

GO DEER



Craft
Courses
& Retreats

2019
programme



WELCOME

Welcome to our 2019 brochure! I am so excited to bring you this all new Go Deer programme, in which not only are there lots of new day courses, but, I am thrilled to say, I finally can offer a much requested dressmaking weekend at the beautiful Barton Granary. This gorgeous venue near Crediton will also host the Wool Week in November.

I am so looking forward to working with the team of brilliant teachers and venues that we have lined up this year...Hello to the new, and thanks for continuing, to those who have been with us before.

This mini brochure is just a little of taste of what there is on offer. The website has lots more information, so please do have a look - and make sure you join the mailing list to hear about offers and new listings. I want our courses to be accessible - so please always ask about paying in installments if you wish.

Do tell your friends about Go Deer and watch out for our special bring a friend prices on the website!

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Dressmaking Classes

Tutor: Saj Collyer

We run friendly mixed-level garment making classes near Totnes every Tuesday morning and also on Thursday evenings. You work on a piece of your choice, at your own speed so they are suitable for complete beginners right up to advanced sewists.

Classes are £15 each for 2.5hrs

Full day 'Saturday Sewalongs' run every few months and cost £45 for the day 10am-5pm and we bring lunch to share.

January 26th / May 18th / July 13th

Sewalongs can be booked on the website
but please call or email to book in to
Tuesday and Thursday classes



"I've been doing dressmaking classes with Saj for almost 2 years now. I started out making simple things for my daughter and have now progressed to making things for myself – including a tailored winter coat. Saj is a great teacher...She is very patient and encouraging – and classes are relaxed, friendly and supportive." - Jo

Knitting & Stitching

The focus of a Go Deer Retreat is just leaving your cares behind and relaxing with like-minded people to spend the weekend knitting, sewing, felting, spinning or crocheting, whilst we look after you! Think craft, fun, friends and food! Oh...and wine!



Our Devon venues are beautiful buildings & have either a pool or a hot tub and are set in amazing country surroundings which you are welcome to explore during your stay.



The menu for the weekend is designed with the individuals that have booked in mind. We aim to cater to everyone's likes and dislikes and try to strike a balance between healthy and treatsome!

Retreats

Please note these are not specifically taught weekends but Saj is on hand to help with any knitting or dressmaking issues!

You can find an individual page for each retreat on the website

www.godeer.co.uk/retreats

Early booking is advised

Fletchers Coombe February 8 - 11 2019

Roundhouse September 20 - 23 2019

Roundhouse February 7 - 10 2020

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PLACES LEFT



"I wasn't sure what to expect when we turned up. From the minute we arrived we were welcomed into the Go Deer family. Food & wine fantastic, conversation fantastic, chance to craft constant, exchange of ideas - fantastic people. Hope we will stay in contact and will meet again in February." - Clare

Indian Block Printing

Wednesday Feb 27th 10am - 3.30pm Tutor: Tracy Johnson

Learn to print onto fabric with wooden blocks hand carved in India. You will print onto beautiful hand dyed fabric pieces to start with then make a set of 4 greetings cards. Finally, you will print onto a cushion cover.

By the end of the day you will feel confident in printing and creating designs, understand motif, one-off and repeat patterns and have an array of items to take home. This is a relaxed, friendly workshop where you don't need to have any artistic skills, just a love of pattern, colour and the joy of working with beautiful hand-crafted materials.

£35 all materials included.

Optional lunch extra £5



Make an Easter Nest

Tutor: Tracy Johnson

Friday March 22nd 10am - 1pm

Have fun creating a beautiful entwined nest then decorate it with locally sourced, beautifully scented, spring flowers and foliage. You can then choose from little eggs, chicks or bunnies to adorn your nest and top it off with moss. You will be guided though every step with award winning florist, Tracy who will show you techniques such as: securing your floral mechanics, cutting and conditioning your plant material and tips on choosing long lasting flowers and how to keep them looking their best. No previous experience needed.



£25 all materials included

Soapmaking

Friday March 30th 10am - 5pm

Tutor: Jo from Aroma Fairies

Learn how to make soap the old fashioned way by using the cold-process method of soapmaking. You will learn the history of soapmaking as well as creating two batches of soap - one using the cold process method & one using the handmilled/rebatched method. All ingredients & essential oils are supplied together with an extensive collection of reference books to assist in creating your own personal blend of oils.

Participants are asked to bring along any organic ingredients such as fresh flowers, fruit, vegetables,, seaweed, moss etc. to use in the rebatched soap, as well as any packaging that can be used as moulds.

£80 all materials included.

Optional lunch extra £5



Bali - Island of the Gods

April 3rd - 17th OR 23rd April (+/-2 days)

On this 2 or 3 week trip curated and led by Bali expert Saj Collyer, you will stay in south east Bali in a delightful family run hotel with gorgeous established tropical gardens. You can pick-and-mix a trip of a lifetime.

Choose from Balinese music, dance, cookery, batik, yoga, silverwork, weaving, watersports and more... alongside sight seeing days to temples, dances, rice paddies, beaches, markets and of course the odd day by the pool!

Select the length of your trip - 2 or 3 weeks.

See the website for more details www.godeer.co.uk/bali



Nuno Felting

Friday May 10th 2019 10am - 5pm Tutor: Amanda Critchlow

Spend a day with expert local felter Amanda, learning the art of Nuno felting and make a beautiful Nuno pot. The technique bonds loose fibre, usually wool, into a sheer fabric such as silk gauze, creating a lightweight felt.

