



Press Release

CIY: Craft it Yourself

A fun programme of events to satisfy your crafty urges @ Craft Central, April-July 2011

<http://www.craftcentral.org.uk/craft-it-yourself>

Cost: All CIY workshops cost an affordable £19.99 (including materials and complimentary wine)

Book online! <http://craftcentralbookings.org.uk/programme/public-events>

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS



Get making this summer!

Our enjoyable **CIY: Craft It Yourself** workshops offer the chance for anyone to take part in craft and design. Learn from a pro and have some 'making' fun... **No experience required!** Whether you're already an expert, or fancy trying something new, come and satisfy your crafty urges at our informal workshops.

With Royal nuptials in the air, Craft Central shares the wedding excitement this summer...

In the spirit of the Royal weddings, Craft Central launches its first wedding fair in June – **Craft Central Gets Hitched** is the ultimate shopping treat to tackle those wedding 'to do' lists. To celebrate this handmade wedding fair, the new programme of **CIY: Craft It Yourself** workshops has a distinct wedding feel...

Add a handmade touch to your big day and make your very own unique craft products. Our designers are as excited about your wedding as you are (well, almost) so come and meet them! They will guide you in designing and making: fabulous vintage inspired hats and fascinators; beautiful thank you gifts for bridesmaids and special family members (including wrapping tips!); glamorous garters using vintage lace and silk materials; customised invitations and thank you cards;

Craft Spotlight: Basketing making – Craft Central gets weaving!

Generously sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers, Craft Central's **Craft Spotlight: Basketmaking** shines a light on traditional and contemporary basketmaking; a skilled and beautiful craft. Join basket maker, Sherry Doyal, this summer to fashion your own basketry bangle.

More details about Craft Central's programme of CIY: Craft it Yourself workshops (April-July) can be found below:

Join us this April-July for the following CIY workshops...

Craft It Yourself: Hat Party! Make a Fascinator with Katherine Elizabeth <http://www.katherineelizabethhats.com/>
2 chances this time, due to popular demand... Mon 9 May, 6-8pm & Mon 4 July, 6-8pm

Design your own fantastic fascinator with award winning milliner Katherine Elizabeth. Having worked for star milliner Stephen Jones and made hats for Dita von Teese and Lily Allen, now Katherine will share her hat-making secrets with us all.

Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)

Craft It Yourself: Bridesmaids Gifts – Make a beaded hair accessory with Michelle Edwards
Tues 7 June, 6-8pm

Need those precious gifts for your bridesmaids, maid of honours or mother of the bride/groom to wear on the day?
Designer maker, Michelle, will help you assemble beads, crystals, and pearls using wire, with creative flair! The result will be your own original and very special hair accessory – the perfect thank you gift. With tips on packaging everyone can take away a beautiful present, ready to give.

Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)

Craft It Yourself: The Personal Touch! Wedding Stationery - Make customised invites and tailored thank yous
with Charlene Lam of Someday Someday <http://www.somedaysomeday.com/>
Mon 20 June, 6-8pm

Give your wedding stationery the truly personal touch: Craft It Yourself! In this interactive workshop with designer Charlene Lam of Someday Someday, we'll discover clever and fun ways to incorporate your colours, motifs or theme into invites, place cards, thank you notes, and more. You'll come away with 8-10 samples of ways to make your wedding or civil union uniquely yours!

Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)

Craft It Yourself: Make a Garter with Sarah Hallows <http://www.craftcentral.org.uk/sarah-hallows>
Tuesday 28 June, 6-8pm

Sarah Hallows invites you to make your own unique garter for your big day. Sarah will inspire you with her applied arts training, with a focus in jewellery and textiles. Using a mixture of vintage, lace and silk fabric, Sarah will guide you through the process of making this glamorous, yet tasteful, accessory! This is also the perfect gift for any blushing bride, so come along and fashion a beautiful garter for any betrothed friend/family member.

Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)

Craft It Yourself: Basket making – Make a basketry bangle with Sherry Doyal & Emily Jo Gibbs
Coming soon!... DATE TBC

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We hope to see you soon!

Notes to the Editor...

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Craft Central's dynamic Network connects 550+ UK designer-makers, helping them to discover valuable opportunities and benefit from really practical and well thought-out services and resources. Craft Central takes time to understand makers and encourages them to develop groundbreaking new work. Alongside this support, Craft Central promotes cutting edge craft and design to the public through an exciting programme of innovative exhibitions and events.

Special Services for Industry and Press...

Media and buyers industry are invited to use Craft Central as a resource. Craft Central's current Network includes a portfolio of 550 cutting edge designers producing work in a vast array of disciplines (including; fashion, textiles, accessories, jewellery and interior products). Craft Central can help you source new products, maker's profiles, accessories for shoots, news stories and more.

In order to bring talented designers and trade professionals together Craft Central offers a range of special service for industry and press visitors:

Designer Introductions... Bringing talented designers and trade professionals together.

To maximise your time, Craft Central can arrange a day of meetings providing the chance to view and discuss work by designers selected to match your requirements. International buyers already utilise this service and find it an essential tool when sourcing new products. These meetings take place at Craft Centrals offices in London EC1M. View a selection of Craft Central designers in the online Designer Maker Gallery and just let us know if you would like to organize an appointment!

www.craftcentral.org.uk/designermakergallery

Keeping you in touch... Keep up to date with the hottest design talent!

Throughout the year Craft Central organises an exciting programme of exhibitions and events to promote new work by contemporary designers. Press releases are circulated regularly, but if you have a specific request please get in touch!

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