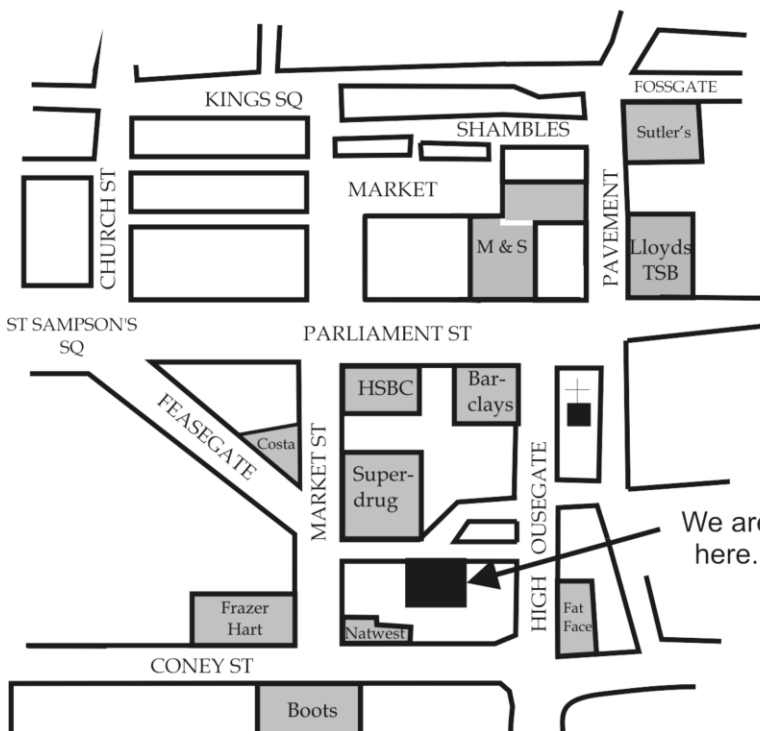


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One Day Sewing Courses

We provide tea / coffee with biscuits and a lovely two course lunch.

Our one day sewing courses include all materials & equipment unless otherwise stated in the course details. Courses usually start at 10.00am and finish at approximately 4.00pm

10th May Thursday

Beginners Patchwork

This course is designed for you to learn the basics of patchwork, to include choosing colours and prints for different patchwork designs and to see the most interesting effects. You will learn how to cut, pin and sew pieces together using appropriate equipment safely and accurately. You will make different patchwork blocks with matching seams and points that you can build on.

17th May Friday

Dressmaking Tips for Beginners

Would you like a helping hand understanding the basics of dressmaking? This course will cover the techniques of cutting and pinning your pattern and fabric, finishing edges and seams, sewing darts, inserting zips, along with understanding dressmaking patterns and terminology used.

24th May Friday

Know Your Overlocker

Do you have an overlocker and lack confidence using the machine? We will show you how simple and easy it is to use. This course will build your confidence to tackle many overlocking techniques. This course is taught by an overlocker specialist. Please note you need to bring your overlocker with you and it must be in working order. This course starts at 10.00am and finishes at 3.30pm.

7th June Friday

Beginners Pattern Cutting

Tired of finding ill-fitting clothes and want to learn how to make a garment which is a perfect fit? Draft out your personal skirt block from your own body measurements and learn how to construct the toile and any fitting techniques required. It's amazing what you can do with a pencil and paper.

14th June Friday

Jelly Roll Quilt

Come and try this unique technique to make a lap quilt using a jelly roll and a sewing machine. If you like random designs and colours then this is perfect for you to make for yourself or as a gift. The lap quilt will have a soft feel back, making it great to snuggle up in. Anyone can make this quilt. There is no right or wrong way to the design.

Date to be arranged

Download and Embroider Project

Do you own an embroidery machine? Would you like to take home an embroidered project? Would you like to download an embroidery design in the correct file format from a website – but are a little nervous of, or daunted by your new machine? Then this is the course for you. Have fun and learn new skills to expand your creative sewing. This course starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm. Please bring your laptop and a USB stick with you.

21st June Friday

Taste the Difference, Row X Row

Come along and make our exclusive 'Taste the Difference' patchwork panel to start your Row by Row experience. Full instructions and fabric are included on this course.

28th June Friday

Liberty Drawstring Skirt

This is the perfect easy-to-wear skirt for those lazy summer days. Easy to sew with a sewing machine and overlocker, this stylish skirt with optional side splits and a drawstring waist, all made in Liberty cotton fabric, will look great for any occasion.

8th August Thursday

Know Your Sewing Machine (Computerized)

You will learn how to use the different stitches on your machine, how to combine stitches and save them into the memories of your machine. We will show you how to use the different accessory feet that came with your machine, along with some extra ones. You will stitch samples to refer to, covering dressmaking, embellishment, patchwork and quilting. Please note you will need to bring your machine and accessories with you. This course is taught by a sewing machine specialist.

9th August Friday

Know Your Embroidery Unit

This is a follow on course to the one above. Once you have learnt how to use the sewing functions of your machine, we will show you how to use your embroidery unit. We will cover embroidery placement, combining designs within your machine's capabilities along with rotation, mirroring, sizing and duplication. You will use different fabrics, stabilizers, threads and needles. Please note you will need to bring your sewing machine and embroidery unit with you. This course is taught by a sewing machine specialist. This course starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm.

