



Press Release

## CIY: Craft it Yourself

Make craft your New Year Resolution! A fun programme of events to satisfy your crafty urges @ Craft Central, Jan-Mar 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



Our enjoyable **CIY: Craft It Yourself** workshops offer the chance for anyone to take part in craft and design. They are an informal opportunity to learn from the experts and have a bit of 'making' fun... **No experience required!**

Whether you're already an expert, or fancy trying something new, come and satisfy your crafty urges at our CIY workshops led by designers. Sharpen up your sewing skills this new year... spruce up your home with bespoke cushions created from up-cycled fabrics and spruce up your wardrobe with stunning millinery and fashion accessories.

This time we've opened the fun up to the next generation of crafters with **new Made in Craftland sessions for children** (age 7-12) – craft for all ages, with jewellery making and creative textiles to entertain the nippers in February half term!

[Join us Jan-Mar 2011 for the following CIY workshops...](#)

**Craft It Yourself: Hat Party! Make a Fascinator** with Katherine Elizabeth <http://www.katherineelizabethhats.com/>  
3 chances this time, due to popular demand... Tues 25 Jan 6-8pm, Mon 28 Feb 6-8pm, & Monday 28 Mar 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: Make a Corsage Accessory** with Sarah Hallows <http://www.craftcentral.org.uk/sarah-hallows>  
Tues 8 Mar 6-8pm

Brighten up any outfit by designing your own corsage accessory with Sarah Hallows. Sarah will inspire you with her applied arts training, with a focus in jewellery and textiles. Using silk, lace and other found items, create beautiful corsages to adorn your wrist, neck or head.

**Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)**

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**Craft It Yourself: Plump it Up! – Make a cushion cover** with Emily Jo Gibbs <http://www.emilyjogibbs.co.uk/>  
Mon 14 Mar 6-8pm

No home can ever have enough cushions! Get 'spring clean' fever and spruce up your sofa/bed/favourite arm chair by crafting your own bespoke cushion cover. As usual, beginners are welcome and will be guided by Emily's expert tuition!

If you have a dull or well-loved cushion that could do with re-vamping, why not bring it along for a make-over?

**Cost £19.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)**

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## NEW! Made in Craftland sessions for children (age 7-12) to get crafty Jan-Mar 2011...

Two fun and engaging afternoon workshops for younger crafters to try out simple jewellery or textiles techniques.

**Made in Craftland: Make Charm Jewellery** with Florence de Caires  
Mon 21 Feb 1.30-3.30pm

Florence de Caires will help you assemble colourful trinkets and charms using wire and links to make your own unique style bracelets, earrings or necklace.

**For children aged 7-12**

**Cost £11 (Including materials and light refreshments)**

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**Decorate Your Clothes with Helen Batley of Minnie Bats Design** <http://minniebats.com/>  
Tues 22 Feb 1.30-3.30pm

Bring along a plain t-shirt or leggings and Helen will help you use a range of fun textile techniques to create your own wearable fashion pieces.

**For children aged 7-12**

**Cost £11 (Including materials and light refreshments)**

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We hope to see you soon!

## Notes to the Editor...

### **CIY: Craft it Yourself**

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### **Made in Craftland**

Craft Central run an ad hoc programme of public and community workshops for younger enthusiasts.  
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**Craft Central** [www.craftcentral.org.uk](http://www.craftcentral.org.uk)

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 500 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 Central's 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](http://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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