

# Workshop Programme

January to June 2024



Workshops

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## Come and see the New PQ1600S

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 11am to 1pm (free)

Pop in to see the latest machine from Brother. The PQ1600S single stitch sewing machine combines speed, power and versatility and we now have one in the studio for you to try.

New product!



## 'Couching' for Stellaire and Luminaire Owners

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm (£10\*)

If you own a Stellaire or Luminaire embroidery machine and you'd like to find out more about what it can do, this session is about how to use the couching attachment. You can also chat with other owners and share tips and experiences. (This is a free event for customers who bought their machine from our studio).

## Presser Feet Demonstration

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2pm to 3pm (£5)

Come and see some useful presser feet and attachments in use and find out how they can make processes easier and improve your finish. You can redeem your £5 booking fee on any presser feet purchases on the day.

## Beginners/Refreshers

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1pm to 4pm (£30)

This workshop covers using paper patterns and sewing seams and hems. You will make samples to take away and refer to so you can make lots more at home. Once you know the basics, you'll have the confidence to develop your skills at your own pace at home then come back and learn more when you are ready.



## Getting the Most from your Sewing Machine

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2pm to 4pm (£30)

You may have a new sewing machine or you'd just like to learn how to get more from one you've had for ages. This workshop will help you to understand how to adjust settings to achieve the stitches you need and offer solutions to some common problems.

## Brother Machine Embroidery workshop

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1pm to 4pm (£50\*)

This workshop is for people who already own a Brother embroidery machine or for those who are interested in learning more before buying one. Learn to select and retrieve designs and combine and arrange patterns and text. You will also use a range of stabilisers and understand how to use them. \*(only £40 if you bought an embroidery machine from us).





### **What to do with an 1800Q?**

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2pm to 3.30pm (free event)*

If you own an Innov-is 1800Q this free session will take you through aspects of the machine you may not even be aware it offers you. This includes how to sew sideways; creating your own stitches; using wide quilting stitches; automatic fabric sensor setting and making use of the pivot function.

### **Children's Class – Make a pencil case**

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2pm to 3.30pm (£20)*

This class is aimed at young people (8 years and over) with an accompanying adult. You will learn how to sew in a zip and construct a useful pouch for pens, crayons or brushes. All materials are included in the fee.

### **Cover Stitch Demonstration**

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2pm to 3pm (free)*

Whether you own a cover stitch machine or you think you might like to buy one, come along and pick up some useful tips on how and when to use them. Booking essential.

### **Zip Tips**

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2pm to 4pm (£25)*

You'll find all the tips you need to insert zips neatly and easily in this workshop. We'll cover standard and concealed/invisible zips and you'll take home samples to refer to when you need them.



### **Lined Curtains**

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1pm to 4pm (£50)*

This half day workshop explains how to make traditional, lined curtains in the most efficient way. You will make a mini curtain sample and learn about measuring, cutting and how to choose heading tapes.

### **Get to Know your Overlocker**

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1pm to 4pm (£50\*)*

Whether you are thinking about buying one; have just bought one or have had one for years and never got to grips with it, this overlocking workshop is for you. We will look at maintenance, threading, tension adjustments and achieving balanced stitches. Also: rolled hems, lettuce edges and corners. (When booking please mention if you need to borrow a machine) \*(only £40 if you bought an overlocker from us)

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*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1pm to 4pm (£30)*

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### Free Motion Embroidery

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2pm to 4pm (£25)

A chance to come along and learn how to do free motion sewing. How to set your machine, what stabilisers to use, when to use it and useful accessories to help



### Bring Your Own Project

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 4pm (£50 + lunch)

Come and sew with friends and like-minded people. If you want to tackle something a bit different or difficult, and feel you might need a bit of help, this is the session for you.

### Techniques for Stellaire and Luminaire Owners

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm (£10\*)

If you own a Stellaire or Luminaire and you'd like to find out more about using My Design Centre, come along. (This is a free event for customers who bought their machine from our studio).

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Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 1pm (£50\*)

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### The British Quilt and Stitch Village

Uttoxeter Racecourse Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Come and see us, and our Brother and Baby Lock machines, at this great quilting and embroidery show. Be inspired by the amazing quilts and see the latest fabrics and products. Details and tickets available here: <https://quiltandstitchvillage.com/>



### Chanel-Style Jacket

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10am to 4pm (£85)

A Chanel jacket is not made with the usual interfacings and canvases of a tailored jacket. It is a fascinating method of construction. Come along and make half a jacket to learn the techniques involved then use it as a sample to help when making your very own at Chanel-style jacket at home.

