

WHAT'S ON JULY 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE GUILD'S OWN EVENTS

Short Workshops

Our 2024/25 events programme has now come to a close, but exciting times are coming as we look ahead to our new 2025/26 programme.

For Guild members the short workshop or demonstration costs remains at £2.99* each, the cost for workshops for non-members is £15* each, whilst demonstrations are £10*. There are six on-demand recordings for short workshops that remain FREE to Guild members. There are many more workshops from our previous years' programmes that remain available on demand at £2.99 each for members and £15 non-members. On Demand recordings can be found here: **On demand - past talks and workshops, Embroiderers' Guild**

The Guild annual membership fee is £42 or twelve payments of £3.95 per month. If you fancy doing three or more workshops it's worth considering becoming a Guild member. More details here:

embroiderersguild.com/membership

*Important news regarding member workshops

We are changing the way we offer the member discounted price for our workshops and demonstrations, members will now enter a code to gain their discounted ticket price. The codes can be found in the members' area under member news. Discount codes are strictly for members' own use only.

This will apply for events being held from September onwards. Instead of having member and non member ticket options there will be one ticket to buy with members entering a discount code. There are two member discount codes; one for workshops and one for demonstrations.

The price for workshops for the 2025-26 events programme will remain unchanged at £2.99. We have not increased prices on our events since we started the programme in 2021-22. Previously we have absorbed the Eventbrite booking fees on workshops for members.



25 October Sarah Boardman

In order to continue to cover the cost of our events from September onwards Eventbrite booking fees will be included on the cost of all tickets. We already include booking fees for non-member workshop tickets. The Eventbrite fees for a member ticket of £2.99 for a workshop will be 96p bringing the overall cost to £3.95. The suggested donation price for talks for the 2025-26 events programme will also remain unchanged. As for workshops and demonstrations, we will no longer be absorbing Eventbrite booking fees. The Eventbrite fees for talks are 13p for a member suggested donation of £5.50 bringing the overall cost to £5.63 and 18p for a non-member suggested donation of £7.50 bringing the overall cost to £7.68.

We start the events calendar with two demonstrations, coming up:

Demonstrations

13 SEPTEMBER 2025 DYEING TO DO THE COLOUR WHEEL WITH MELANIE MISSIN-KEATING

Create colour wheel magic as Melanie shows you how to achieve a wealth of colour from just three primary shades. Explore colour theory, procion dyes and recipes to up your dyeing game.

25 OCTOBER 2025 SMALL STEPS IN SWEDISH WEAVING/HUCK EMBROIDERY WITH SARAH BOARDMAN

Discover Swedish Weaving embroidery, also known as Huck embroidery, this technique is worked entirely on the top surface of the fabric. Watch and learn as Sarah reveals the wonder of this intriguing technique.

Find more details and how to book these demonstrations at: [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) | [embroiderers guild](http://embroiderersguild.com)



13 September Melanie Missin-Keating

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

There are currently 6 FREE on demand workshops available for Guild members during the whole of 2025. They are available on the Guild website, click on the links below to book.



Anne Brooke:
Knots, Knots, Knots

On Demand: Workshop:
Knots, Knots, Knots with
Anne Brooke Tickets |
Eventbrite



Elnaz Yazdani:
Mark Making

On Demand: Workshop:
Mark Making with Elnaz
Yazdani Tickets | Eventbrite



Elnaz Yazdani:
*Experimental
Embroidered Worlds*

On Demand: Workshop:
Experimental Embroidered
Worlds with Elnaz Yazdani
Tickets | Eventbrite



Felicity Billing:
Distorting Stitches

On Demand: Workshop:
Distorting Stitches with
Felicity Alice Tickets |
Eventbrite



Jessica Grady:
*Embellished Textile
Brooches*

On Demand: Workshop:
Embellished Textile
Brooches with Jessica
Grady Tickets | Eventbrite



