics to show them off.

Sample in the shop

Short Beginners Course with Myriam **Machine sewing** **£ 60.00**
Two full days from 10 till 4
March 15 and April 12.

Always wanted to learn the basic skills to make a quilt but haven't got the time to do a 6 month course? Then this is your chance.

In two days you will learn to use your rotary equipment, sewing accurate 1/4" seams, machine quilt and assemble your very first lap quilt.

Sample in the shop

Sampler Lap Quilt with Sunny **Hand sewing** **£ 80.00**
6 Wednesday mornings from 10 till 12.30
Mar 21 / Apr 18 / May 23 / June 6 / July 18 / Aug 15.

A patchwork course for absolute beginners making a beautiful lap quilt. Each lesson you will be introduced to simple techniques and taken through the drafting, cutting, piecing (sewing) and quilting process step by step. This course will teach you everything you need to know to sew a simple quilt by hand which will be a well-loved heirloom for generations to come.

Sample in the shop

The Work Box with Suzanne Hutchins **Hand sewing** **£ 60.00**
Two full Wednesdays from 10 till 4
April 4 and May 2.

If you have ever seen Susanne's boxes you will know what to expect from her. This is another one of her master pieces: a beautiful workbox for all your sewing needs with a handle to carry it. All sewn by hand and suitable for all abilities, Suzanne will guide you every step of the way to make this very special box.

Sample in the shop

We Love Liberty with Myriam **Hand or machine sewing** **£ 60.00**
Two full Fridays from 10 till 4
April 6 and July 6.

Everyone knows Liberty fabrics and will most probably love them. Now Liberty has brought out their own ranges of gorgeous quilting fabrics, slightly firmer than their Lawns and absolutely perfect for quilt making. We just love them.

This block will be made using foundation piecing for easy perfect points. Either relaxing handsewing or a bit quicker done by machine, this block can easily become a large bed quilt for a loved one.

Sample in the shop

English Paper Pieced Cushion with Sunny **Mainly Hand sewing** **£ 45.00**
Three Friday mornings from 10 till 12.30
May 4/ May 11/ June 1.

A pack of some paper piecing shapes inspired Sunny to make this lovely cushion. Much admired in the shop, now is your chance to make your own version.

Sample in the shop

Sunny's Caravan Picture with Sunny Machine sewing £ 45.00

1 1/2 day on a Tuesday

May 8 from 10 till 4 AND May 29 from 10 till 12.30

With a postcard as inspirations, Sunny grabbed some scraps of fabric and Heat&Bond and started playing around. When you see the end result, you want to make one too. Sample in the shop

Machine Embroidery for Beginners with Diana Wright Machine sewing £ 60.00

Four Tuesday mornings from 10 till 12.30

May 22 / June 26 / July 24 / Aug 14.

It has been a while since we have had Diana to teach machine embroidery for us and we are glad to have her back. This course won't teach you to do cross stitch on your machine, it is much more exciting than that. Using beautiful fabrics, shiny threads and fancy stitches on your machine, Diana will show you how to use all these in a variety of small projects, suitable for absolute novices. You will be surprised what you can achieve when you overcome your fear of dropping the feed dogs on your machine. Samples in the shop soon

Quilt Medley with Ruth Smith Machine sewing £ 85.00

6 Thursday mornings from 10 till 12.30

May 24 / June 28 / July 26 / Aug 30 / Sept 27 / Oct 25

A wide variety of very different techniques, all resulting in a beautiful quilt. Ruth has taught this quilt many times in the past to her regular Saturday ladies. Now it is time to give everyone the chance to make this quilt. Don't miss it! Sample in the shop soon

Day Workshops

How to use your Rotary Cutting Equipment with Myriam/Sunny £ 15.00

Friday January 26 from 10 till 12.30

You bought the equipment but don't really know how to use the cutter, board and ruler together in a safe way and without wasting fabric? We will show you how. This is a skill you will need for most machine patchwork classes so well worth your time.

Learn to use your sewing machine with Sunny/Myriam £ 35.00

Wednesday February 7 OR Thursday July 12 from 10 till 4

Bought a (new) sewing machine and suddenly you are a bit scared to use it? We can help! Just bring your machine with all its accessories and some other bits and bobs on the day and leave the rest to us.

