

Workshop Programme

May to August 2026



Workshops

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Brother Machine Embroidery workshop

Saturday 2nd 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).

Trouser Tricks

Thursday 7th May 10am to 4pm (£85)

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'll make a standard sized pair of trousers to learn the techniques and use as a working sample for when you get home to make your own.



Brother Special Event

Saturday 16th May 2026

Come and see the latest machines and find out which one would suit you best. Whether you want a starter sewing machine or one for embroidery, overlocking or cover stitching our Brother expert, Tricia, will be here to demonstrate them and answer your questions. Don't forget the new fabric and sublimation printers and ScanNCut too – perfect for expressing your creativity!

Tea, cake and special offers too.

Chanel-style Jacket

Thursday 21st May 10am to 4pm (£85)

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



*If you can't wait, take a look at my online Craftsy class
<https://www.craftsy.com/class/the-iconic-tweed-jacket>*

Get to Know your Overlocker

Saturday 4th July 2026 (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)



12th Birthday Celebrations

Saturday 11th July 10am to 3pm (free)

12 years ago this week I ran my first workshop in our Bradnop studio. Please join us for sewing and cake and enjoy some special offers too.

Getting the Most from your Sewing Machine

Wednesday 15th July 2026 10am to 12noon (£30)

This workshop will help you to understand how to adjust setting to achieve the stitches you need and offer solutions to some common problems. Bring your machine along and find out all the exciting things it can do.



Lined Curtains

Wednesday 15th July 2026 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.

Beginners/Refreshers

Saturday 18th July 2026 10am to 1pm (£30)

This workshop covers using paper patterns, choosing fabrics and sewing seams and hems. You'll 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.



Bring Your Own Project

Saturday 18th July 2pm to 5pm (£30)

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

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Wednesday 22nd July 2026 10am to 4pm (£50)

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

Pattern Drafting - Skirts

Tuesday 18th August 2026 10am to 2pm (£60 + lunch)

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 personal skirt 'block' and check the fit with a calico toile.



Pattern Drafting – Bodice and Sleeve

Wednesday 19th August 2026 10am to 4pm (£85)

Building on the knowledge gained from drafting a skirt pattern block, you will make blocks for a bodice and a sleeve. You will make a toile to check the fit.

Pattern Drafting – Trousers

Thursday 20th August 2026 10am to 4pm (£85)

Learn to make a personal trouser block. We will take measurements, create a block and make up a toile, check the fit then adjust the block as necessary.

Note: You must have attended a Skirt Block session (either on the 18th August or previously) before coming to the Bodice and/or Trouser workshops. The full day sessions are very full and fast paced to get everything covered in one day.

Ipstones Show

Saturday 29th August 2026

We will be in the Memorial Hall for the Ipstones Show again this year and we hope you'll come along and say hello. This traditional Agricultural Show has something for everyone with animals, crafts, competitions and stalls with local crafts and organisations.

*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 authorised 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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