

Workshop Programme January-June 2012

Dates for the Diary:
Sale 3rd – 7th January 2012

All workshops are held in our studio at 37A High Street, Dorking - just behind the shop.

You can drop your sewing machine at the shop before parking if you wish and if you need any further help or information please just contact us. Please ensure your sewing machine is in working order and that you know how to use it - sounds obvious but a lot of time can be wasted if not.

Morning coffee and afternoon tea are served but we are sorry the kitchen cannot be used during the lunch period. We do encourage students to take a short lunch break so why not take advantage of our new situation on the High Street which has lots of places to eat.

For some workshops which require sewing machines we restrict the number of students to eight - so book early to avoid disappointment.

You will notice there are no Strip Clubs this term - we are working on a new project for the autumn - watch this space.

☺ **Mid-Week Beginners' Patchwork and Quilting Course**

Dates: Wednesdays, 25th January, 8th & 29th February, 14th & 28th March, 25th April, 2012
Tutor: Carolyn Forster £120

Six full days. Learn all the basics along with hints and tips to get your patchwork and quilting off to a flying start. Using the classic Saw Tooth Star block and its many variations we make a traditional patchwork quilt and get to grips with hand quilting and binding to finish. A beginners' class, or for those with some experience who want to consolidate the basics. *Hand and machine work*

☺☺ **Small Quilt using Moda Bella Solid Pack**

Date: Saturday, 28th January 2012
Tutor: Gill Turley £40

Quickly create a charming little quilt. Take a pack of Moda Bella Solids, add a Moda patterned pack which will save hours of cutting time or combine the solids with a selection of your favourite fabrics. You will learn how to make simple patchwork blocks and be shown how to set them on point. Alternatively this project could be used as a centre motif for a larger quilt. *Rotary cutter and sewing machine required.*

☺ **Get to Know your Sewing Machine**

Date: Friday, 3rd February 2012
Tutor: Yasmin Duggan £40

This is definitely the class to learn all those things about your sewing machine that you always wanted to know. Yasmin is familiar with most makes of sewing machine. You will come away from this class feeling more confident and adventurous having learned exactly what your sewing machine is capable of doing.

☺☺ **Simplified Mariner's Compass**

Date: Saturday, 4th February 2012
Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

See how simple the Mariner's Compass block can be with this easy 'no maths' method to achieve perfect points. Learn to draw and hand piece a block in class which could make a cushion or make nine blocks into a quilt. *Hand piecing.*

☺☺ **Mini Magic - Little Quilts from Leftovers**

Date: Friday, 10th February 2012

Tutor: Gill Turley £40

Charming little quilts on a small scale to decorate your home or to give away as presents. Use your fabric remnants and treasured scraps. *Machine piecing and hand quilting. Rotary cutter and sewing machine required.*

☺ **A Day with Janet Bolton**

Date: Saturday, 11th February 2012

Tutor: Janet Bolton £50

If you haven't yet treated yourself to a day with Janet Bolton, then don't let this opportunity pass you by.....and we know many people come back again and again! Her naïve appliqué is totally inspiring and her friendly approach to teaching will encourage you to try things you had never thought of before. This is definitely one not to be missed. *Hand sewing.*

☺ **Glorious Kaffe Fassett and Embellished Nine Patch**

Date: Thursday, 16th February 2012

Tutor: Liz Lynch £40

If you struggle to put colours together, get help to team up a wonderful range of Kaffe Fassett fabrics with squares from your stash. The construction is simple and there is an introduction to basic hand appliqué. Suitable for all levels. A pack of sixteen fat eighths of Kaffe Fassett fabrics will be available from the shop to assist with this class. *Rotary cutting and machine piecing.*

☺ **Honing your Skills - Rotary Cutting (10am - 12.30pm)**

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February 2012

Tutor: Carolyn Forster £20

Get your quilting skills up to speed. Carolyn will be teaching the skills of rotary cutting. Using a rotary cutter speeds up cutting time and is much more accurate. We will provide your first metre of fabric so you don't waste any of your own precious fabric and once you get the hang of it there will be no stopping you. *Rotary cutting.*

☺ **Honing your Skills - Hand Quilting (1pm - 3.30pm)**

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February 2012

Tutor: Carolyn Forster £20

Get your quilting skills up to speed. In this workshop perfect your hand quilting technique. Discover how to transfer designs on to a calico square, learn about needles and threads and practise your quilting stitches. A small quilting pack will be provided to get you started.

