

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS SEPTEMBER 2011 – JUNE 2012

As you may have heard Anne and Julia are anticipating hanging up their rotary cutters and scissors in March 2013, making this their last full workshop list. If there are any particular workshops that anyone would like us to arrange, we will run a shortened list from September to December 2012.

We would like to welcome back Dot Carter as one of our tutors, so along with Sarah O'Hora and Vinnie Cable we now have three quarters of the Kindred Spirits Textile Art group as tutors – always a good recommendation. Penny Armitage is leading the Quilter's Guild Textile Art group for the South West – so hopefully this workshop list will have something for everyone.

September 3rd 2011 – FREE CUT CURVES

Tutor: Sarah O'Hora

Fee: £35

Throw off the shackles of the ruler! Cast the out the tyranny of the straight line! Using only fabric and rotary cutter you will create some amazing curved piecing suitable for a wallhanging, or a small article. Not suitable for hand sewing.

September 10th 2011 – LANDSCAPES FROM PHOTOGRAPHS

Tutor: Vinnie Cable

Fee: £35

Create you own landscape quilt, based on a favourite photograph or quilt. In this workshop we will look at your source material, and try to turn it into a fabric creation. Whether it is a view from your window, seascape, high-rise building in a city, or a holiday snap, bring it along to see what happens. This is a machine sewing workshop.

September 17th 2011 – DO YOU KNOW YOUR SEWING MACHINE?

Tutors: Anne & Julia

Fee: £25

The first half of this workshop is dedicated to learning how to clean and maintain your machine. We will then make a small project using a variety of stitches and feet to help you familiarise yourselves with those attachments you have never used before.

October 1st 2011 – FREE MACHINE STITCHING

Tutor: Dot Carter

Fee: £35

A beginners workshop designed to dip your toes in the intrepid waters of free machining as well as producing a lovely book or album cover. It will be an opportunity to explore where the freedom of using you machine in this way can take you in an experimental direction both with stitch appliqué. You will need to be able to drop the feed dogs on your sewing machine or cover them with a plate for this workshop.

October 15th 2011 – WRINKLES AND RUNKLES

Tutor: Jan Tillett

Fee: £35

Create amazing textures with shrink polyester and various threads. You will make a selection of stitched samples that can be used to inform future work. This is an opportunity to use exotic fabrics and have a really good 'play day'. When Jan did this workshop last year everyone went home truly inspired.

October 22nd 2011 – 'DESIGN & MAKE' SHADOW APPLIQUÉ

Tutors: Sarah O'Hora

Fee: £35

Using everyday objects as inspiration this workshop shows you how to make your own designs. Using a few simple hints and tips you can create a truly original piece of shadow appliqué, to use on it's own or as part of a bigger project. No drawing skills required and suitable for hand or machine sewing.

November 12th 2011 – CHRISTMAS

Tutors: Anne & Julia

Fee: £35

This workshop always proves to be very popular and helps everybody get into the Christmas spirit, this year the main projects are, a Christmas tree skirt and robins. We're always happy to go over old favourites and finish previous projects.

November 19th November – AS ABOVE

Tutor: Anne & Julia

Fee: £35

November 26th 2011 – FABRIC POSTCARDS

Tutor: Penny Armitage

Fee: £35

Make beautiful and creative postcards to send to friends and family – maybe for Christmas? Patterns provided or bring your own ideas. A machine sewing workshop.

December 3rd 2011 – STAINED GLASS CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Tutor: Carol Corke

Fee: £35

Brighten up your Christmas with a small wallhanging. Techniques include mainly stained glass window, but there will be a chance to try some 3D wired leaves and decorative cording.

February 11th 2012 – WRINKLES & RUNKLES

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February 25th 2012 – TREES FOR ALL SEASONS

Tutor: Penny Armitage

Fee: £35

Use reverse appliqué and 'quilt as you go' techniques to create your own unique panel of seasonal trees. It could be an opportunity to practice your free motion machining skills, but you can easily sew this with an open toed or zigzag foot. You will be finishing your blocks with machine or hand quilting and bind with net strips and tabs.

March 10th 2012 – FREE MACHINED HERBACIOUS BORDERS

Tutor: Jan Tillett

Fee: £35

Create a beautiful thread picture based on a photograph of your garden or an image from a gardening magazine. Beginners and more skilled free machinists welcome.

March 31st 2012 – TRY IT WITH TEXTURE

Tutor: Vinnie Cable

Fee: £35

You will be making your own bespoke piece of fabric using unusual materials such as plastic, string, foil and even sweet wrappers. The 'fabric' will be made by layering various materials, stitching them, treating the layers with heat, paint etc, and embellishing further to achieve a beautifully textured finish. The piece can later be made into a book cover, box, bag, or million other things.

April 14th 2012 – DO YOU KNOW YOUR SEWING MACHINE?

Tutors: Anne & Julia

Fee: £25

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April 28th 2012 – LANDSCAPES FROM PHOTOGRAPHS

Tutor: Vinnie Cable

Fee: £35

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May 12th 2012 – BOATS

Tutor: Dot Carter

Fee: £35

Dot produced an amazing series of boat themed pieces inspired by her stay in Falmouth, Cornwall. You will be producing a piece of work using machine stitching, block printing and some mixed media techniques.

May 26th 2012 – WOBBLY HOUSES

Tutor: Marlene Chaffey

Fee: £35

These small contemporary raw-edge bonded appliqué wallhangings are great fun to do. Choose some pretty fabrics in happy colours, come with an open mind and design your own wobbly house or street. How about making one for a special person as a gift. Simple hand embroidery and beading are added for detail.

June 9th 2012 – FEATHERED STAR

Tutor: Marlene Chaffey

Fee: £35

This pretty 14" block is challenging, but easily achievable using foundation piecing to get nice sharp points. Make one block for a cushion or several for a quilt. As they are quite complex a little goes a long way and a quilt can be made with a little as five blocks.

FRIDAY June 15th 2012 – AN EVENING WITH CAROL CORKE – A TALK & BRING-A-PLATE SUPPER

Carol has been giving workshops at Step By Step for twelve years and has often thought she would like to see some of the completed projects this will be an opportunity for Carol to give a talk and for past and present students to 'show and tell'. Bring a plate of food to share. From 7pm.

June 16th 2012 – THE HOBO BAG

Tutor: Carol Corke

Fee: £35

Carry your swag in this spacious shoulder bag. Can be made in a day. A great gift idea. Easy to make.

**ALL WORKSHOPS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL AT TIME OF BOOKING.
SHOULD YOU NEED TO CANCEL WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO REFUND YOUR
FEE, IF WE CAN 'RE-SELL' YOUR PLACE.**

**ALL WORKSHOPS RUN FROM 9.30am FOR A PROMPT 10am START UNTIL
4pm.**