



Press Release

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

Satisfy your crafty urges @ Craft Central Oct-Dec 2011

Cost: 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. 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 cosy, festive feel! We have the following sessions lined up for you:

Craft It Yourself: Letterpress Printing Taster Session – Print your own cards with Turnbull Grey

<http://www.turnbullgrey.co.uk/>

Thurs 3 Nov, 6-8pm

Back in the olden days before laser printers and computers you would have to print your cards by hand. Ink applied to the surface of metal or wood type is pressed against paper to make an 'impression'. The finished article has a tactile quality and a slight indentation; it is a craft ideally suited to producing beautiful things in small quantities. Graphic designers, Turnbull Grey, will guide you through the process of making a card, perfect for Christmas presents or for just saying hello!

Special Cost £29.99 (Including materials and complimentary wine)

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SMALL GROUP OF 4 ONLY AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN TURNBULL GREY'S STUDIO:

Studio 23, Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS

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

Wed 9 Nov, 6-8pm

Whether you need advice on a half finished project or have never picked up a pair of knitting needles before, Sarah is here to help! Everything you need will be provided to start a **Scarf** or alternative knitted must-have... why not try making a **Tea Cosy, Gadget Case, Beret, Christmas Decoration** or **Rose Corsage**?

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

2 chances this time, due to popular demand... Mon 14 Nov 6-8pm & Mon 5 Dec 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, Alexa Chung, Fern Cotton and Lily Allen, now Katherine will share her hat-making secrets with us all.

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Craft It Yourself: Plump it Up! – Make a cushion cover with Emily Jo Gibbs <http://www.emilyjogibbs.co.uk/>

Tues 29 Nov 6-8pm

No home can ever have enough cushions! Spruce up your sofa/bed/favourite arm chair by crafting your own bespoke cushion cover. Add a festive touch and create a cosy Christmas gift. 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)

We hope to see you soon!

Notes to the Editor...

CIY: Craft it Yourself

Please contact Sarah Hewett or Tess Bygge at Craft Central with any enquiries: 020 7251 0276

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Craft Central 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 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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