☺☺ **Shabby Chic Day - Re-use and Recycle**

Date: Saturday, 25th February 2012

Tutor: Gill Turley £40

Create your very own heirloom patchwork quilt or throw using an extremely simple pattern. This is a great way to put your treasured fabrics to good use. Gill will show you how to make good use of your vintage fabric scraps. You can even include pieces of embroidered tablecloth and serviettes that may have been handed down to you. Don't forget to bring old shirts or skirts as well, cotton or linen. *Rotary cutter, cutting board and sewing machine required*

☺ **Saturday Beginners' Course**

Dates: Saturdays, 3rd, 17th & 31st March, 14th & 28th April, 12th May 2012

Tutor: Yasmin Duggan £120

If you want to learn lots of different patchwork and quilting techniques come along to this new beginners' class. Every week you will learn a different technique of patchwork and quilting so at the end of six weeks not only will you have learned all the technical skills you need but you will have a beautiful patchwork quilt to impress friends and family. Piecing, machine appliqué, foundation piecing are some of the techniques you will be learning.

☺☺ **Quilting On The Go (Two Days)**

Dates: Wednesdays, 7th & 21st March 2012

Tutor: Carolyn Forster £75

Carolyn's book has been a great success and in this workshop she will take you through the technique of 'Quilting On The Go'. Never again leave your quilting languishing at home, waiting for your return. It can

now go with you! Now you can sew quilts that can be quilted in small portable pieces—it means basting is a small and manageable task. And when, you get to put all those blocks together the quilt is virtually complete. *Combination of hand and machine work.*

☺☺ Expanded Cathedral Window Patchwork

Date: Friday, 9th March 2012

Tutor: Sue Woodward £40

Come and make a stunning 20in square cushion using this clever patchwork technique. Cathedral windows uses a system of folded patchwork and can be used to make a quilt which requires no backing or wadding. This class will begin with the basic technique of folding the fabric and making square windows by hand. We will then progress to making expanded shapes and introduce a technique for machine sewing the "blocks". Finally the blocks are hand pieced together and the colourful fabrics added in the "windows" to make your cushion. This project may be entirely hand pieced if preferred. *Hand and machine piecing.*

☺ Quick Quilted Country Comforter

Date: Saturday, 10th March 2012

Tutor: Gill Turley £40

A very easy quilt, this one is designed to be used and loved. Simple cutting and machine piecing will be done at the class. Quick quilting techniques will be taught ready for you to finish the quilt at home. *Rotary cutter, cutting board and sewing machine required*

☺☺ Double Sided Table Runner for Easter and Autumn

Date: Thursday, 15th March 2012

Tutor: Sue Atkinson £40

Why go to the trouble of making one table runner when you could make it double-sided, with double the impact. Make each side for a different season or a different festival, or just in different colour ways. When each block is quilted, they are joined together and you will learn a great and easy technique to do this. This technique is also a fantastic way to join "quilt as you go" blocks and

can also be used to join blocks to make a quilt. Binding odd angles will also be demonstrated.

☺ Appliqué Spring Flowers

Date: Friday, 16th March 2012

Tutor: Sue Atkinson £40

Make an appliqué wall hanging or cushion of Spring Flowers. It looks like needle turned but is done on the sewing machine. Leaves and flowers can be flat, dimensional or double-sided - the choice is yours. This bunch of Spring Flowers will last forever. *Machine sewing.*

☺☺ The Ultimate Workshop Bag

Date: Friday, 23rd March 2012

Tutor: Yasmin Duggan £40

This bag is SO useful. Not only does it look gorgeous but it is also large enough to carry your rotary cutting mat and it has pockets for your rotary cutting ruler and cutter. This bag will really turn heads when you turn up for a workshop. *Rotary cutting and machine sewing*

