



# **WORKSHOP BROCHURE Winter/Spring 2025**

**Serendipity Patchwork and Quilting**

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## Dear Quilters, Crafters and Sewists,

Happy New Year to all of you and, as always, we hope it will be a great year with lots of sewing! We have enjoyed our Christmas break and are now looking forward to opening our doors again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. In the meantime, take a look at this new Workshop Brochure and see if anything takes your fancy. We have planned some exciting new classes and courses like ‘Patchwork for All Abilities’ with Erica; a fantastic course for complete beginners, people returning to patchwork or advanced sewists who want to make this quilt in a social setting, we are trialing a free-motion embroidery course with Sunny who has made a fantastic sample of a beautiful pheasant, after the success of last term we have brought back Sally’s ‘Simple Coat’ and we have some lovely wool fabrics in stock that are perfect for it and a beautiful oval project basket course with Myriam which includes applique, embroidery and teeny, tiny bunting. Of course there is plenty more to choose from so please keep reading and we hope to see you in the shop soon.

### Sewing Machine Servicing and Repairs:

Roger will be back in on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>. He is fully qualified to service and repair all makes and models of machine. For more details, head to the website here:

<https://www.serendipityquilts.co.uk/sewing-machine-service-repair>

### Our opening times remain as follows:

**Sunday and Monday – CLOSED**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 3pm**

**Saturdays 9.30am – 4pm**

*Myriam, Sunny and Diane – 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 (all fluff removed from the inside etc.) and in good working order and bring all leads, accessories and the manual.



## From Basics To Beyond Beginners Patchwork and Quilting and beyond **Ruth**

**Hand sewing**

**Friday am (10am - 12.30pm) Feb 7 / Mar 7 / Apr 11 /  
May 9 / June 6 / July 11**

**Saturday am (10am - 12.30pm) (Limited spaces  
available) Feb 15 / Mar 15 / Apr 26 / May 17 / June 14 /  
July 19**

**£150**

This course is aimed at complete beginners who want to make a beautiful patchwork quilt. From start to finish, Ruth with her years and years of experience, will guide you through each month's block (of your choice) followed by sashing, quilting, borders and binding. Everything is sewn

by hand making it portable and mindful. *Pictured is one of Ruth's recent student's finished first quilt.*



## Small EPP Hexagon Bag

**Diane**

**Handsewing**

**2 Thursdays from 10 – 2pm**

**January 23 and January 30**

Diane just LOVES handsewing and EPP (English paper Piecing) and this is just one of her little gems. Mostly sewn with hexagons but a few pentagons are thrown in too. The construction is a bit different and that makes it so much fun to make. One of those little bags that is so handy for so many things.

**£60**

### **Round Zipped Sewing Basket**

**Diane**

**Hand and machine sewing**

**3 Thursday mornings from 10 – 12.30**

**Feb 6 / Mar 27 / Apr 3**

This sewing basket is a MUST for every serious sewist or crafter! Lot of space for your small sewing notions like needles, pins, small scissors, some threads, unpicker and so much more. It has a beautiful top, embellished with embroidery and if you want, some applique. Diane will expertly guide you through the process and the end result will be something to be admired by all.

**£75**



### **Scatter a little sunshine – Applique in a Hoop**

**Myriam**

**Handsewing**

**2 Tuesday mornings from 10 – 12.30**

**February 11 and March 25**

A lovely project on a 10” hoop with applique and/or embroidery for a bit of sunshine on the wall when it is finished.

The perfect present for a special friend or just something for yourself.

