

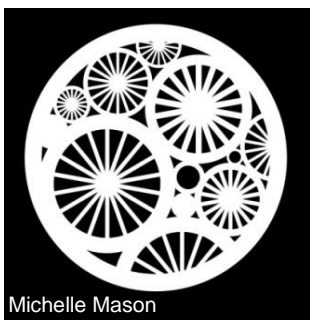
Made in Clerkenwell

Winter Open Studios at Craft Central 26-29 Nov 2009

The ultimate shopping treat! Avoid the high street crowds and meet over 70 designer makers to get inspired by exceptional craft and design...

Dates: Special Launch Night on Thursday 26 Nov, 5-8pm
Late Night Shopping on Friday 27 Nov, 12noon - 8pm
Avoid the High Street crowds on Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 Nov, 12noon - 6pm

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS and 21 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DX
Admission: £2.50 per person, under 16's free



Step out of the cold and unearth this oasis in the city - a hot bed of cutting edge craft and design. Visitors are thoroughly spoilt this Winter as Craft Central opens its doors with **Made In Clerkenwell** - a unique shopping event, offering an intriguing 'behind the scenes' chance to explore the studios and mingle with the community of renowned designers.

Avoid the nightmare before Christmas and take advantage of this magnificent opportunity to pick up distinctive pieces of jewellery, fashion, interior products, ceramics, accessories and traditional crafts, by over 70 designers at the forefront of their disciplines. **Made In Clerkenwell** is brimming with talent, showcasing some of the best work around, so prepare to be tempted and to put an end to bad presents! Whether selecting a unique gift or browsing for personal pleasure, this exceptional shopping treat will be topped off by meeting the maker and discovering the studio in which they work their magic!

Made in Clerkenwell is renowned for great jewellery design and this winter is no exception. Adorn yourself with stunning fine jewellery by **Sarah Stafford** and **Sonia Cheadle**, or fun 'frilly bits' from **Frilly by Lily**. Continuing the fashion theme 'milliner to the stars' (including Dita von Teese!), **Katherine Elizabeth** will help you prepare for the festive season with her vintage-inspired handcrafted hats.

Once you have finished decorating yourself, why not focus on your home? Find a world of intricacy in award winning **Ikuko Iwamoto's** studio with her bizarre and exquisite ceramics, or explore the captivating ancient process of fresco with **Sarah Hocombe's** enchanting paintings. Fall in love with luxurious textiles by Selvedge favourite **Margo Selby** and Elle Deco's 'No 1' **Nitin Goyal**, or enjoy the delightful studio of bookbinder **Virginia McArdle** known for her original approach to desirable book and print products. Go back to the roots of making and discover the fascinating processes.



Amidst all the fabulous shop-tastic fun, why not treat yourself to a well earned break and grab yourself a pretty cupcake from **Jen's CupCakery**, an affordable luxury that will put a smile on anyone's face. Indulge yourself and experience a taste sensation you'll not forget!!

Finally, 'wrap up' your visit (and your Christmas shopping!) with gift wrap from **Old Bean Designs**. Hand printed cards will also be available in beautiful boxed sets, to deliver the perfect Christmas sentiment!



Further information on participating designer makers and high quality visuals are available from Craft Central:
020 7251 0276 onshow@craftcentral.org.uk

The Design Pop Up Shop!

Buy innovative British design, from 9 top talents, just in time for stocking fillers!



Susan Bradley



Lua Lua



Esther Coombs



Francisca Prieto



Selina Rose

From stocking fillers, quirky gifts and exclusive Christmas decorations to investment pieces and bespoke work, **The Design Pop Up Shop** will be brimming over with irresistible products from 9 talented designer makers. A 'design boutique' shopping experience not to be missed, buy highly unique work including: fun interior products from **Susan Bradley**, **Product of your Environment** and **Francisca Prieto**; **Esther Coombs'** and **Automatic Crystal's** quirky ceramics; bright interior textiles from **Selina Rose** and **Catherine Hammerton**; lovingly hand-knitted accessories from **Keep and Share** and eye-catching jewellery by **Lua Lua** and **Christine Kaltoft**. There will be something to suit everyone and gifts ready to take away, as well the opportunity to chat with the designers about commissions.

So with all these creative adventures on offer, why stay at home? Spend a happy festive 'crafternoon' exploring the wonder that is Made in Clerkenwell!

Notes to the Editor...

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At the cutting edge of craft for 30 years, Craft Central (CC) is an oasis in the city - actively promoting, nurturing and strengthening the future of UK craft and design. Designer makers flourish through insightful support, affordable studio spaces, accessible exhibition facilities and valuable opportunities. We understand designer makers, connecting over 400 through our growing dynamic national Network. We build relationships within our creative community and reach out to diverse audiences. CC is a destination for innovative craft and design, showcasing stimulating exhibitions, talks and 'meet the maker' experiences.

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 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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