

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08325: FABULOUS FESTIVE MAKES – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: CHRISTINE GREEN

Date: 1 DAY MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Create a fabric decoration with high quality materials and discover how simple techniques can be used to good effect. The stitching skills can be used on a variety of other sewing projects.

You will choose a shape from a selection of paper patterns (tree, star, heart) cut it out from linen and embellish one side using an array of simple but effective techniques creatively. These could include:

- Appliqué using a contrasting or complementary fabric for example velvet, gingham, ticking, tana lawn.
- Simple hand embroidery stitches – French knots, stab stitch, back stitch, chain stitch, seed stitch, cross stitch, running stitch.
- For extra embellishments add buttons, beads and ribbons.

The combination and how you use these techniques are up to you. You will then join the two sides together, using a sewing machine, stuff and add a ribbon hanger.

Your fabric wreath involves careful choice of fabrics, experimenting with fabric widths and lengths and type of knotting on to a wire wreath former and considering distribution of colour and texture. You can rip or cut you strips or combine the two techniques for a texturally rich effect and you might add in ribbons. You will master rotary cutting and experiment with different weights of fabrics for maximum impact.

Both items will be unique to you and make great Christmas gifts.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Christine Green was featured on the BBC's 'Make!Craft Britain' demonstrating and teaching paper cutting. She has a life long love of stitching and making and enjoys sharing her passion for design and creativity with her students.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finishes

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Dig out some fabrics that could be included in your wreath – not too thick and not stretchy, consider colours that appeal to you, and different textures. Christine will bring a wide selection for you but it's always good to have some 'ownership' on your makes even if it's a bit of old shirt or dress.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm, for any materials you need to purchase from the shop.

Materials included in the course fee:

Christine will bring an array of buttons, beads, embroidery threads, sewing threads, fabrics, including gauzes, nettings, calicos, linen, velvet, denim, stuffing, and ribbons, pins and needles, and wreath former – to make a stitched decoration and a wreath. This is all included in the course fee.

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

Fabric scissors

Rotary cutter – preferably 45mm diameter

Quilting ruler if you have one, preferably 24 x 6 inches

If you can recycle some fabric for your wreath that would be great eg curtains, clothing, nothing too heavy in weight as you won't be able to knot it successfully

General sewing kit

Sewing machines are available at the College to use

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.