### Creative Sewing Weekend

Hampshire, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Enjoy a weekend of sewing with Wendy Gardiner, Jennie Rayment and Lorna Knight at The New Place Hotel, near Wickham, Hampshire. For more information contact Lorna ([info@lornaknight.com](mailto:info@lornaknight.com)) or Wendy ([wendygardiner@ntlworld.com](mailto:wendygardiner@ntlworld.com)).



## Perfect Fit

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am to 4pm (£85)

Are you fed up making clothes that don't fit as well as you'd like them to? Come along and learn the principles of adapting a commercial pattern to fit your figure and make a toile to fine tune the fit. The fee includes a commercial pattern and calico to make up your toile as well as lunch and refreshments. After the session you can make up the pattern in your own choice of fabric and use the fitting techniques for adapting all other patterns.

## Beginners – Make a pair of Pyjama Shorts

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 12.30pm £50

This workshop gives you the chance to sew seams and hems, use an overlocker and create a channel for elastic. You also have something to take home at the end of the session. Materials included in the fee.



## Getting the Most from your Sewing Machine

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 1pm (£50\*)

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## Working with Difficult Fabrics

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1.30pm to 4pm (£37.50)

If you avoid working with some types of fabric because you don't know how to sew them, book on this workshop. Perhaps you have a length of expensive cloth that you are frightened to cut into or you are planning a special gown and want to learn more before you start. Find out how to handle and sew stretchy knits and Lycra, sumptuous velvets, luxurious silk satins and fine, sheer voils and chiffons.



## Trouser Tricks Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10am to 4pm (£85)

It is difficult to get a good fitting pair of trousers so the first part of the day is spent learning how to adjust a basic trouser pattern to make it more like your personal shape. The remainder of the day is all about the techniques including pockets, fly zip insertion, a two-piece waistband, belt loops and hems. You will make a standard sized pair of trousers to use as a working sample so that when you get home you will have all the knowledge you need to make your own pair in your choice of fabric.



## Roman Blinds

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10am to 1pm (£50)*

Learn how to make Roman blinds on this short workshop. We will cover the arithmetic involved in calculating the positioning of the rods and make up a sample so that you can see how easy they are to construct. Notes are provided and these, along with your sample, will help when you get home, to make your own.

## Leggings

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 2pm (£60 + lunch)*

Frightened of sewing stretch fabric on your sewing machine? Come and make a pair of three-quarter length leggings and in the process, learn about handling stretchy fabric with ease. Fabric (navy or black) and materials provided. Once you see how easy it is, you'll want to make lots more at home.



## Pattern Drafting Course

*Three Saturdays in June: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 3pm (£250)*

Learn the process of drafting patterns and make a personal skirt, bodice, sleeve and trouser block. With your pattern blocks you will also find out how to adapt these to create your own garments. In three sessions you will learn the basics ready to develop your pattern cutting skills after the course. The fee includes materials but you will be asked to provide your own lunch.

## Mending and Alterations

*Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 1pm (£50)*

Save the earth by coming along to this workshop to learn how to alter and mend clothes. We will discuss replacing zips, shortening trousers, and adjusting waists through a mixture of demonstrations and hands-on activities.

## How to Handle Hems

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 4pm (£85)*

This workshop takes you through a range of fabrics and projects, explaining how best to sew hems. We will cover machined and hand-sewn hems as well as 'rolled', 'faced' and 'horsehair' methods. You will take away samples to refer to when you get home. (light lunch provided)



## Bra Making

*Date to be confirmed (£85)*

Learn how bras are constructed including drafting the patterns, sewing seams, attaching elastic, covering cups and inserting wires. We will discuss sizing and fitting as well as choosing styles and materials. This is a great workshop to get you started so you will learn what you need to know to make bras for yourself and friends.

## Couture Finishes

*Date to be confirmed (£85)*

After this workshop you will be certain that your clothes will never look home-made again. Samples will be made of a zip that cannot go wrong; tailored hems with no visible stitches; beautifully smooth tailored darts; bound buttonhole, Hong Kong finish; cuffs and silk covered press studs.



To book a place on any of our sewing sessions, or for more information, please contact us:  
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*As well as sewing workshops you'll find haberdashery items and a growing range of fabrics in the studio.*

*We are also official dealers for 'Brother' and 'Baby Lock' sewing machines, embroidery machines and overlockers so come and visit and we can help you to find the perfect model to suit you.*

*We also repair and service sewing/embroidery machines and overlockers*

### **Opening Hours**

*We are open most days between 10am and 4pm but please ring ahead if you are coming specially, in case we are away collecting new supplies or running a workshop. However, if you are passing and the lights are on, we're open and you are welcome to call in. We hope to see you soon.*

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