

The Sewing Studio

Courses & Workshops

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Weekly Courses

Dressmaking: Make Your Own Clothes Tutor Mary Lantsbery

Wednesday 11th January 2012 10 weeks & Wednesday 25th April 2012 10 Weeks

Morning course 10 am—12 pm Afternoon course 1pm—3 pm £70 per person Concession fee £54.00

This extremely popular course is fully booked every term so we would highly recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. An excellent course whatever your level of experience, Come and develop new skills with an experienced tutor. Using your own pattern fabric and sewing kit to make a garment of your choice. Sewing Machines are provided or you can bring your own. **This course is part of community education and is booked via Cornwall College please ring 01209 611622 to reserve you place.**

Patchwork Drop in Sessions with Mary Bradley

Weekly Mondays 11 a.m - 3p.m £5 per session Starting again Monday 9th January 2012

The increasingly popular drop in sessions are great whether you're new to patchwork, in the middle of a project, wanting to learn a new skill or even just to meet other fellow patch workers, the drop in session will be suitable for all of you. There is no commitment to paying for a term you just turn up as and when you can. Your experienced tutor will be on hand throughout to give advice and guidance as well as you all being able to help each other. Tea and coffee are provided.

Pattern Cutting Course Tutor Natalie Bennett

Saturday 10 March 2012 for 8 weeks 10.30am - 12.30pm £80 per person

This course aims to give people the fundamental skills to begin pattern cutting, using their own sizes to create basic blocks which you can then adapt using style details such as darts, neck lines etc. The basic block shape will be created, which are used as a template to then draft more creative patterns. Students will not be making their own designs but will be taught the basic skills and techniques to begin to do this. You will need to bring scissors tape measure a set square or pattern master a long ruler dots and cross pattern paper and pattern card which are both available in the shop.

Pattern cutting four week course 3rd Tuesday of every Month starts Tuesday 21st February 2012, 20th March, 17th April, 15th May £100 for the course.

Improve you pattern cutting skills with guided projects.

Session 1: Design a shirt on Paper, considering style details such as collar, neckline, sleeves, working from examples and ideas from the tutor.

Session 2: Draught Pattern using bodice and sleeve block

Session 3: Make a toile, fit toile and adjust pattern.

Session 4: Make the Shirt

Beginners Patchwork Course Tutor Mary Bradley

Starts Friday 27th April 2012 10 weeks 1pm - 3pm £70 per person.

During this course you will create a different block each week (with some homework required). The idea is to teach you the skills of piecing fabric together, construction of the blocks and the quilting of patchwork blocks. You will also be learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting board and ruler for precision cutting of your fabric. The blocks you will be making are: 4 Patch Variation, Grandmothers Choice, Drunkards Path, Cathedral Window, Appliqué Block, Log Cabin, & Grandmothers Flower Garden. Then finally your will be constructing your quilt adding borders, quilting and finishing.

You will need to choose three different fabrics two metre's of each either toning or contrasting, there is no right or wrong with choosing your fabric. You will also need to bring your fabric with you for the first lesson or you can purchase on the morning of class if you would like some help from your tutor. You will also need a rotary cutter, cutting board, ruler and a sewing kit with needles, threads scissors etc.

Day Workshops

Stack and whack Patchwork Workshop Tutor Mary Bradley Saturday 3rd March 2012

£25 per person

Magically transforms one piece of fabric into kaleidoscope blocks with clever cutting of the fabric.

You can use this technique to create a whole quilt or just have some smaller blocks for cushions or wall hangings. Great for beginners and those who have some experience with patchwork.

Overlocking Beginners Tutor Dee Davies Tuesday 13th March 2012 10am - 4pm £25 per person

This overlocker workshop is good for anyone who has recently purchased an overlocker, or if you have had one for a while and have just never got to grips with it. Dee will cover basic threading with three & four threads plus doing rolled hems, corners and curves using normal cotton or poly cotton fabric. Please bring your overlocker with instruction book and accessories. Sample fabric is provided please bring in four different colours of overlocking thread.

Janome Horizon 7700P Workshop Tutor Dee Davies Tuesday 24th April 2012 10am - 4pm

£25 Per Person

Getting to know the finer points of your Janome Horizon sewing machine, selecting, altering and adjusting stitches to your requirements, then memorising and saving your favourite stitches. You will be making use of some of the feet that come as standard with the machine as well as using lettering and decorative stitches. Dee will save some time in the class to cover any questions that you may each have about certain aspects of your machine so please bring a notepad for making notes.

Free Hand Machine Embroidery Basics Tutor Molly Tufnell

Saturday 5th May 2012 10am—4pm £25 per person

Having begun to develop a reasonable level of control with free machine embroidery using straight stitch and zigzag and have some understanding of how to remain relatively trouble free, this workshop is intended to extend your basic skills to include those most commonly used by machine embroiderers. The day will begin with a series of short demonstrations on trapping fibres and fabric and free machine appliqué, using dissolvable film, pulled fabric work and creating a 3D structure using a length of fibre. It will then continue with you experimenting at your own pace and with your own ideas. Using one or more of the skills that you have been shown, you will create a series of samples that will be useful to you in developing your own free machine embroideries. The emphasis will be on what YOU are interested in.

Revamp your wardrobe Tutor Natalie Bennett Saturday 12th May 2012 10am—3pm £25 per person

Have you got clothes that don't quite fit anymore or are out of date? This workshop will help you to use simple alterations and to stylishly jazz up old clothes so that you can update your wardrobe for next to nothing. You will need to bring some old clothes with you that you want to update. Approximately 5 items i.e. trousers, t shirts, cardigans, skirts etc. Materials and trims etc please bring with you and anything you already have that you think might work with your ideas.

You will also need your basic sewing kit with needles pins thread scissors tape measure etc.

Make the most of your sewing machine mechanical machines

Tutor Dee Davies Tuesday 22nd May 10am - 4pm £25 per person

Covering the use and application of your standard feet and all basic utility stitches, such as overcasting, blind hem, and satin stitches. Hints and tips for using different threads and needles.

Please note this workshop is not intended to teach you how to sew. It is to get the most from your machine and knowing when to use certain feet and stitches so you have got the basic knowledge to figure out how best to approach your sewing project, and of course make the most of your machine.

Overlocking Advanced Tutor Dee Davies Tuesday 12th June 2012 10am - 4pm £25 per person

Following on from the beginners workshop Dee will be looking at working with a larger range of fabrics like stretch, chiffons, fleece etc, as well as different threads, plus you will be shown different feet for your overlocker and putting how to put them to use.

Clothes Alterations Tutor Natalie Bennett Saturday 16th June 2012 10am—3pm £25 per person
If you want to know how to shorten a cuff, take in a waistband, change the shape of a neckline, to name a few, then this workshop is for you. Bring in any old clothes that don't quite fit you and we can see if we can adjust them to fit. This also give a chance for anyone who has done the pattern cutting to bring in any toile's they have done and work towards fitting them better.

Make the most of your sewing machine (computerised machines) Tutor Dee Davies

(Not computerised Embroidery machines) Tuesday 17th July 2012 10 am - 4pm

Covering the use and application of your standard feet and all basic utility stitches such as overcasting, blind hem, and satin stitches, plus some of your more decorative stitches. Hints and tips for using different threads and needles.

Please note this workshop is not intended to teach you how to sew. It is to get the most from your machine and knowing when to use certain feet and stitches so you have got the basic knowledge to figure out how best to approach your sewing projects and of course make the most of your machine.

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