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SHARING OUR PASSION FOR FABRIC



January - March 2017

Learn to sew in a relaxed and friendly environment

at our sewing school

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Learn to Sew in 5 Weeks!

Starting on 10th January and again on 3rd March
Each course runs for 5 weeks - 7pm - 9.30pm
£179

Complete 5 projects in 5 weeks!

This course has been designed with the absolute beginner in mind. We cover the basics of using a sewing machine, and sewing straight lines and curves, pattern cutting, bias tape making, interfacings, darts, seam finishes, top stitching, sewing pockets and even tackle zips!

We provide everything you need (including a choice of fabrics from across the store for each project.

If you have your own sewing machine we recommend bringing it with you, as there is nothing like learning on your own, but if you don't, you can use one of ours.

Week 1

Sewing machine basics plus starting your bunting and making an envelope

style cushion cover to take home!

Week 2

We will make a curvy reversible bag, introducing sewing around curves, darts, hiding seams and top stitching.

Week 3-4

We will be making half aprons (they are ones that start at the waist) with pockets. Skills covered will include making and sewing with bias tape, gathering and adding pockets.

Week 5

We will make zipper pouches. Skills covered will include sewing with zips, choosing and sewing with interfacing.

Course bonus - receive 10% off future courses and sewing equipment for 6 months!



Intermediate Sewing Class Bundles

Dates: Various
7pm - 9.30pm
From £145.30

If you already have the basics nailed, and want to learn more, or just want some protected sewing time with a project that will stretch you, then one of our intermediate sewing class bundles may be just what you need.

Select 4 or more of the following courses to hone your skills whilst spending time doing what you love, and as a reward you will get 15% of the cost of your courses back as a voucher to spend in store!

You can choose from:

Dressmaking

- A-line skirt
- Perfect fit bust adjustment workshop

- Make yourself a dress

Cushions & Quilting

- Introduction to quilting
- Piped cushion cover
- Quilting with Pellon (drawstring bag)

Bags

- Lined tote bag
- Clutch bag

Other

- Take 4 fat quarters

These courses are suitable for sewers who already know how to thread a machine and have had some experience of sewing, even if sometime ago.



Introduction to Quilting

Starting on 28th February (2 weeks)
7pm - 9.30pm
£70

Always wanted to have a go at quilting but didn't know where to start?

Our 2-week introduction to quilting course could be just what you need...

Week 1

We will look at quilting block patterns and help you plan your quilting project.

Then we will build a quilting block together using half square triangles (all pre-cut to save you time and guarantee accuracy).

Week2

We will turn your quilting block into a finished item, adding sashing, batting, top stitching and binding as we go.

All materials are included and you get to pick your fabrics from across our store!

You don't need much experience for this course, but some practice of sewing straight lines will help you produce great results.



Introduction to Dressmaking - The Building Blocks of Your Wardrobe

Starting on 13th January (6 weeks)
7pm - 9.30pm
£208

Inspired by the Sewing Bee? Join us on our 6 week introduction to dress making course and create key pieces for your wardrobe.

Over 6 weeks, we will tackle skirts, tops, shorts (or trousers) and even have time to make a dress!

We will cover:

- reading patterns
- pattern adjustments for a perfect fit!
- pattern and fabric cutting
- interfacing
- seam finishes
- zips
- buttonholes

Because we are all different shapes and sizes, and have different tastes and styles, we have a range of patterns for

you to pick from for each project - see images at the bottom of the page.

Week 1

We will make a skirt. You can choose from a classic a-line skirt with a zip, an a-line skirt with an elasticated waist or a summer essential - a wrap skirt.

Weeks 2/3

We will make a top, adjusting the pattern for a perfect fit - whether you are big or small busted, with a high or low mid-bust point, a small waist or broad hips, we will show you how to grade your pattern and make adjustments to get a couture fit.

Weeks 3/4

We will tackle shorts with a lapped zip. If you aren't a fan of shorts you can opt

for tailored trousers, or even PJ bottoms!

Weeks 5/6

We will consolidate all you have learnt with a dress. You can choose from a reverse wrap dress, cocktail dress or classic shift.

