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Patchwork and Quilting

Workshop Brochure Autumn 2019

Dear all,

August 2019

Here we are in the midst of Summer and it is time for our Autumn Workshop Brochure!

So many of you have been asking about classes lately that we couldn't make you wait any longer. We hope this will be another busy and fun term with lots of new and regular students.

A few things to note before you delve in and read about our exciting Autumn workshops....

Coach trip to Malvern Autumn Quilt Show:

We have been organising a coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Quilt Show for the last 2 years and as it is so popular, we are organizing another one! The Autumn Quilt Show is a lovely small, yet perfectly formed show with plenty of stalls to spend your pennies at and a wonderful display of quilts to get the inspiration flowing. Our trip will be Sunday 20th October, pick-up and drop-off will be in Bovey Tracey and the cost is only £28 (same as last year). The cost includes your coach travel, a ticket to the show and a tip for the driver. There are convenience stops on the way there and back and an onboard toilet (very important!). We aim to leave Bovey at 8am and hope to be back by 6pm.

This trip is very popular and last year we were completely full so if you're planning on joining us, please get yourself on our list as soon as possible. We don't need payment until nearer the time, just give us your name and contact details.

Mini Sewing Machine Services:

You may have read in our last Newsletter that we now offer Mini Sewing Machine Services. We always recommend to give your sewing machines a full service every 2 years. If you're a regular user or you haven't used your machine in a while, we can now give your machine a mini service for £25. During this service we thoroughly clean your machine, oil it if needed, check that everything is running smoothly and give it a good workout. If you have any problems with your machine, we'll take a look and try and sort it. All you'll have to do is drop your sewing machine off with us and we'll let you know when it's ready to collect (usually within a week).

Quilt Layering-up Service:

Most of you have already taken advantage of this great service but if you haven't, we offer a service where we 'layer' your quilt. This means we sandwich the backing fabric, wadding and quilttop together using very small tacks which keep all these layers together and stops them from moving while you quilt. It is suitable for hand and machine quilting. We know most people lack the space to lay out a quilt (especially if you're making a king size!) as well as enough pairs of hands, that's why we started offering this service.

Simply drop your quilttop off with us, we will then advise you on wadding and backing fabric (we have these in stock) and a week later you can collect your quilt and start quilting. We also stock a large selection of quilting threads and needles to help you on your way.

Dressmaking Courses:

Our dressmaking Courses have been getting more and more popular and as this is very different to our usual patchwork classes, we wanted to shine a light on it. Our Dressmaking Courses consist of 3 lessons on a Wednesday evening (fortnightly 5pm - 7.30pm). Our first course starts on 25th September. This course is open to ALL abilities, but it helps if you have your own sewing machine and already know how to use it. We can recommend patterns to suit skill levels and body shapes but, in the end, the choice is yours. Whatever pattern you choose, we will make sure that the final garment fits you like a glove and you are proud to wear.

For a beginner this course will teach you; how to cut out a pattern and your fabric, fit it to your body shape, how to sew darts, pleats, waistbands and hems and how to fit a zip.

New Tilda Fabric:

Tilda is releasing a brand-new fabric range in October called 'Old Rose' and we're very excited to have this gorgeous range on our shelves. Tilda fans will be very pleased to see the return of the delicate vintage floral designs in reds, pinks, blues, greens and soft purples. We are already thinking of a project to use them.

Open Day:

We usually organize an Open Day to celebrate the release of our Workshop Brochures but this term we are so jam-packed, there just isn't a good time! However, most samples will be up in the shop as soon as the Brochure is out so you can come in anytime to view them and sign up for your preferred classes/ courses.

That's all from us, now enjoy perusing our fabulous classes and courses.

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

Courses

Please note; for any classes/ courses that mention ‘machine sewing’, you will need to bring your own sewing machine to the class.

From Basics to Beyond with Ruth Smith 4 monthly classes.

Hand sewing

£ 70.00

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. Sample in the shop

ALL ABILITIES BUT ESPECIALLY TOTAL BEGINNERS VERY WELCOME!

Group 1: Saturday: Sept 7 / Oct 5 / Nov 2 / Dec 7

Group 2: Friday: Sept 20 / Oct 11 / Nov 8 / Dec 13

Group 3: Saturday: Sept 28 / Oct 26 / Nov 23 / Dec 14

Bookings can be taken for morning or afternoon classes where possible.

All morning classes are from 10.00 - 12.30pm.

