



Press Release

## CIY: Craft it Yourself

Satisfy your crafty urges @ Craft Central July-Sept 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.

This quarter, CIY has a distinct textiles feel! We have the following sessions lined up for you:

### Join us this July-Sept for the following CIY workshops...

#### **Craft It Yourself: Hand knitting – beginners welcome! with Sarah Allen**

Mon 25 July, 6-8pm

Whether you need advice on a half finished project or have never picked up a pair of knitting needles before, Sarah Allen will be on hand to give advice and will have everything you need to make your own Rose Corsage or Gadget Case.

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

#### **Craft It Yourself: Hat Party! Make a Fascinator** with Katherine Elizabeth <http://www.katherineelizabethhats.com/>

2 chances this time, due to popular demand... Mon 8 Aug 6-8pm & Mon 12 Sept 6-8pm

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

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

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**Craft it yourself: Crochet for Beginners – Make a Granny Square with Michelle Edwards**

Mon 26 Sept, 6-8pm

The textiles vibe continues as designer maker, Michelle, brings her crochet expertise to CIY! Michelle will guide you in crochet techniques to fashion a 'granny square' - these classic crochet building blocks can form the foundation for handbags, headbands, and place mats. In vibrant colours they work a treat in blankets. Perfect for beginners and intermediates alike, learn new skills or take the opportunity to finish an existing project. You provide the hands and we'll provide the inspiration!

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

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**Craft It Yourself: Introduction to Macramé – Make an Accessory with Petra Malus**

DATE TBC

Textile designer maker, Petra, will share her expertise in macramé techniques and guide you in making your choice of accessory. Using macramé, you will upcycle cotton fabrics into a belt, necklace or bracelet. There'll be plenty of gorgeous materials to choose from but feel free to bring your own along - perhaps you have an old T-shirt you'd like to transform into a new accessory.

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We hope to see you soon!

## Notes to the Editor...

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

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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 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 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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