Anne Kelly:
Collage Bird

On Demand: Workshop:
Garden Bird Collage
with Anne Kelly Tickets |
Eventbrite



The free workshops above are for Guild members only. In addition the following workshop is free to all, members and non-members:

Mary Sleight: *Encrusted with Eyelets* **On Demand: Workshop:**
Encrusted with Eyelets with Mary Sleight Tickets | Eventbrite

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Thread Talks

A series of online lectures. Speakers talk about inspirations, community projects and other textile art related topics. They also discuss creativity and how they create their pieces. *Talks coming up:*

16 SEPTEMBER 2025 THE RED DRESS WITH KIRSTIE MACLEOD

Hear Kirstie's amazing stories on the creation of the Red Dress, from an initial idea to guiding its journey and construction whilst working with a wealth of remarkable embroiderers.

14 OCTOBER 2025 THE HIDDEN WORLD OF THE GEISHA WITH MARION PLUMB

Fascinated by the mysterious world of the geisha? Join Marion for a no-holds-barred look at the iconic geisha image, unlocking some of the mysteries of their unique role in Japanese culture, both past and present.

Find more details and how to book these talks at: embroiderersguild.com/thread-talks

Recorded events will automatically be made available to all ticket holders within 14 days.

Our On Demand Recordings of previous talks can be found here: embroiderersguild.com/on-demand-past-talks-and-workshops

Other Guild Events

GUILD COLLECTION EXHIBITION 2025: ON A GRAND SCALE – Now Open!

Our new exhibition features some of the larger items in the Guild Collection, a cross section of pieces from around the world demonstrating a range of techniques including Nanduti lace, white work, samplers, fabric manipulation, hand and machine embroidery. The new exhibition is now in place and can be viewed throughout 2025 at Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury, Bucks.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Current Events

BAKEWELL UNTIL 5 NOVEMBER 2025

'HISTORY IN STITCHES' CHESTERFIELD EMBROIDERERS GROUP

Admission, Adults £7.50, 5 - 16yrs £4.50, under 5yrs free. Opening times: Mon - Sun: 11am - 4pm. Old House Museum, Cunningham Place, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1DD.

BEDFORD UNTIL 19 APRIL 2026

UKRAINIAN FOLK ART AND HERITAGE EXHIBITION

An exhibition of beautiful, colourful, regional antique costumes of Ukraine curated by a local Ukrainian artist. It will showcase embroidered items including rushnyky (long embroidered cloths), serviettes and cushions. Throughout the year exhibits will change with individual collections of costumes being displayed and various crafts such as Hutsul wood craft and Petrykivka art. Ukrainian folk art workshops will be run during the year. The Higgins Art Gallery & Museum, Castle Lane, Bedford, MK40 3XD. **Exhibitions**

BRISTOL UNTIL 10 AUGUST 2025

SOFT POWER: LIVES TOLD THROUGH TEXTILE ART

Curated by Alice Kettle and Lesley Millar, the story of how cloth can play a unique role in telling our stories and is used to communicate life's journey. Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Road, Bristol, BS8 1PX.

Soft Power | Royal West of England Bristol | RWA Bristol

DUNDEE UNTIL APRIL 2026

THREAD MEMORY: EMBROIDERY FROM PALESTINE

Explore the history of tatreez and the power of Palestinian dress both past and present. V&A Dundee, 1 Riverside, Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ.

FARNHAM UNTIL 7 SEPT 2025

JOY IN THE DETAIL: THE 62 GROUP

An exhibition of dynamic and inventive textiles worked on a small scale. Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts, Falkner Road, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7DS.

Crafts Study Centre

HELSTON UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2025

FLAXEN: ALICE FOX

A showcase of work made from materials grown and collected at Kestle Barton over the last two years. Kestle Barton, Manaccan, Helston, Cornwall, TR12 6HU.

