



Press Release

## Craft it Yourself!

A fun programme of crafty events to satisfy your crafty urges this summer!

@ Craft Central, July- Sept 2010 <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



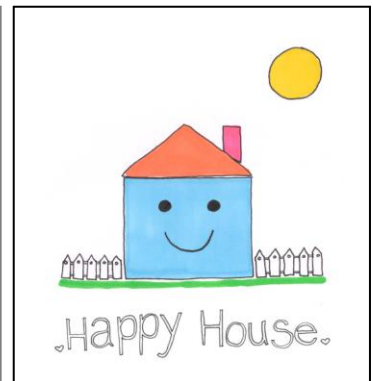
Emily Jo Gibbs' Pin Cushions



Sarah Louise Lamey



Katherine Elizabeth's Hat Party CIY



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We want Londoners to discover the relevance (and fun) of craft and design! Our enjoyable programme of **Craft It Yourself** workshops offers the chance for anyone to take part in craft.

Whether you're already an expert, or fancy trying something new, come and satisfy your crafty urges at the CIY workshops led by designers. From sharpening up your sewing skills with creating pin cushions and cushion covers, to millinery and crafty tips to re-invent your home, this is an informal opportunity to learn from the experts have a bit of 'making' fun! **No experience required!**

### Join us this summer for the following CIY workshops...

**Craft It Yourself: Pass it On – Learn crafty activities to keep the kids busy this summer!** with Sarah Louise Lamey

Thurs 8 July 6pm

Pass it on - a hands-on workshop for adults to teach them the basic craft skills to then pass onto their children to keep craft alive! The workshop will involve crafty fun activities for you to try out with your own children, such as making your own cuddly toy and school bag.

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

**Craft it Yourself: Sewing Boot Camp – Hand stitching survival skills, applied to making a charming Pin Cushion**

with Emily Jo Gibbs

Tues 20 July 6pm

Tidy up, and brighten up, your work table with a new pin cushion! Choose from vintage recycled fabrics or sumptuous felt. Whether learning from scratch (sewing novices welcome!) or polishing existing talents, Emily's expert tuition will equip you with all the hand stitching survival skills you'll ever need!

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

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**Craft It Yourself: Hat Party! Make a Fascinator** with Katherine Elizabeth  
Tues 17 Aug 6pm

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, 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: Hands-On Homes!** with Sarah Louise Lamey  
Wed 8 Sept 6pm

Hands-On Homes - Embroider, Bead, Embellish, Personalise. This workshop will teach you some nifty tips and tricks to re-invent your homes and to bring some fun to your living environments.

**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  
Thurs 23 Sept 6pm

No home can ever have enough cushions! Get in to the spirit of the London Design Festival (18-26 Sept 2010) and make 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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## Notes to the Editor...

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### Craft Central [www.craftcentral.org.uk](http://www.craftcentral.org.uk)

Craft Central's dynamic Network connects 500 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 Centra'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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