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Patchwork and Quilting

Workshop Brochure Autumn 2020

Dear Quilters,

What a year it has been! These unprecedented times had us all experiencing serious ups and downs but it seems us quilters have come out of this pretty well. Most of us have less stash, more quilts and a new skill in making facemasks.

March saw us going into lockdown and having to close the shop; a decision that had to be made but left us wondering if we'd ever open again. Thankfully you all took this time to finish projects and start long overdue ones and ordered your supplies from us. This really kept us afloat during the most difficult time we've ever faced and we are forever grateful. Luckily we managed to open our doors again on June 16th and the shop has been wonderfully busy with familiar faces as well as brand-new ones.

We have now arrived at a 'new normal' and with this we have decided to start our classes again. Most classes and courses running from March to July had been postponed so you will see these re-scheduled in this Brochure. If you were booked onto any of these you will have had an email from us already confirming new dates. If you didn't receive this email for any reason, please let us know.

A few changes to how we have run our classes in the past:

-To comply with social distancing rules we are only running classes of 5 people maximum. This means that some of our classes which were fully booked (maximum of 9) will now be spread over 2 dates. This can mean that there are now a few spaces available where there weren't before. You will see in the Brochure how many spaces are available so make sure you book in quickly if there is something you fancy.

Please keep to your designated area as much as possible and don't share equipment.

-Everyone must wear a facemask/face covering while in the shop area and as much as possible within the workshop area. We understand that wearing a mask for a whole day is uncomfortable and there will be times where you want to have a drink/food so facemasks can be removed from time to time. Please be considerate to others. If you cannot wear a face covering for health reasons, please contact us as soon as possible.

-We are still offering free tea and coffee to everyone in the class but encourage everyone to bring their own mugs/water bottles.

-We will not be able to lend out any of our equipment so please come prepared to your classes with everything you need. As mentioned above, please don't share equipment.

-Lastly but also, most importantly...(this goes without saying) If you are experiencing any of the Coronavirus symptoms, please stay at home.

We will do our utmost to keep everything clean so that you feel safe and relaxed during your time in class. If you have any concerns, please get in contact.

We are very excited to get started again after all this upheaval and look forward to welcoming you back for sewing, chat and laughter.

Roger, our sewing machine mechanic will be in on Tuesday 15th September for servicing and repairs. Please book your spot by ringing us on 01626 836246 or for more details.

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.

Do make sure that the machine is clean and in good working order and bring all leads, accessories and the manual.

From Basics to Beyond with Ruth Smith

Hand

£ 60.00

4 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. Sample in the shop

ALL ABILITIES BUT ESPECIALLY TOTAL BEGINNERS VERY WELCOME!

Group 1 all fully booked for now.

Group 2 Friday am : Sept 18 / Oct 16 / Nov 20 / Dec 11 -1 space left

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We will be repeating these classes again, beginning in February 2021.

Dress Making with Jacquie Lovett

Machine

£ 52.50

3 Wednesday mornings from 10 - 12.30

Sept 9 / Sept 23 / Oct 7

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.

3 spaces left on this course but we will be repeating this course in the new year.

Samples in the shop

The Christmas Nutcracker with Myriam

Hand or machine

£ 70.00

2 Tuesdays from 10 – 4

November 10 AND December 8

This Nutcracker wallhanging is large! He is about 40” high and 17” wide. He is made using the Foundation piecing method which is sometimes called stitch and flip. Even though some pieces are very small, it is not difficult to sew. I did it all by hand but it is just as easy to do on the machine with a very small stitchlength. Instead of Stitch and Tear, we are using sew-in Vilene and leave it in when it is finished. This piece will certainly attract attention. Sample in the shop

Free Motion Quilting with Erica Manser

Machine

£ 70.00

2 full days from 10 – 4

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 previous courses were very popular, so please book sooner rather than later.

Classes fully booked for now but we will repeat it again in the new year. Samples in the shop

Day Workshops

Learn to use your sewing machine with Sunny/Myriam

£ 17.50

Wednesday September 30 from 10 – 1 or

Wednesday November 25 from 10 - 1

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 morning but by the end of it you will understand what your machine can do and how to use it with confidence. Just what you wanted.

Patchwork Taster Day with Sunny and Myriam **from 10- 4**

Hand

£ 40.00

This is your chance to see if Patchwork is a hobby for you. So many ladies tell us that they have always wanted to do it but not confident enough to give it a go. All materials are included in the price of this workshop and we will show you how to make an Ohio Star Block from scratch. At the end of the day you go home with a finished block that you can make in to a cushion or sign up for one of our Beginners classes to use it in your first Sampler Quilt. Sample in the shop

This workshop is fully booked for now but will be repeated in 2021.