LEEDS UNTIL 18 AUGUST 2025

THREADS OF FREEDOM: STORYTELLING WITH FABRIC AND THREAD WITH HAYLEY MILLS-STYLES AND ELNAZ YAZDANI

Learn how to use fabric and thread to tell stories at some of our drop in textile workshops. The work will contribute to The Threads of Freedom project. We will be inspired by the history of Leeds, the Leeds Tapestry and the amazing library archives. Leed Central Library, Municipal Buildings, Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB.

Threads of Freedom: Storytelling with Fabric and Thread with Hayley Mills-Styles and Elnaz Yazdani | Leeds Inspired



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LEEDS UNTIL 30 AUGUST 2025

BATIKS OF INDONESIA: JAVA AND BEYOND

Celebrates the cataloguing and digitisation of over 250 fabrics in The Coleman Collection of Indonesian Textiles. The exhibition features a selection of intricate designs from across Java, made with the distinctive wax resist method. Free exhibition. Stanley and Audrey Burton Gallery, Leeds University, Parkinson Building, Woodhouse Lane University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT. **Batiks of Indonesia: Java and beyond | Galleries | University of Leeds**

LONDON UNTIL 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

TEXTILES: THE ART OF MANKIND

Celebrating the ancient and deep entanglement between textiles, people and our world. Through the beauty of textiles, you will encounter human ingenuity that can be traced from pre-history to our digital age. Tuesdays to Saturdays 11am to 6pm. The Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF.

Textiles: The Art of Mankind - Fashion and Textile Museum

LONDON UNTIL 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

A STITCH THROUGH TIME: EMMA GIACALONE TEXTILES

Stitched replicas of everyday brands tucked amongst their real-life counterparts. Part art, part treasure hunt. Museum of Brands, 111-117 Lancaster Road, London, W11 1QT. **A Stitch Through Time – Museum of Brands**

MACCLESFIELD UNTIL 30 AUGUST 2025

MARKING TIME: TRANSLATING THE PATTERN BOOK ARCHIVE AT MACCLESFIELD SILK MUSEUM

A Stitch & Mixed Media Exhibition by Loose Threads. Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm. Free admission. Corridor Gallery, The Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6TJ. www.thesilkmuseum.co.uk

MANCHESTER UNTIL 17 AUGUST 2025

THREADS OF COLOUR – A STITCH & MIXED MEDIA EXHIBITION BY THREADMILL

Monday to Saturday - 9.30am to 5pm, Sunday 10am - 5pm. Meet the Artists on Sundays. Free admission. The Old Parsonage, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2RQ. 0161 445 7661 (phone to check access prior to travelling as room also used for functions.)

www.didsburyparsonagetrust.org.uk www.threadmill.org.uk

MIDLANDS VARIOUS LOCATIONS UNTIL 11 APRIL 2026

MADE IN THE MIDDLE, CRAFTSPACE

A touring exhibition of contemporary crafts made in the East and West Midlands.

Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery: 27 Sep - 22 Nov 2025

Midlands Art Centre, Birmingham: 14 Feb - 11 Apr 2026

Made in the Middle – Craftspace

NOTTINGHAM UNTIL 24 AUGUST 2025

THE WIND FROM THE FEET OF THE DEAD: NIGEL HURLSTONE *plus* UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2025 MATERIAL WORLDS

Nigel Hurlstone is showing a collection of self-portraits at the Angear Visitor Centre, Lakeside Arts, exploring dressing up, printed onto cloth and embroidered, disrupted by a veiling of thread.