**£50**

### **Patchwork for all abilities**

**Erica**

**Machine sewing**

**6 Wednesday morning from 10 – 12.30**

**Feb 12 / Feb 26 / Mar 12 / Mar 26 / Apr 9 / Apr 23**

From Beginners to Improvers to Advanced patchworkers, this quilt is really for all abilities. Erica will help you with the rotary cutting and accurate sewing with a 1/4” seam allowance and give you lots of tips to make the quilt look perfect. The sample is made using the latest Makower range ‘Petite Beehive’ in greens, mustards, greys and black but can be made in your own chosen colourway of course. Erica has longarm-quilted the sample herself and if that is what you would like, you can talk to her about that once your quilt is finished. But, she will show you in class how to do some simple quilting on your domestic machine.

**£150**





### **The Shirt Block**

**Sunny**

**Machine sewing**

**2 Thursday mornings from 10 – 12.30**

**February 13 and February 27**

In the last couple of years we have had many questions about making a memory quilt from the clothes of loved ones that have passed on, especially men's clothes. Sunny has done the same with the shirts of her late father-in-law, Roger. And what a quilt that has become!! Treasured and shown off by mother-in-law Jackie who is over the moon with it. And yes, the block features a mini man's shirt complete with 3D collar!! During these two mornings you will learn how to cut and sew at least one of the shirt blocks.

You can then go away and make it into a memory cushion or make lots more and make the whole quilt.

**£50**



### **Three Zipped Pouch**

**Diane**

**Machine sewing**

**2 Tuesday mornings from 10 – 12.30**

**February 18 and March 18**

This is going to be the last time Diane is going to teach this short course, so if you want to make one of these useful pouches, you'd better be quick. So much space for all your small sewing tools, all contained within three zipped pockets, plus some extra spaces beside them, closed with another zipper to keep it all safe to take to your classes. They make super presents for all your sewing friends (if they haven't made one already).

**£50**



### **Large Project Basket**

**Myriam**

**Machine and handsewing**

**1 Full day and 2 mornings**

**Tuesday March 4 from 10 – 2pm and**

**Tuesday April 8 and May 6 from 10 – 12.30**

If you are working on a larger project, it is sometimes difficult to find the right place to keep it all together. This fabulous fabric basket is the answer. Beautifully embellished with applique and/or embroidery and even some mini bunting. Sturdy handles to transport it, in my case from upstairs to downstairs and back again, without the risk of losing bits on the way.

**£100 (includes pattern)**

## Free Machine Embroidery

**Sunny**  
**Machine sewing**

**3 Thursday mornings from 10 – 12.30**  
**March 6 / March 13 and March 20**

This beautiful picture of a very colourful pheasant is Sunny's first attempt at free machine embroidery and what a result!! It wasn't as challenging as she first thought it would be and had a lot of fun making it. She has used upholstery fabrics that were donated to us, like beautiful tweeds, velvets etc and that means that they are a bit firmer than cottons. Together with Heat&Bond to make the cutting out and positioning easier, this is a fun project if you want to start your own free machine embroidery journey. We will have a whole load of fabrics available for you to use and maybe you have some at home that are suitable. The world is your oyster.

**£75**



## Rosie Rabbit

**Myriam**  
**Machine sewing**

**2 Friday mornings from 10 – 12.30**  
**March 21 and March 28**

Do you like making stuffed toys for your children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren as much as we do? They are so much fun to make and you can give them their own character or even make them look like the recipient, as I did for my four grandchildren. Rosie is just very cute with her long ears with bows and her pretty dress.

**£50**



## Simple Coat / Cardigan (Coatigan)

**Sally**  
**Machine Sewing**

**1 1/2 Saturdays**  
**March 22 from 10am - 12.30pm and**  
**March 29 from 10am - 2.30pm**

Back by popular demand! And you can see why. These were the results from the first course and all of us have been complimented on them so much we're making seconds. Well, now is your chance to make one (or two) yourself! Simply constructed from just 5 pieces and with none of the difficult things normally involved in making a coat i.e lining, collar and numerous button holes. Ideally made from a soft wool coating, we have a lovely selection in the shop, but you can also use other fabrics if you prefer a cardigan.