Wonderflower Pincushion with Emily Levey Machine sewing £ 17.50

Thursday February 8 from 10 till 12.30

This sweet little pincushion is no wall flower! With a sturdy weighted base to make using it easy and a soft centre for all your pins. But it is not just for pins! Easily store and use your wonder clips on the petals of the flower, making this the only pincushion you will need. Add embellishments or felt decorations to the petals to make your pincushion really unique. Sample in the shop

Clamshell Zippy Pouch with Emily Levey Machine sewing £ 35.00
Wednesday May 16 from 10 till 4

In this sweet little project you will learn how to make neat and quick machine appliqué clamshells and then turn them into an easy and simple zippy pouch. You will be carefully instructed by Emily in how to insert a tidy and straightforward zip for a beautiful finish on a really useful pouch. Sample in the shop

Bow Clutch with Emily Levey Machine sewing £ 35.00
Friday June 8 from 10 till 4

This lovely clutch has a beautiful wool felt bow adorning the front. Inside it is all business with two zip pockets and two slip pockets - one in mesh and one in vinyl. This is the perfect project for organising yourself and a great way to try out sewing with new materials. Sample in the shop

As well as all the exciting workshops mentioned above, we have a few projects we haven't set a date for yet. Samples of these projects will be in the shop to view. Anyone interested in these classes will be added to a list and contacted once a date has been set.

Sew Sisters

This is an opportunity for you to use our workroom to work on your own projects, old or new. If we are not too busy, we will be on hand if you need a bit of help but the idea is that you work on your own without the usual interruptions and distractions at home, like the phone ringing, the postman, dusting, dirty dishes, washing, dogs and cats; you know what we mean. You will have to book your place well in advance because Sew Sisters is very popular.

The dates that our workroom is open for you, are:

Tuesdays:

Jan 9 – 30 / Feb 6 / Mar 6 / April 3 / May 1 / June 5 / July 3 / Aug 7

Wednesdays:

Jan 10 – 17 – 31 / Feb 14 / Mar 14 / April 11 / May 9 / June 13 / July 4 / July 11 / Aug 1 / Aug 8

Thursdays:

Jan 11 – 18 – 25 / Feb 22 / Mar 22 / April 19 / May 17 / July 19 / Aug 9 - 16

Fridays:

Jan 12 – 19 / Feb 2 – 9 / Mar 2 / April 27 / May 25 / June 29 / July 13 / July 27 / Aug 3- 10 – 17-31

We might be able to squeeze in more dates later in the year so keep asking!

Morning session from 10 till 12.30 - £ 6.00

Afternoon session from 1 till 3.30 - £ 6.00

Or stay all day for £ 10.00. Free coffee, tea and biscuits.

Bookingform

Workshop policies: Please, read carefully before completing this booking form!

Our maximum number of students is **8**.

Pre-payment is required to secure a booking.

Cheques are preferred, **one per workshop or course**, with your name and the name of the workshop/course on the **back** and made payable to 'Serendipity'.

Cash or cards can be accepted also.

Unless you request otherwise on the booking form, unused cheques are shredded.

For a full refund, cancellations must be at least **14** days prior to the day of the workshop or course; after that date we will refund you only if we can fill the place.

Unfortunately we cannot acknowledge every booking received. If you don't hear from us within 14 days, consider it booked.

We reserve the right to cancel workshops and courses if the need arises. In that case you will receive a full refund.

If you want to receive your requirements lists for your courses or workshops:

By post: please enclose a separate, stamped and self-addressed envelope **for each workshop or course** with your Booking form.

By e-mail: please **print** your e-mail address on the booking form.

Our opening times are: Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am till 4.30 pm.

We will be open for workshops and courses at 9.30 am.to set up and be ready for 10am.

For full day workshops, please bring a packed lunch or buy your lunch from Thomas' the Bakers next door or book a table at Brookside the Tearooms across the road. Both are recommended. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided in the shop.

You can park your car in the Public Car Park. It is located only 50 yards from the shop.

But if there is space in the lay-by in front of the shop, you can unload you sewing machine and bags and then park in the Public Car Park.

Regularly tools are left behind in our workroom after classes.

Please, mark your tools either with your initials, a ribbon or any other way to identify them as yours, so that we can return them to their rightful owner.

Please, print your details!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ **Tel. nr.:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Title and Tutor: _____

Date: _____ **Cost:** _____

Please, send with a separate cheque for each class, to
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