Whilst Material Worlds on show at the Djanogly Gallery, Lakeside Arts, is an ambitious, free, group exhibition

exploring how contemporary artists are using textiles in surprising and radical ways. Lakeside Arts, Angear Visitor Centre & Djanogly Gallery, Nottingham, NG7 2RD

What's on - Lakeside Arts, Nottingham

OSWESTRY UNTIL 30 AUGUST 2025

STITCH BY STITCH

Featuring established and emerging textile artists working with stitch, fabric and mixed media, bringing fine art textiles to a wider audience. The Willow Gallery, 56 Willow Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 1AD. **Stitch by Stitch 25**

PEEBLES UNTIL 30 AUGUST 2025

TEXT-TEXTURE-TEXTILES, JOHN BUCHAN AND 25 YEARS OF EDGE TEXTILE ART

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00 – 15.00, Thursday 10.00 – 17.00. Closed Wednesday and Sunday. Tweeddale Museum and Gallery, Chambers Institution, High Street, Peebles EH45 8AG.

Exhibitions – EDGE textile artists Scotland

SETTLE UNTIL 31 AUGUST 2025

FRESH FROM THE FOREST: ANN C HASLAM

Open 10am – 5pm, seven days a week, Lords Courtyard Gallery, A65, Settle BD24 9JY.

RIPON UNTIL 4 AUGUST 2025

THREADS THROUGH THE CROSS: JACQUI PARKINSON

Suffering and splendour: sacred stories stitched in silk with millions of stitches. Ripon Cathedral, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QT.

Threads through the Cross Exhibition - Ripon Cathedral

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SETTLE UNTIL 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

LIMELIGHT: TEXTILIA3

Inspired by the industrial architecture of abandoned Lime Kilns at Langcliffe. The Folly, Victoria Street, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9EY.

TETBURY UNTIL 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

ON REFLECTION: AN EXHIBITION BY BATH TEXTILE ARTISTS

The exhibition showcases a gorgeous mix of textile work using a variety of different techniques. Come along to be inspired and maybe to purchase. Tetbury Goods Shed Art Centre, Old Station Yard, Cirencester Road, Tetbury GL8 8EY. Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm. Opening hours can vary due to other events so please check website:

tetburygoodshed.co.uk Free entry. Disabled access.

Cafe on site. www.bathtextileartists.com

Upcoming Events

BIRMINGHAM 31 JULY UNTIL 3 AUGUST 2025 FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

Tickets are now available for The Festival of Quilts, 31 July – 3 August at the NEC, Birmingham. Europe's largest patchwork and quilting event. Get ready for an incredible lineup featuring special guest appearances from renowned international quilting artists (including Edyta Sitar!), hundreds of craft brands, the Festival's largest-ever workshop, talks and lectures programme, and much more.

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thefestivalofquilts.co.uk

T&Cs: £2 off standard adult / concession tickets only. Offer not valid on VIP, Child or group tickets or on Sunday 3rd August. Offer expires Sunday 27 July 2025. Booking fee applies.

DARLINGTON 8 SEPTEMBER 16TH OCTOBER

2025 ON TRACK: DARLINGTON STITCH & CREATE
Part of S&DR200 Festival celebrating the 200th

anniversary of the first journey on the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR). Members of Darlington Stitch & Create have been inspired by the railways to create an exhibition which takes the visitor on a journey of the imagination through the world of stitching and textile art. Open library hours. Closed Sundays. The Gallery, Darlington Library, Crown Street DL1 1ND.

MACCLESFIELD 4 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 30

OCTOBER 2025 THE FABRIC OF LIFE:

CHESHIRE ARTISTS NETWORK

Artists from across the county interpret the title through a range of genres. The Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield SK11 6TJ. Open Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. Free admission. Disabled access.

www.thesilkmuseum.co.uk

www.cheshireartistsnetwork.com

PATELEY BRIDGE 15 AUGUST UNTIL 17

AUGUST 2025 NIDDERDALE STITCHERS

EXHIBITION - THE NIDD ART TRAIL

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am – 4pm, Free admission. Showcasing embroidery, stitching and textile work by Nidderdale Stitchers members, as part of the Nidd Art Trail. Pateley Bridge and Beverley Memorial Hall, Park Road, Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire, HG3 5AS

www.niddart.org.uk (website updated with this year's participants from 1st August)

SOMERTON 23 AUGUST UNTIL 11 OCTOBER 2025 WARPED AND WASTED: SEAM COLLECTIVE

Showcasing the work of 14 Seam members who have been working together to create an experimental, large-scale, collaborative art installation made with 100% waste, existing, second-hand or biodegradable materials. ACEarts, Market Place, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7NB.