☺☺ The Pillow Quilt

Date: Saturday, 24th March 2012

Tutor: Sharon Chambers £40

This class comes with a health warning - once your friends and family see this pillow quilt they will want one! You will be making them for everyone they are such fun and so useful. The lap quilt folds up when not needed and becomes a cushion. Sign up early as this is a workshop not to be missed. *Machine sewing.*

☺ Happy Trails

Date: Friday, 30th March 2012

Tutor: Sue Woodward £40

Enjoy a relaxing day of hand sewing and master the art of curved piecing. This class will be based around the drunkard's path block and different methods for making the block will be discussed and demonstrated. Ideal for beginners or those who would like to improve their curved piecing technique. *Hand sewing.*

☺ **Invisible Machine Appliqué**

Dates: Thursday, 19th April, 2012

Tutor: Dawn Cameron-Dick £45

This is a class everyone is talking about! Invisible Machine Appliqué is suitable for all levels of quilters and Dawn promises you will master the technique in one day. You will learn how to produce beautiful appliqué, on your machine, which will demand close inspection to see it was not hand done. This is NOT satin stitch and bonding web but a technique Dawn has taught and used over the past 15 years - even in her reproduction antique quilts. A truly fun class!

☺ **Machine Quilting**

Dates: Friday, 20th April 2012

Tutor: Dawn Cameron-Dick £45

Entry level - an introduction to the wonderful world of MACHINE QUILTING! Learn what supplies to use, how to set up your machine and work area and how to successfully manage that huge quilt in your little machine! Dawn will show you how to sew with different stitches and threads and you will go home confident that you CAN machine quilt!

☺ **Merry-Go-Round**

Date: Saturday, 21st April 2012

Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

If you like speedy quilts then this one is for you. Come along with your rotary cutting equipment and sewing machine and create this beautiful quilt which is basically a pinwheel block combined with a plain block. Ideal for beginners and for those who 'need a quilt in a hurry'. *Rotary cutting and machine work.*

☺ **Puss-in-the-Corner**

Date: Friday, 27th April 2012

Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

This is a very old block which never dates that is easy and very simple to sew. There are a variety of ways to sew this block - all of which will give you an interesting and beautiful quilt. *Rotary cutting and machine work.*

☺ **Alternative Quilting Methods and Utility Quilting**

Date: Wednesday, 9th May 2012

Tutor: Carolyn Forster £40

Tired of fine hand quilting but not comfortable with machine quilting? Then you are ready to try Big Stitch Quilting and its variations. These are quick ways to quilt your tops by hand using such stitches as Crows Foot and Mennonite Tacks along with buttoning and tying. On a pre-made top (pattern supplied) you will stitch all the different stitches and try your hand at Amish Wave or elbow quilting. We will also look at how women in years past quilted quilts quickly with utility type quilting designs. *Hand work.*

☺☺ **Inner City**

Date: Friday, 18th May 2012

Tutor: Sue Woodward £40

The Inner City design looks so intricate that most people have no idea that it is made with hexagons. Come and enjoy a relaxing day sewing a cushion size piece of traditional English patchwork over hexagons using the inner city design which creates a lovely 3D effect. *Hand sewing in class but would require some machine preparation in advance sewing some strips together although this could be done in class.*

☺ **Wish on a Star**

Date: Saturday, 19th May 2012

Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

Star quilts are always popular and this one has an easy to follow pattern that will be fun and quick to make. Why not add this quilt to your 'wish list'. Be inspired by Margaret's gorgeous new quilt and don't delay in signing up - her classes fill up very quickly! *Rotary cutting and machine work.*

☺☺ **Landscapes and Seascapes**

Date: Thursday, 24th May 2012

Tutor: Gail Lawther £40

Gail has written many books on different types of needlecraft and her work centres around unique display pieces. In this workshop you will learn how to create five completely different landscapes and seascapes using simple foundation piecing. A workshop not to be missed.

