

Workshop Programme

Summer 2025



Workshops

Fabric and Haberdashery

Sewing Machine Sales

Machine Repairs and Servicing

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Stellaire Coffee Morning (for XE/XJ owners)

Friday 18th April 11am -12noon (£10 or free if you bought your machine from us)

Join us for a demonstration on using your machine's Design Centre features to make a simple applique. Meet and chat with other embroidery machine owners to share ideas. May be of interest to owners of Luminaire and XV owners too.

The British Quilt and Stitch Village

Uttoxeter Racecourse Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April 2025

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/>



Brother Machine Embroidery workshop

Thursday 1st May 10am to 1pm (£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. Discover how 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).



Zip Tips

Friday 2nd May 2025 10am to 12noon (£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. Watch a demonstration of inserting a fly front zip too.

Bring Your Own Project

Friday 2nd May 2025 1pm to 4pm (£30)

This is an opportunity to sew your own thing with like-minded company and support if you need it.

Getting the Most from your Sewing Machine

Wednesday 7th May 10am to 12noon (£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.

Get to Know your Overlocker

*Thursday 15th May 2025 (10am to 1pm) £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)

Beginners/Refreshers

Saturday 17th May 2025 10am to 1pm (£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.

Brother Event

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th May (free)

A chance to drop in and find out more about the Brother machines for sewing, embroidery, overlocking, cutting and printing. Tea, coffee and special offers.



Children's class – Make a pair of shorts

Wednesday 28th May 2025 (10.30am to 12.30pm) £20

For young 'designers' aged 10+ with an accompanying adult. Choose some printed cotton fabric and make a pair of shorts with an elasticated waist.



Children's class - Make a Monster

Wednesday 28th May 1.30pm to 3pm (£20)

Bring along your young person (8+) to design and sew their own fleecy character to take home to love. This session gives your little one a chance to use a sewing machine and hopefully provide the inspiration to do more sewing at home afterwards.



Overlocking 2 - Techniques

Wednesday 4th June (10am to 1pm) £50

If you have attended the Get to Know your Overlocker workshop, this is the next level. Learn how to use your machine to make garments quickly with a manufactured finish. Hems, cuffs, bands and sleeves are all included and a bit about decorative finishes too.

Bring Your Own Project

Saturday 7th June (10am to 4pm) £50

A chance to sew your own thing with like-minded people. Choose a special dressmaking project or something requiring a new skill and you'd like some extra support.

Working with Difficult Fabrics

Thursday 12th June 10.30am to 12noon (£10)

Enjoy refreshments while learning about Working with Difficult Fabrics. Pick up some vital tips before embarking on sewing with stretchy, silky, slippery and sheer fabrics.

Pattern Drafting – Skirts

Saturday 14th June 10am to 1pm (£60)

Come along and learn the principles of pattern making; from measuring to drafting and using your basic block to design new styles. You will make a person 'block' and check the fit with a calico toile.

Knickers

Saturday 14th June 2pm to 5pm (£60)

Learn how to design a pair of simple briefs then cut out, sew and learn how to attach elastic edging.



Trouser Tricks

Wednesday 25th June 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.

Mending, Recycling, Restyling and Making Alterations

Thursday 3rd July 10.30am to 12noon (£10)

Enjoy refreshments while learning about methods of mending, recycling and altering clothes to improve fit and ideas for restyling. Although this is not a hands-on workshop you will pick up tips and have the chance to share ideas with other students. Bring your own garments with you to spark discussion.

Patchwork for Beginners

Saturday 5th July 2025 1pm to 5pm (£60)

If you've always wanted to try patchwork and quilting this is your chance to have a go. Learn to piece the pre-cut shapes then quilt and bind your 12" mat.



11th Birthday Celebrations

Saturday 12th July 10am to 3pm (free)

11 years ago this week I ran my first workshop in our Bradnop studio. Now, over 2000 workshops later, please join us for sewing and cake and enjoy some special offers too.

Baby Lock Open Day

Saturday 16th August 10am to 3pm (free)

Claire will be here to demonstrate these wonderful overlockers and cover stitch machines. Special offers on the day.



*To book a place on any of our sewing sessions, or for more information, please contact us:
info@lornaknight.com 07970 345628 or 01538 371682*

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

To Leek (23-16)



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to Ashbourne (13-16)

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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