

Creative Living Theatre, Harrogate 2021				
Thursday 18th November				
Start	Finish	Title	Description	Demonstrator
10.30am	11.15am	Make a Waistcoat from Old Trousers	In this demonstration, Mark Francis, (Great British Sewing Bee Contestant), will show how to transform an old pair of trousers into a lovely new waistcoat. Over the course of 30 minutes he will go through how to deconstruct the trousers and which features to consider reusing and begin to construct the garment. The main steps of the rest of the process will be discussed too and questions taken from the audience.	Mark Francis
11.30am	12pm	Creative Stitched Textiles	In this illustrated talk, Wendy will explore the exciting world of stitched textiles. She will share her techniques of layering, painting and stitching, encouraging you to experiment at home. Considering where ideas come from and the importance of design she will guide you through her creative process. The talk will be illustrated with examples showing the many ways these techniques can be applied, from pictures and wall hangings to wedding garments and large scale commissions. Wendy is the author of Search Press's bestselling publication <i>Layer, Paint and Stitch</i> which gives an in depth exploration of these exciting textile techniques.	Wendy Dolan
12.30pm	1pm	Bags for Life: In Conversation with Stuart Hillard	Craft personality and Sewing Bee Star Stuart Hillard shares his crafty adventures, why he is currently obsessed about bag making and behind the scenes insights into The Great British Sewing Bee. Stuart will show some of his favourite projects from his new book <i>Bags for Life</i> and share his top tips for making bags that are useful, practical and stylish. Sharing his passion for sewing and making, he will encourage you to be 'bag lady' or 'bag man' and start your journey into making bags that are just as unique as you are.	Stuart Hillard
2.00pm	2.30pm	Sew Simple Drawstring Bag	Join Wendy as she shows you how to quickly turn two fat quarters into a useful drawstring bag - great for shoes! Or as a gym bag, school bag or project bag.	Wendy Gardiner
3pm	3.30pm	Needle Felted Christmas Mouse	Watch Steffi Stern, designer maker, published author, needle felting enthusiast and co-founder of the Makerss, as she shows how to create a simple wire armature and from there build up and sculpt the wool with a felting needle. Learn about different types of wool, felting tools and what is best to use for successful and quick results. Witness this rare moment of a little pose-able mouse being born! But beware as these are addictive to make!	Steffi Stern, The Makerss
4pm	4.30pm	Turn a Traditional Honeycomb Dorset Button Design into a Xmas Dec	Watch Gini, winner of Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, show you how to create an beautiful sparkling winter tree hanging decoration with simple items from your crafting stash. Learn all about the history of this traditional 400 year old craft and how it has changed from the 17 th century to now. Gini will also give tips on how to create your own Dorset buttons with other materials and what techniques you can use to embellish them.	Gini Armitage
Friday 19th November				
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10.30am	11am	Cute Conker Case Mouse House	Fi Oberon will be demonstrating how to make the Papier Mache Conker Case from her book <i>The Natural World of Needle Felting</i> . Expect to learn some sneaky if simple techniques to shape organic forms. Whilst there won't be time to see the whole process from start to finish Fi will be using the 'here's one I prepared earlier' in time honoured fashion to illustrate each stage for you. We hope you will be inspired to make your own mouse house or perhaps you would prefer to buy a 'Fi Made' ready made one instead.	Fi Oberon
11.30am	12pm	Creating Texture with Fabric	During this Demonstration you will learn how to create texture with fabric by manipulating the basic tuck into a variety of twists, twirls and slashing to embellish home furnishings, accessories and dressmaking garments.	Sue Cotten
12.30pm	1pm	Layer, Paint and Stitch	Wendy will share her exciting world of stitched textiles in this demonstration. An experienced artist, tutor, and author, she will show her techniques of layering, painting and stitching, encouraging you to experiment at home. Inspired by the landscape and working from a photograph and sketch, a variety of natural fabrics, calico, silk noil, scrim, cotton batting, will be layered to create a textured surface. This will then be worked into with freehand machine stitching. Three dimensional fabric mediums will be applied before painting the textured surface with water based fabric paints. Freehand machine stitching is then added using coloured machine threads to emphasise the design details and add to the surface texture. Wendy is the author of Search Press's bestselling publication <i>Layer, Paint and Stitch</i> which gives an in depth exploration of these exciting textile techniques.	Wendy Dolan
2.00pm	2.30pm	Needle Felted Scandi Tomte (Gnome)	Watch Steffi Stern, designer maker, published author, needle felting enthusiast and co-founder of the Makerss she shows how to needle felt a cute and ever so naughty Tomte with pose-able arms and legs. You will learn how to wrap wool around wire, needle felt basic 3D shapes and join these together by just using a felting needle as well as adding features such as curls for a beard. Learn about different types of wool, felting tools and what is best to use for successful and quick results. Besides, this is a rare moment to see the birth of a Tomte.	Steffi Stern, The Makerss

3pm	3.30pm	Beautiful Clamshell Piecing by Hand or Machine	Molly will demonstrate how to piece this very lovely but under used patchwork shape. She will show you her own 'Molly's Method' of preparing them by hand as well as how to get quick and easy effects using a sewing machine.	Molly Brown
4pm	4.30pm	Knitting and Stitching with Tree Bark	Explore the textile art possibilities of tree bark including birch, willow, eucalyptus and plane. Discover bark as a surface for stitch, as fabric for quilting or as a thread for knitting or weaving. Learn how to prepare and protect the bark to avoid breakage during construction and ensure a long display life. Be inspired by works that Jen has created to begin your own tree bark projects.	Jen Cable
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12.45pm	1.15pm	How to Create a Dorset Button Christmas Tree	Watch Gini, winner of Kirstie's Handmade Christmas, show you how to create an eye-catching Christmas tree decoration with simple items from your crafting stash. Learn all about the history of this traditional 400 year old craft and how it has changed from the 17 th century to now. Gini will also give tips on how to create your own Dorset buttons with other materials and what techniques you can use to embellish them.	Gini Armitage
2.00pm	2.30pm	Stitching Plushies	Alison is the author and creator of the Stitch 50 series. In this demo Alison will show you how to stitch and sew your own felt plushies - from puppies to kittens, cool cats and detailed dogs, these little felt creatures are perfect to honour your favourite four-legged friend.	Alison J Reid
3pm	3.30pm	Beginner's Crochet: Start a Foundation chain	If you are an absolute beginner, keen to see what crochet is all about, let Lisa show you how simple it can be. She will begin with the basic foundation chain and then how to crochet into it. Once you have mastered that, you can begin your crochet journey with confidence.	Lisa Brough
4pm	4.30pm	Needle Felted Landscape	Watch Steffi Stern, designer maker, published author, needle felting enthusiast and co-founder of the Makerss, as she shows how different wool fibres can be used to create a needle felted landscape with hills, fields and many different features such as buildings, trees and sheep. Learn about different types of wool, felting tools and what is best to use for successful and quick results. Witness first hand how easily the wool takes on a life of its own and how, without being an artist, anybody can needle felt a beautiful landscape	Steffi Stern, The Makerss
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11.30am	12pm	Free Motion on Style-Vil Foam: Making Fabric Pots	During this demo Sukhbeer will show you how easy it is to add raw edge applique and free motion to style-vil foam – a fabulous product that provides body to projects. This will then enable you to create things like fabric pots or even embroidered bags.	Sukhbeer Dryden, Sew n Beads
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