☺ I Love Scrap Quilts

Date: Friday, 25th May 2012

Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

Everyone certainly loves scrap quilts and this one is delightful. The design is called Rose Dreams and it is easy to make, lovely to look at and a treasure to own. Come and spend a fun day hand sewing this scrappy quilt with Margaret to inspire you. *Hand work.*

☺ Double Wedding Ring Variation

Date: Saturday, 26th May 2012

Tutor: Ileana Laws £40

Try this fun and easy variation on a Double Wedding Ring quilt. Each ring makes up quickly using basic rotary cutting, fusible appliqué block construction, and simple machine appliqué techniques. You can make just a few rings for a small wall hanging or carry on for a larger quilt. This workshop is suitable for beginners, who are comfortable with their sewing machine. *Machine work.*

☺☺ Sparkling Gemstones Jelly Roll Quilt

Date: Saturday, 9th June 2012

Tutor: Ileana Laws £40

This jelly roll quilt is quick and simple to make and although we can't guarantee you will finish it in a day you will certainly be well on your way. It is simple strip piecing, cleverly cut to create a spectacular single bed size quilt. *Rotary cutting and machine piecing.*

☺☺ High Fashion Layer Cake Quilt

Date: Friday, 15th June 2012

Tutor: Sharon Chambers £40

Take one layer cake or forty 10in squares and create a spectacular quilt in a day. This quilt featured on the front cover of *More Layer Cake, Jelly Roll & Charm Quilts* and no one can believe just how quickly it goes together. Sharon will take you through it step by step and you will leave the workshop with your quilt top virtually finished. You will just have the hand sewing of the appliqué handles to complete.

Rotary cutting and machine piecing.

☺ Beginners' Choice

Date: Saturday, 16th June 2012

Tutor: Margaret Hughes £40

If you would like to make your first quilt, this would be a good workshop for you - learn the skills of rotary cutting, simple piecing and machine sewing. You will be making a small quilt with four blocks and you will learn to set it on point. You might finish it during the day or at the very least you will be virtually there and feeling confidence to finish it at home. Now is the time to get started. *Machine work.*

☺☺ Pieced Borders & Perfect Fit Bindings

Date: Friday, 22nd June 2012

Tutor: Sue Woodward £40

The borders and binding add the finishing touches to a quilt. Using seminole techniques you will learn to create interesting pieced borders to add to any quilt. These techniques are ideal for a medallion quilt design, but can equally be added to other designs. You will also learn to make continuous bias and straight binding and a technique that means your binding will fit perfectly every time!

Rotary cutting and machine piecing.

☺ Hand Quilting For All

Date: Saturday, 23rd June 2012

Tutor: Sandie Lush £50

Sandie's quilts win prizes everywhere and we are always asked to get her in - so here she is - come and learn from the expert. This workshop has been designed primarily with beginners in mind. Come and learn the basics of hand quilting whilst making an elegant cushion. Basic quilting design, choice of threads and wadding will also be covered in the class. The experienced quilter can try their hand at designing a cot quilt whilst the beginners sew.

Hand work.

Requirements Discount:

When you are sent your Requirements List, you will see that you will be entitled to 10% discount on all purchases required for the class. Please note our Loyalty Logo stamps cannot be issued in conjunction with your 10% discount for class purchases.

Time and Place: All classes commence at 10.00 a.m. and end at 3.30 p.m. (unless otherwise stated) and are held at 37a High Street, Dorking. Coffee will be served from 9.30 a.m. onwards until the class commences. The fee does not include materials, unless otherwise stated. Classes are limited to nine people or eight when sewing machines are required to be used.

Rating: To help make it easier to decide whether a course is for you, refer to the smiley face rating. This is only a guide so do check with the shop if in doubt.

☺ Never made a patchwork quilt.

☺☺ Made patchwork quilts, so you are familiar with basic techniques and terminology.

Cancellations: Payment will be taken for the Workshop when you make your booking to ensure your place on the class. A refund will only be given if 14 days' notice of cancellation is received (less £2.50 administration costs for each Workshop cancelled). If there is not sufficient support for any workshop and the workshop has to be cancelled, this will be done seven days before the date of the workshop. A full refund will of course be given.

Waiting List: If the workshop is full we will refund your money. Your name will be placed on a Waiting List and we will contact you in the event of a cancellation.

Samples: Although we endeavour to have samples of as many classes as possible on display in the shop, we don't have samples of every class. If planning a special trip to see a sample, please telephone the shop in advance to check. We do have pictures of many of the samples up on our website.

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