How to use your rotary cutting equipment with Myriam **from 10 – 1**

£ 17.50

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.

This workshop is fully booked for now but will be repeated in 2021.

The Simple but Stylish Cushion with Myriam **Saturday September 26 from 10 – 1**

Machine

£ 17.50

If you are a novice in sewing then you will probably think that this cushion is beyond your skills. Let us assure you that it isn't! Two Fat Quarters, a zip, a basic sewing kit and your sewing machine are all the ingredients you need to make this cushion. Come on and give it a try. This is the perfect project to start your sewing journey.

2 spaces left

Sample in the shop

Simple Shopping Bag with Sunny and Myriam **Saturday October 3 from 10 – 1**

Machine

£ 17.50

Use half a metre of a pretty fabric and we will show you how to transform it in a simple but very attractive shopping bag. No need for plastic bags anymore once you know how to make your own durable bags for your shopping. Make them all the same or use all different fabrics and shopping just gets that little bit more fun. These also make great gifts!

Rotary cutting skills are useful but basic machine sewing skills are necessary.

Samples in the shop

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The Beautiful Dresden Plate Block with Myriam Machine and hand £ 35.00

Wednesday October 21 from 10 – 4

Most patchworkers love the Dresden Plate Block as it is so pleasing to the eye. This example has pointed blades which are sewn by machine and then hand appliqued on the background. But this can also be done on the machine if you prefer. The block has been placed 'on point' and made into a cushion but you can decide yourself what to do with it as it will look lovely as a centre piece in a Sampler Quilt.

Rotary cutting and basic sewing skills are required for this workshop.

2 spaces left.

Sample in the shop

Hand quilting with Sunny and Myriam Hand £ 17.50

Saturday October 24 from 10 – 1

When customers come in to buy wadding and backing fabric for their finished quilt top, we ask them how they are going to quilt it. Often the answer is: oh, just quickly on the machine. We do explain that machine quilting sounds easy but is more difficult than you think, but that hand quilting is easier and not as slow as you think it would be. In this workshop we will show you how to start and finish quilting using a specific knot, how to use these tiny hand quilting needles, the waxed quilting thread and stencils to hand finish your quilt. The fact that you can do it in front of the tele is a big bonus.

2 spaces left on this date but we will repeat this workshop in the new year.

Continuous Quilt Binding with Sunny and Myriam Machine £ 17.50

Saturday October 24 from 1 – 3.30

Another one of those questions that we get asked a lot in our shop: can you quickly show me how to bind my quilt, please? Well, of course we can, but by the time you come home you will have forgotten all about it. And YouTube is not always the answer. This method takes some practice but after a few tries on the day, the penny will drop and then all your quilts will be finished to perfection. Promise!

2 spaces left on this date but we will repeat this workshop in the new year.

Large Felt Easter Egg Decorating with Sunny and Myriam Hand £ 20.00

from 10 – 12

Do you and your (grand) children want to come and decorate a large felt Easter Egg with us this holiday? You can sew and stick and embroider as much as you like. All the materials you will use are included in the price of the workshop. Only £20 for one parent and one child, any additional child is £10.

We will re-schedule this workshop for the new year

5 Way Applique with Myriam Hand and machine £ 35.00

Saturday October 31 from 10 – 4

Did you know there were so many ways of applying one piece of fabric on top of another? We will show you how to do five different ways of applique in one small picture. You will probably find your favourite but we are sure you will use the others too in different projects. Basic sewing skills are required for this class.

Sample in the shop

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Christmas Robin Applique with Myriam Hand £ 35.00

Wednesday November 4 from 10 – 4

A small wallhanging using Woolfelt with blanket stitch and some embroidery. A relaxing day of handstitching to make something cute for Christmas.

Sample in the shop

Christmas Cottages with Myriam

Hand

£ 35.00

Tuesday November 17 from 10 – 4

These lovely cottages make you want to move in straight away. A bit like a Hobbit House. You will only need some scraps of fabric and embellishments to make them. But be warned: they are addictive and fun to make.

Samples 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:

Sept 1 / Sept 8 / Oct 6 / Oct 13 / Oct 20 / Nov 3 / Nov 24 / Dec 1 / Dec 15

Wednesdays:

Sept 2 / Sept 16 / Nov 11 / Nov 18 / Dec 9 / Dec 16

Thursdays:

Sept 24 / Oct 22 / Nov 19 / Dec 17

Fridays:

Oct 30

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 and coffee, please bring your own mug.

Terms and Conditions

Workshop policies: Please, read carefully before completing the 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 : _____

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