2025 | ACEarts

SCOTLAND 10 UNTIL 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESIDENTIAL RETREAT DUNOLLIE CASTLE & STONEFIELD CASTLE HOTEL

Join The Crewel Work Company for an unforgettable 10-day Scottish retreat overlooking Loch Fyne. With workshops led by Phillipa Turnbull, Deborah Wilding, Zina Kazban, and Kate Barlow, explore exquisite Scottish-inspired embroidery in a breathtaking setting.

Includes 6 days of tuition, 4 workshop kits, evening lectures, excursions to Inveraray Castle, Dunollie Castle & the Burrell Museum, and full-board accommodation.

Limited places available! Find out more & book:

www.crewelwork.com/products/scotland-residential-retreat-sept-2025

For those travelling further afield

AUSTRALIA UNTIL 28 JULY 2025

THREADING LIGHTLY: SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE AND FIBRE ART

An exhibition of Australian and international artists working at the intersection of innovation, creativity and environmental consciousness. All artworks "thread lightly" on our planet, being made of at least 75% sustainable materials. Gallery 76, Queen Street, Sydney, Australia.

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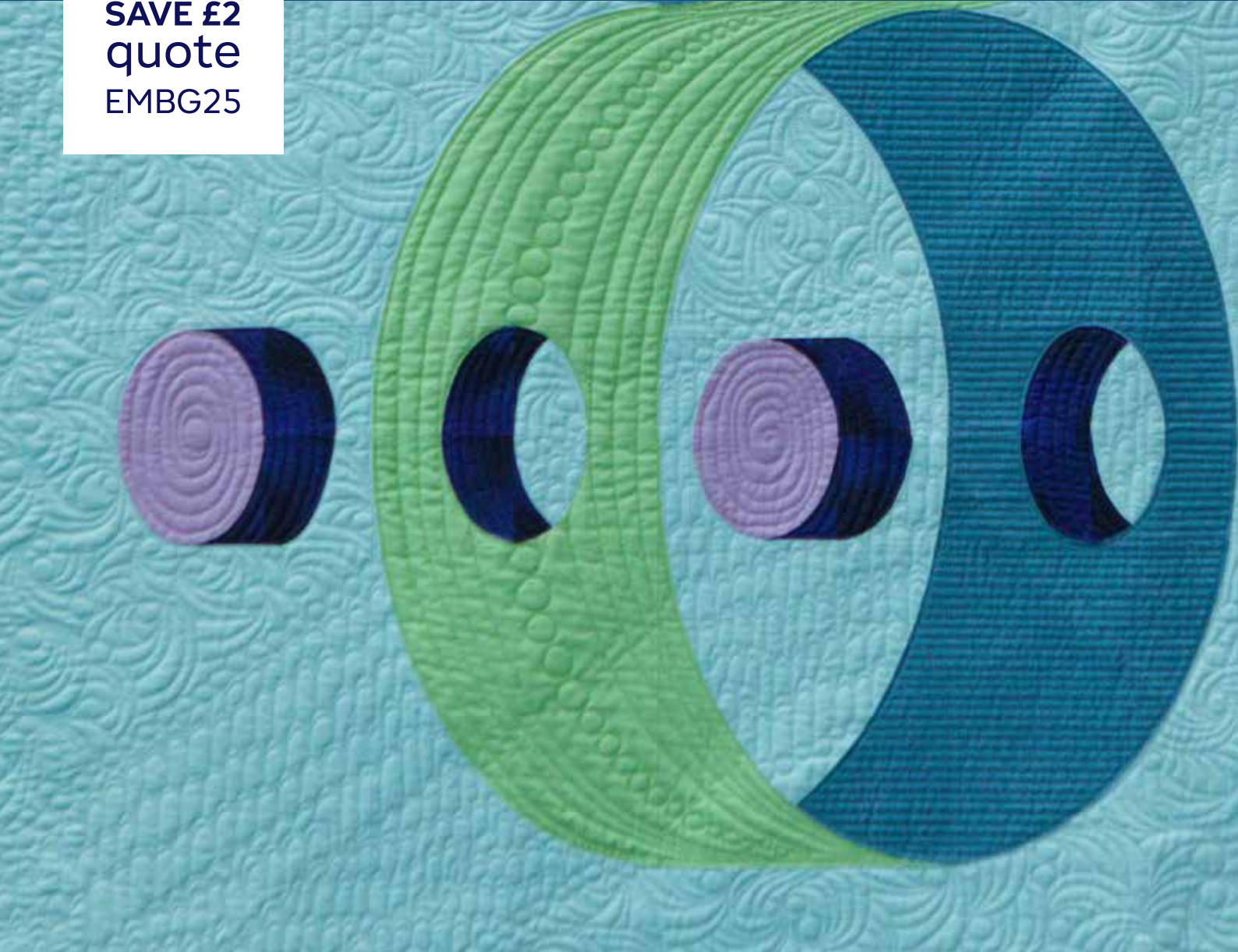
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SINGAPORE UNTIL 10 AUGUST 2025