Patterns used vary in size, full details can be found on our website, but as a general guide, each week there is at least one pattern which fits up to size 24

No specific skills are required for the course, although we would recommend absolute beginners start with our 5 week introduction to sewing course, or a single evening workshop, to get familiar with a sewing machine before tackling dressmaking.

Course bonus - receive 10% off store purchases made during the course.

What's Included

You can choose your fabric for the first week from across our store. For weeks 2-6 you will need to provide your own fabric.

We will cover which types of fabric are best for each pattern during week 1.

We will provide all the patterns, pattern paper, zips, interfacing and buttons etc...



Make Yourself a Dress!

Starting on 14th March (2 weeks)
7pm - 9.30pm
£66

If you want to try your hand at dressmaking but don't want to commit to our 6 week course then this might be the course for you.

You can choose from the three dresses shown below, the first is a reverse wrap dress (up to size 20), the middle dress a classic shift (up to size 26) and the last a cocktail dress (up to size 26) that can be dressed up or down.

We will spend the first evening getting to know the pattern, measuring ourselves and adjusting the pattern for a perfect fit. We will then prepare the pattern pieces and cut the fabric out. Week 2 will see us sewing the dresses.

The cost of the course includes the tuition, a pattern of your choice, pattern transfer paper and haberdashery items including interfacing - you will need to supply the fabric.

We will send you details of the types of fabric that are recommended for each pattern before the course. You can make your dress out of your own choice of fabric or create a draft using calico or cotton sheets to get the fit right before making a dress with more expensive fabrics.



Sewing Girls Clothes - Capsule Wardrobe

Starting on 22nd February (5 weeks)
7pm - 9.30pm
£186 (making clothes up to age 5)
£208 (making clothes up to age 10)

Over 5 weeks we will make everything you need for the little girl in your life's spring/summer wardrobe:

Week 1

A very girly skirt

Weeks 2

A beautiful sleeveless top

Week 3

Super comfy trousers

Weeks 4-5

The perfect dress

The patterns used fit girls age 3 to 10 years old.

We will build your dressmaking skills week on week so you don't need a wide range of sewing skills or experience in advance before your start. However you will find it easier if you have had some basic experience, even if long ago, threading a machine, handling fabrics and sewing straight lines.

The course included all the materials needed to complete 4 projects. Each week you can choose your fabric from across our store.

Course bonus - receive 10% off store purchases made during the course.



Single Session Workshops

Join us for a fun evening sewing with like minded people. Fill gaps in your skill set, refresh your learning or just make some protect me time.



Luxury Tote Bag

21st February - 7pm - 9.30pm
£45.60

Once you've made one you won't be able to stop! Great for days out, shopping trips and as gifts for friends!

We will cover using interfacing, sewing straight lines, box corners, making straps and turning out, and there will be plenty of time to help newbies thread their machines etc..

All materials included!



Clutch Purse

8th February - 7pm - 9.30pm
£36.00

Make a classic clutch bag with a proper hidden zip up pocket inside. After this one you will be putting professionally finished zip up pockets in everything!

This course is aimed at those of you who already know the basics of sewing, can thread their machine and sew straight lines.

All materials are included!



Girl's Reversible Dress

4th April - 7pm - 9.30pm
£50-£62

This workshop includes all the materials you need to make one reversible dress (you can choose your fabrics from across our store) and you get a copy of the pattern to take away with you.

Finished dress sizes: 6 months to 10 years.



A Very Girly Skirt

28th March - 7pm - 9.30pm
£40.20

A classic girl's skirt for daytime or party time!

Even beginners will be able to tackle this project, which includes French seams, gathering and using elastic.

The workshop includes all the materials you need to make one skirt (you can choose your fabrics from across our store) and you get a copy of the pattern to take away with you.



A-line Skirt

19th January - 7pm - 9.30pm
£49.00

A great introduction to dressmaking, you can choose between our classic a-line skirt with zip closure, or an elasticated version.

The course includes your choice of fabric from across our store and all other materials needed to make one skirt, plus a full copy of the pattern.