Half Day Sewing Courses

Know Your Sewing Machine

16th April Tuesday

10.00am - 1.00pm

13th June Tuesday

1.30pm - 4.30pm

We will show you how to use your own sewing machine. Any brand of machine is welcome on this course. Whether your machine is very basic with just a few stitches or has up to 50, then this is the course for you. Learning how to thread your sewing machine is just the start of your learning possibilities. (Please bring your sewing machine with you, materials are provided). If your machine has more stitches and buttons, then you can learn much more on our one day Know Your Sewing Machine course.

Novice Pin, Cut, Sew Class

25th April Thursday

10.00am – 12.00pm

9th May Thursday

2.00pm – 4.00pm

This class is for complete beginners, if you have fancied sewing but don't know where to start, then this is the class for you. We will show you the basics of a sewing machine, including threading the machine, how to pin, how to cut and how to sew on the machine. You will need to purchase a small amount of fabric and haberdashery of your choice from our collection in store.

Stippling Day

23rd May Thursday

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Have you ever fancied having a go at free-motion quilting? This is the perfect opportunity to have a guided hands-on experience with a layered quilt sandwich and variegated threads. This is an ideal class for a quilting beginner.

Beginners Free-motion Embroidery

30th May Thursday

1.30pm – 4.30pm

Master the art of creative free machine-embroidery. Learn the basic techniques to produce a beautiful purse using embroidery and textured threads, along with a lining and fastening.

Heirloom Stitching (Wing needles and twin needles)

6th June Thursday

1.30pm – 4.30pm

Are you interested in learning how to create heirloom techniques on a machine? In this class we will show you how to do this using a selection of embroidery stitches, a wing needle, twin needles and a pin-tucking foot to create different vintage effects.

Babylock 20 Minute skirt

15th June Saturday

11.30am – 12.00pm

We are hosting a Babylock Day on Saturday 15th June with the well known Jan Wright from Babylock. She will be with us all day to show off their wonderful range of machines. As part of this day Jan will be demonstrating how you can make a skirt in a magical 20 minutes.

Liberty Needle Case & Pincushion

20th June Thursday

1.30pm – 4.30pm

This is a nice easy project, great for a first time sewer and makes a perfect gift for any friend or family member. Easy to sew on a sewing machine with beautiful Liberty printed cotton fabrics, what else could you ask for?

Junior Sewing Courses

Creative Children 4 - 7 years

Easter Bunny

23rd April Tuesday

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Your child would like to bring you along to this hands-on creative Easter craft experience of making a wonderful decoration to hang up over the Easter period. With a bit of fabric, felt, glitz and possibly the use of a sewing machine too. You will have fun making a personalised decoration to take home for everyone to admire. One child must attend with one adult.

Summer Bunting

31st May Friday

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Come along to this creative course and learn how to use a sewing machine with summery fabrics and colourful threads. You will make yourself a string of unique bunting to take home. One child must attend with one adult.

Super Sewers 7 - 14 years

Know Your Sewing Machine!

18th April Thursday

2.00pm – 4.00pm

8th June Saturday

10.00am -- 12.00pm

On this course, your child will be shown how to use a sewing machine safely. Starting with learning how to thread the machine correctly, they will then be shown how to hold and guide the fabric through the machine to sew a straight line of stitching as well as learning about the correct use of stitches when finishing the edges of the fabric. We will also cover the different features of the machine and what they would be used for when sewing. The main emphasis of the course will be the safe use of the machine. You are welcome to bring your sewing machine with you to this course. All materials are included.

Teens & Textiles 14 - 18 years

26th July Friday

10am – 12pm then 1pm – 3pm

This is a creative textile sewing day to assist students to make the most out of a sewing machine, while improving their sewing skills and creating a useful project. All materials and equipment will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Students are welcome to leave the premises between 12pm and 1pm unless we are advised otherwise at the time of booking.

Weekly Sewing Courses

We will provide the sewing machines & equipment along with tea / coffee and biscuits. Each student will need to provide materials and other notions to make their projects (excluding soft furnishings for beginners). These must be purchased in the shop before the course. Some of the courses have a set project to get you started. You will learn at your own pace and sew what you like within your growing capabilities.

Pattern Cutting for Beginners

30th April – 25th June, 9 weeks

Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12.00pm

Dressmaking with Overlockers

30th April – 25th June, 9 weeks

Every Tuesday 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Patchwork & Quilting

9th May - 25th July, 11 weeks

Morning & afternoon class on 9th May

No Class on 4th & 11th July

Every Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday Sewing Club

27th April – 25th May, 5 weeks

8th June – 29th June, 4 weeks

Every Saturday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Course Booking Information

If you would like to book a sewing course please telephone 01904 626244 or call into the shop.

We will require the following information to make your booking;

Your full name, address, telephone number and email address.

The course name, date and time you wish to attend.

Your dietary requirements, if applicable.

Your debit or credit card payment details for the non- refundable deposit or full payment.

If you are booking a course for another person, we will also require their name, address, telephone number and email address. You can also request the relevant information to pay by internet banking.

By making a payment you accept our terms & conditions below.

Terms & conditions for all courses, Please read carefully.

1. **No refunds will be given.**

2. Each course under £60 has to be paid in full when booking.

3. Courses over £60 may be booked with a £25 non-refundable deposit per course.

The balance needs to be paid 4 weeks prior to the start of the course.

4. You can only transfer to another course up to 4 weeks before the start of the course you have booked, not once it has started. A transfer fee of £25 is payable.

We do not disclose any information to other companies or organizations.

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