IRIS VAN HERPEN: SCULPTING THE SENSES

ArtScience Museum 6 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore 018974 **Iris van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses | Exhibitions in Singapore | ArtScience Museum**

SPAIN 27 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 4 OCTOBER 2025 KATE BARLOW

Escape to the Mediterranean for a week of creativity, relaxation, and inspiration. Join us for an unforgettable needlework holiday led by expert tutor Kate Barlow, offering over 30 hours of hands-on instruction in a stunning beachfront setting. Stumpwork and Crewelwork embroidery plus excursion to Park Güell and Barcelona. **creative-experiences.com/experience/kate-barlow-2025**

SPAIN 4 UNTIL 11 OCTOBER 2025

"BRING YOUR OWN" RETREAT

Enjoy a fantastic holiday on the Costa Dourada in Spain, where you can join this wonderful retreat. Take this opportunity to bring your unfinished craft projects or even start a new one in the company of likeminded people. Stay in a 5-star hotel directly on the beach with spa and wellness. You can bring any craft project you like. **creative-experiences.com/experience/byo-spain-2025**

SPAIN 14 UNTIL 21 OCTOBER 2025

CAS HOLMES, TEXTILE ART

Step into a realm of enchantment, artistic expression, and rejuvenation with Creative Experiences. Join us for an extraordinary textile art retreat led by the exceptional Cas Holmes. Immerse yourself in over 30 hours of Cas's

expert guidance, set against the backdrop of a luxurious Spanish hotel exuding opulence and nestled amidst an idyllic setting.

creative-experiences.com/experience/cas-holmes-2025

USA UNTIL 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

PATTERNED BY NATURE

Discover how carefully curated patterns connect art, design, and horticulture. Art installations include Future by Raquel Rodrigo, imagines a future in harmony with the natural world—bringing embroidery to large-scale public art featuring the native Echinacea flower. Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022

Patterned by Nature | Chicago Botanic Garden

Other opportunities

SHORT SUPPLY have just launched the MADE IT 2025 open call – their annual grad prize and exhibition for North West art students. They are

**MADE IT
2025**

looking for recent or soon-to-be grads (2024 or 2025) from any North West art course, working in any medium, to be part of a big group show this October at PINK in Stockport.

There are loads of juicy opportunities involved – solo shows, residencies, cash, mentorships – all the good stuff. Full info and application link:

<https://forms.gle/bxrLbdmzUX1ckKbUA>

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS 11 August 2025.

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for events taking place after **27 August 2025**

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