**£90 (includes pattern)**



# Day Classes



## Learn To Use Your Sewing Machine

**Myriam and Sunny**

**Tuesday January 28 from 10am - 1pm**

If you're new to sewing or have just acquired a sewing machine and you're not sure how to use it, come to our class and by 1pm you'll be best of friends. We cover the anatomy and workings of the machine, maintenance, stitch patterns, button holes, zips and a whole lot more.  
**£30**



## An Easy Skirt

**Sunny and Myriam**

**Machine sewing**

**Saturday February 1 from 10 – 3pm**

Do you want to start making your own clothes so that they fit you properly and in your chosen fabrics? Then this day is the start of that journey. A simple A-line skirt that can be finished on the day.

We will show you how to cut your fabric to the pattern, make darts, sew in a zip, finish seams, make a waistband and finish the hem. Each term we will teach another simple garment for you to gain more confidence in dressmaking.

**£60 (includes pattern)**

## Rotary Cutting

**Myriam**

**Tuesday February 4 from 10 – 12.30**

Rotary cutting has revolutionized the accurate cutting of fabrics many moons ago but there are still sewists who are scared of using the tools. In this morning class I will explain how to use the rotary cutter correctly and above all, safely, explain all the markings on your rulers and mat and how to use them all together. It will save a lot of time once you know how to use them.

**£25**



**Fabric Basket AND Folded Pouch**

**Myriam**

**Machine sewing**

**Wednesday February 5 from 10 -2.30**

Yes, two finished projects in a few hours! Diane still can't believe it. Two Fat Quarters for each project, some Thermolam and Interfacing is all you will need to make two very useful items. Beware: very addictive!!

**£50**



**A Cushion for Beginners**

**Myriam**

**Machine sewing**

**Saturday February 22 from 10 – 3pm**

Making this cushion is a gentle introduction to patchwork using your sewing machine. No special tools needed for this class. I will even let you sew in a zipper but don't worry, it is not as daunting as you think it might be. Your zipper foot on your machine will become your best friend.

**£50**

**Continious Binding**

**Sunny and Myriam**

**Machine sewing**

**Friday February 28 from 10 – 12.30**

The binding is the last thing you will do on your quilt before you can start using it. As you have spent so much time on making the quilt as beautiful as possible, you don't want to ruin it by not having a nice and neat binding. We will show you how to achieve just that by letting you do it several times during this morning until it clicks..... and you will never look back!!

**£25**





### The Simplest Tablerunner Ever

**Myriam**

**Machine sewing**

**Tuesday March 11 from 10 – 2pm**

A tablerunner always makes a table look just a bit more special without covering the whole lot. This one is a very quick sew and I have made several for Christmas. You can keep it really simple by just using two fabrics or add some others for prairie points and fillets. Or add ricrac and buttons to embellish.

I am curious to see what you will come up with.

**£40**



### Needleturn Applique

**Myriam**

**Handsewing**

**Friday April 25 10 – 2.30**

Many of the nicest quilts we stock as patterns or teach in our courses include this style of applique and we simply love it. The technique is very simple and doesn't require any freezer paper, glue or faffing. In the class you will learn to make this picture which combines all of the elements; straight lines, curves and dips.

**£40**

## **Terms and Conditions \*\*UPDATED, PLEASE READ\*\***

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

The number of students we can comfortably accommodate is 7 **but we can fit 8 or even more in depending on the type of class.**

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.

If you have signed up for one of our courses and during which you find out you can't make one of the sessions due to illness, hospital appointments etc., please let us know asap and we can try to schedule you in for another session or a Sew Sisters to make up for it. We can only do this for one session within a course. Any subsequent sessions missed and made up at Sew Sisters will be charged at the rate of £25 per session.

**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.

For workshops finishing after 12.30, please bring a packed lunch or buy your lunch from Sally and Steve at 64 Café and Kitchen, very highly recommended (closed Saturdays!) 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 with your name so that we can return them to their rightful owner.**

# Bookingform

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