The skirt is beginner friendly.

The zip up version of the skirt fits up to size 18, the elasticated version up to size 24.



Quilting with Pellon 820

24th February - 7pm - 9.30pm
£36.80

This is a really fun class, an opportunity to let your hair down with a product that makes quilting so easy it almost feels like cheating!

We will make drawstring bags with quilted panels. A project that will make you look very clever!

This product makes quilting with small squares soooooo easy, even absolute beginners can achieve great results!



Cushions with Buttons

12th January - 7pm - 9.30pm
£40

Envelope style cushion covers are a perfect make for anyone thinking about getting into sewing and for the more adventurous sewer this class also includes buttonholes!

In one evening we will cover seam finishes, sewing straight lines, turning around corners and button holes.

No prior experience needed to produce great results.

You can choose fabrics for your cushion from across our store and all other materials, including a cushion insert, are included.



Piped Cushions

1st February - 7pm - 9.30pm
£40

Take your cushion covers to the next level with the addition of a zip and piping!

This course is best suited to those of you who have already had some practice with your machine and who want to learn how to master sewing with piping and using zips.

You can choose fabrics for your cushion from across our store and all other materials, including a cushion insert, are included.

Take Four Fat Quarters

7th April - 7pm - 9.30pm
£39

This workshop is all about playing with fabric!

We will bring our fat quarter baskets and lots of patterns designed for sewing with these handy size squares of fabric.

You get to pick four fat quarters and then can spend the evening making small scale fun projects with like minded folk!



Perfect Fit - Bust Adjustment

25th January - 7pm - 9.30pm
£33.50 to £47.90

Do you find that tops don't seem to sit right, that the fabric allowed for the chest is too high or low for your body or the arm holes gape? We can fix this.

Spend an evening learning how to adjust standard sewing patterns to allow for your real shape - large or small, high or low bust.

We will make the top in the image to the left, adjusting the pattern for a perfect - you will never buy off the peg again!

You will need 1.5mtrs of fabric, and can choose to use ours or bring your own.

This pattern fits up to size 26.

One to One or More Sewing Lessons

If you:

- can't make one of our group courses
 - would like to complete a workshop or course which isn't currently running
 - or need help with your own project
- then a 'one to one or more' course might be just what you need!

The larger your group, the lower the per person price becomes. Visit our website and if we have a course listed that catches your eye, select the number of people to be taught to see the total price.

Contact us to select a date and time to suit your schedule and we can take it from there - once a date has been set you can pay in one go using the website, or we can divide the cost between the participants and invoice you all separately (the only days/times we can never do are Monday and Tuesday mornings).

If you would like to get support with your own sewing project please email us at printstopolkadots.co.uk to discuss your requirements and get a quote.

We are always happy to answer your questions and never use hard sell tactics, so give us a call or email us at printstopolkadots@hotmail.co.uk

Calendar of Events

January 2017

- 10th - 5 weeks - Introduction to Sewing (*page 1*)
- 12th - 1 evening - Cushions With Buttons (*page 6*)
- 13th - 6 weeks - Introduction to Dress Making (*page 3*)
- 19th - 1 evening - A Line Skirt - with elastic or a zip (*page 5*)
- 25th - 1 evening - Perfect Sit Bust Adjustment course (*page 6*)

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- 1st - 1 evening - Piped Cushion Covers (*page 6*)
- 8th - 1 evening - Clutch Bag (*page 5*)
- 21st - 1 evening - Luxury Tote (*page 5*)
- 22nd - 5 weeks - Sew a Girl's Capsule Wardrobe (*page 5*)
- 24th - 1 evening - Quilting with Pellon (*page 5*)
- 28th - 2 weeks - Introduction to Quilting (*page 2*)

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- 3rd - 5 weeks - Introduction to Sewing (*page 1*)
- 14th - 2 weeks - Make Yourself a Dress (*page 4*)
- 28th March - 1 evening - A Very Girly Skirt (*page 5*)

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- 4th - 1 evening - Girl's Reversible Dress (*page 5*)
- 7th - 1 evening - Take 4 Fat Quarters (*page 6*)