All afternoon classes are from 1.00 - 3.30 pm

P & Q for Beginners with Erica Manser 6 monthly classes

Machine

£ 100.00

Saturday morning from 10 – 12.30

Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 16 / Dec 21 / Jan 18 / Feb 15

A beginner's quilt, measuring 72" x 72", made up of half-square triangles and squares. In these classes you will learn how to use a rotary cutter to accurately cut the fabric into the sizes required and sew the pieces together using your sewing machine and a 1/4" seam. The quilt is made up of different sized blocks and will show you how, by changing the colour order or moving the half-square triangles around, you can create many different blocks. The borders and sashing's on the quilt are made up of repeat blocks, so these can be cut and sewn at home between the monthly classes. The quilt can be made in any colour scheme and is totally machine pieced.

Foundation Pieced Pouch with Sunny 1½ day course

Machine/Hand

£ 52.50

Wednesday September 18 from 10 – 4 AND

Wednesday October 2 from 10 – 12.30

Learn the art of Foundation Piecing either by hand or on the machine with this cute robin design. Foundation piecing is a fun skill to learn and results in perfect points. Once you have mastered the piecing, you will learn to make it into a zipped pouch which will be great to hold your future foundation piecing projects in. This robin uses large and small pieces so is a great starting point for anyone new to this skill.

Note: Although the foundation piecing can be done by hand, making it into a pouch will require machine sewing skills
Sample in the shop

Back Pack with Sunny 1½ day course

Machine

£ 52.50

Saturday September 21 from 10 – 12.30 AND

Saturday October 19 from 10 – 4

Many of you have seen and admired this backpack. Using different fabrics and hardware you'll make this great bag for everyday use and every age. This backpack is easy to make and once you've made one for yourself you'll be making more for friends and family.

Note: You will need rotary cutting and machine sewing experience for this class.

Sample in the shop

- Caravan Doorstop with Myriam** **Machine** **£ 52.50**
1 1/2 day course
Wednesday September 25 from 10 – 12.30 AND
Wednesday October 30 from 10 – 4
 A handy and attractive prop to keep your door open. The applique pieces are made using Heat&Bond and blanketstitch, Embroidery, embellishments and a line of mini-bunting finishes it off.
 We can see a lot made as Christmas presents!
Note: rotary cutting and machine sewing skills are required for this class. Sample in the shop
- Hesketh House Hexies with Sunny and Myriam** **Hand** **£ 100.00**
3 Fridays from 10 – 4
Sept 27 / Jan 17 / Feb 28
 Our latest quilt has been made using the gorgeous Hesketh House range from Liberty. English Paper Pieced hexies and diamonds are used to make up the design. Something fun to do in front of the telly or take with you on your travels and you will be surprised how quickly you will have a block finished. Never done EPP before? Then now is your chance!
 Sample in the shop
- Dress Making with Jacquie Lovett** **Machine** **£ 52.50**
3 Wednesday evenings from 5 - 7.30 pm
Sept 25 / Oct 16 / Oct 30 AND / OR
Nov 13 / Nov 27 / Dec 11
 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. For beginners we will recommend certain patterns but essentially the pattern choice is entirely yours. Jacquie will make sure your chosen garment fits you perfectly and you'll feel proud to wear.
 Samples in the shop
- Friendly Mice Bag with Myriam** **Hand and Machine** **£ 52.50**
1 1/2 day course
Thursday Oct 3 from 10 – 12.30 AND
Thursday Oct 24 from 10 – 4
 When we brought this bag in one day, we had two bookings straight away! A very cute Woolfelt applique of three mice and some additional embroidery adorns the front panel. For wadding we are using Style-Fil foam, which gives a lovely quilted feel to the bag as well as keeping it firm without stiffness. Also it is very easy to sew!
Note: simple rotary cutting and machine sewing skills are required for this class. Sample in the shop
- The Snowmen Cushion with Sunny** **Machine** **£ 52.50**
1 1/2 day course
Wednesday Oct 9 from 10 – 4 AND
Wednesday Nov 6 from 10 – 12.30
 Looking for a fun Christmas project to do on the machine? Look no further. This large (and we mean LARGE) cushion is made up of 5 pieced snowmen and will look fab on any sofa or bed. As it is so large, you can also choose to make it into a table runner. The choice is yours.
Note: You will need rotary cutting and machine sewing experience for this class. Sample in the shop

Free Motion Quilting with Erica Manser

2 full Tuesdays from 10 - 4

October 29 AND November 26

This Beginners course will teach you how to set up your sewing machine to free machine quilt different patterns and then you will be shown how to complete a variety of different patterns. At the end of the course you will have your very own pattern book of designs to refer back to – Erica will show you how to construct the pattern book and how to add to this. Homework will be to practice the designs and then the second part of the course will be to bring in an item to actually machine quilt. The first two courses were very popular last term, so please book sooner rather than later.

Samples in the shop

Machine

£ 70.00

Small Wreath Cushion with Sunny

1½ day course

Friday Nov 1 from 10 – 12.30 AND

Friday Dec 6 from 10 – 4

As you may know, Sunny loves making small things and this is one of them. Using foundation piecing either by hand or on the machine, you will make small blocks which fit together to make a beautiful festive wreath. This wreath then is turned into a small, delightful round cushion and finished off with hand embroidery.

Sample in the shop

Machine/Hand

£ 52.50

Diamond Christmas Star with Myriam

2 Tuesday mornings from 10 – 12.30

Nov 12 AND Dec 3

Six foundation pieced diamonds make up this lovely Christmas Star. The foundation piecing (also called Stitch and Flip) is done on very thin Vilene that stays in the project and can be done either by hand or on the machine. You can have fun with embellishments to jazz it up a bit. It can be used as a candle mat or hung up on the wall or in your window.

Sample in the shop

Hand/Machine

£ 35.00

Holly Jolly Christmas Cushions with Myriam

1½ day course

Wednesday Nov 20 from 10 – 12.30 AND

Wednesday Dec 11 from 10 – 4

These cushions were inspired by a tiny picture we saw in a magazine. With some creative thinking (mostly in bed when unable to sleep) these cushions took shape. The wording is hand blanketstitch which gives a very homely feel. A fillet, borders, embellishments and fancy backs make these lovely gifts. Choose one and get the other as a pattern to make at home.

Samples in the shop

Hand and Machine

£ 52.50

Day Workshops

Learn to use your sewing machine with Sunny/Myriam

£ 35.00

Tuesday Sept 24 OR

Friday Nov 22 from 10 - 4

You wanted a new sewing machine as the old one has given up, or you never had one and see all these lovely things on Pinterest and thought: I want to make that myself. And now you are too scared to use it as it looks so complicated with all those buttons and accessories and it sits there in its box staring at you. Well, we can help! A busy day but by the end of it you will understand what your machine can do and how to use it with confidence.

- Needleturn Appliqued Snowman with Myriam** **Hand** **£ 35.00**
Tuesday October 1 from 10 – 4 OR
Thursday November 28 from 10 - 4
 Always wanted to learn needleturn applique but it looks too complicated? Not with this method: no fiddly templates and no messy starch; just fabric, needles and thread. The design is a large Snowman, so large pieces of fabric and quick progress. Once done, you can make it in a Christmas wallhanging at one of our Sew Sister sessions.
 Sample in the shop
- Needle Felted Squirrel with Linda Chapman** **Hand** **£ 35.00**
Thursday October 10 from 10 – 4
 Come and join Linda for a fun day of chat and laughter making felted autumn creations. You will be making an oak and acorn brooch which you can wear straight away to complement your seasonal outfits as well as a cute little squirrel - either red or grey whichever you prefer. The day is suitable for novices as well as more experienced needlefelters and full instructions will be provided on the day. The kit to make both projects will be provided by Linda for £ 7.50, payable to her on the day.
 Sample in the shop
- How to use your rotary cutting equipment with Myriam** **£ 17.50**
Thursday October 17 from 10 – 12.30
 Rotary cutting is a very useful skill when doing Patchwork but so many people are petrified of using the equipment or are using it the wrong way. This class will show you how to use it safely and confidently.
 We also look at different rulers and what the markings on them are used for. If you are planning to book one of our classes which requires Rotary Cutting experience and you don't have any, please make sure you attend this class.
- Stained Glass Christmas Tree with Ruth Smith** **Hand** **£ 35.00**
Tuesday October 22 from 10 – 4
 It has been some time since we have done a class on Stained Glass Windows and Ruth has come up with this lovely design. A very relaxing day of handsewing with a very relaxed and experienced tutor.
 We are sure you can find a space for this little wallhanging at Christmas time.
Note: Some rotary cutting is required in this class.
 Sample in the shop
- The Easy-Peasy Top with Myriam and Sunny** **Machine** **£ 35.00**
Wednesday October 23 from 10 - 4
 Dressmaking can be daunting but not with this easy-peasy top. The shape is a loose-fitting vest with a scoop neckline and curved hem, perfect for warm summer weather or layering with a cardigan. As this top has a very relaxed style, there is no need for a zip or any other type of fastening and can be made in many different fabrics. This is a perfect class for beginners, people wanting to get back into dressmaking or people who just want to make a lovely quick top. We will guarantee you'll make more than one!
Note: Basic sewing machine skills are required.
- 'Jade' Shoulder Bag with Theresa** **Machine** **£ 35.00**
Thursday November 7 from 10 – 4
 The 'Jade' is a lovely versatile shoulder bag that looks anything but 'handmade'. It features a zip closure, an inner zip pocket and a slip-pocket for your phone. The strap can be made longer if you prefer a cross-body bag. This is a reasonably easy bag to sew aimed at the confident beginner to intermediate sewer. We advise to use a cotton fabric if using a domestic sewing machine.
 Sample in the shop
- The Kinomichi Block with Sunny and Myriam** **Machine** **£ 35.00**
Saturday November 9 from 10 – 4
 A very quick and easy to make big 20" block. Make one big cushion or keep repeating the block to make a quilt, small or large. It is the easiest block we have ever made and showcases your chosen fabrics perfectly.
Note: Rotary cutting and machine sewing skills are required for this class.
 Samples in the shop

Snowman Softie with Myriam **Machine** **£ 35.00**
Thursday November 14 from 10 – 4

This (quite large) Snowman is such a cutie, with his warm scarf and earmuffs. Quick and easy to make either from cotton fabric, felt or a soft fleece. This will be the favourite present for the young and young-at-heart this coming Christmas.
Note: simple machine sewing required for this class. Sample in the shop

Felt Thread Spool Block with Myriam **Hand** **£ 35.00**
Friday November 15 from 10 – 4

Getting fed up with my thread spool rolling of the table while handsewing or quilting, I made a wooden block with a dowel and an embellished felt heart on the top to hold the spool in place.
Also a safe place to put my needle and pins for the project I am working on. I made four so far and the hardest thing is to choose which one I am going to use next. We will provide the wooden block and dowel for £ 2.50, which you can leave plain or paint at home. Samples in the shop

Rudolph Wallhanging with Myriam **Hand** **£ 35.00**
Wednesday November 27 from 10 – 4

This cheeky Rudolph is looking through your window at Christmas. Made with easy to sew Woolfelt in large pieces, a border, some wadding, backing and you are ready to do some simple quilting. Then bind and it is ready to hang up in no time at all. *Note: some rotary cutting and simple machine sewing skills are required for this class.* Sample in the shop

Personalised Apron with Myriam and Sunny **Machine** **£ 35.00**
Saturday November 30 from 10 - 4

This personalised apron will make a great gift for a family member or friend or make it for yourself to make cooking that Christmas dinner a little easier. This is also a perfect beginners project.
Note: simple machine sewing skills are required for this class. Sample in the shop

Sew Sisters

As the famous song goes; “Hey sister, go sister, SEW sister!” (Yes, that is where it comes from!) Our weekly sewing social is a popular gathering of anyone wanting to escape the distractions of home and get on with their sewing projects. Coffee, tea, biscuits, a helping hand if needed and plenty of laughter is all included. Choose from a morning or afternoon session or stay all day. Booking is required as it gets busy!

The dates for our ‘Sew Sisters’ are listed below and we may add more during the course of this term so please keep checking or ask us.

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

Tuesdays:

Aug 6 / Aug 13 / Aug 20 / Sept 3 / Sept 10 / Oct 8 / Nov 5 / Dec 10 / Dec 17

Wednesdays:

Aug 7 / Aug 14 / Aug 21 / Sept 4 / Sept 11 / Oct 16 / Nov 13 / Dec 4 / Dec 18

Thursdays:

Aug 15 / Aug 22 / Aug 29 / Sept 5 / Sept 19 / Sept 26 / Oct 31 / Nov 21 / Dec 5 / Dec 12 / Dec 19

Fridays:

Aug 9 / Aug 16 / Aug 23 / Aug 30 / Sept 6 / Sept 13 / Oct 4 / Oct 25 / Nov 29

Saturdays:

Aug 17 / Aug 24 / Aug 31

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

How to fill in your Booking Form

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

The number of students we can comfortably accommodate is **8 but we can get 10 in.**

Full payment is required at time of booking your workshop and/or course.
Cash or card payments are accepted. Card payments can be taken over the phone.

For a full refund, cancellations must be at least 14 days prior to the day of the workshop or course.

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

Please note; for any classes/ courses that mention ‘machine sewing’, you will need to bring your own sewing machine to the class. Other requirements will be emailed out approx. 2 weeks before the start date.

If you haven’t heard from us within this timeframe, please contact us, but please do check your Junk/ Spam Box on your computer.

Our opening times are: Tuesday – Saturday from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm.

For full day workshops, please bring a packed lunch or buy your lunch from Sally and Steve at 64, Café and Kitchen, very highly recommended or Wildmoor Deli, Tesco or Spar.

You can park your car in the Public Car Park at the back of the shop in Mary Street. There is an alleyway that comes out in Fore Street just up from our shop. Cash and card payment is taken in the carpark. Directions can be found on our website.

**Regularly tools are left behind in our workroom after classes.
Please, mark your tools either with your name, initials, a ribbon or any other way to identify them as yours, so that we can return them to their rightful owner.**

Bookingform

Please, PRINT your details!

Name : _____

Address : _____

Postcode : _____ Tel. nr.: _____

E-mail address: _____

Title and Tutor : _____

Starting Date : _____ Cost : _____

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If you want to join us on our coach trip to the Malvern Quilt Show on Sunday October 20th, please print your name, mobile phone number and email address here:

Name: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment will be asked for before the trip. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for further info.

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