The technique can be used for making different weight fabrics for many different uses and importantly to build up colour, texture, and design elements in the finished fabric.

During the day you will also learn a couple of different nuno techniques to make suitable nuno fabric for making garments

£48 all materials included



Beginners crochet

Saturday June 8th 2019 2 - 5pm Tutor: Caroline Voaden

If you've struggled to get the hang of crochet, this class with Caroline will have you hooking in no time!

Learn the basic double and treble crochet stitches, as well as how to increase and decrease. You'll learn how to work in straight rows (great for blankets) and in the round (think Granny Squares).

After this class you should be able to go home and tackle all sorts of projects.

Notes will be supplied.

£20 all materials included



Mosaic Bird Bath

Friday June 14th 10am - 3.30pm

Tutor: Tracy Johnson

Come away from this fun and relaxing day with a beautiful and functional bird bath for your garden. Your tutor will guide you through the process and show you how to safely cut the glass tessera and apply them to your terracotta bird bath with or without a matching stand.

You will also be given a demonstration on how to grout your piece at home when it is all

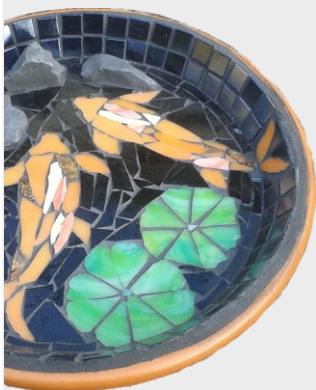
dried which will make it fully water and weatherproof.

You will be given all materials to complete the birdbath and stand and a bag of grout to take home.

No prior experience is necessary but if you have tried mosaics before you could attempt a more complicated design (see left).

£40 all materials included

Optional lunch £5 extra



Weave a Wall Hanging

Saturday July 6th 10am-5pm Tutor: Chris Hart

This relaxing day requires no previous experience and is a wonderful way to start a new hobby!

In the morning your tutor for the day, Chris, will be showing you how to make a simple loom and then you will go on to make your very own woven wall hanging. You'll learn the basics and more stitches of tapestry weaving on your handmade looms, using a selection of yarns, fibre, roving and up-cycled fabric and when you leave you'll take home a beautiful, totally unique piece of modern home decor.

This style is great for beginners and fibre enthusiasts alike! It's meditative and also really stimulating!

£30 all materials included
Optional lunch £5 extra





Macramé

Saturday August 3rd 10am - 5pm

Tutor: Fay Foxwell (The Knotting Fox)

This Macramé workshop will introduce you to the versatility and fascination of this ancient craft of knotting cords into intricate designs - using one's fingers.

The day is for complete beginners or for those wishing to refresh their knowledge and skill. It will be a very productive day where you will make two pieces to take home!

In the morning you will begin by looking at the basic knotting techniques required to make a simple plant hanger. You will be delighted with the results and then, after lunch, Fay will guide you in making a more advanced wall hanging.

£50 including all materials

Optional lunch extra £5

Make a Lampshade

Tutor: Saj Collyer

Wednesday August 21st 10am-1pm



In this lovely relaxing morning workshop, you will be taught how to make a beautiful rolled edge drum lampshade covered in fabric of your choice. Afterwards, you will be able to make lampshades for all the rooms in your home. And they make perfect presents too! Choose from 25cm or 35cm diameter.

£35 including all materials
except fabric to cover your lampshade.

Indigo & basic Shibori

Friday August 23rd 10am-4pm Tutor: Chris Hart

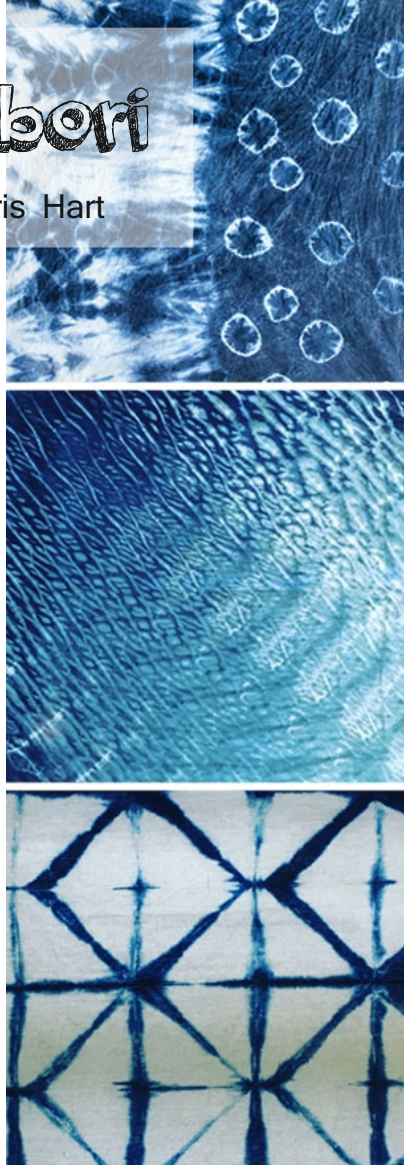
In this hands-on workshop you will learn the basics of shibori-inspired folding and binding techniques to create beautiful patterns on fabric with indigo dye.

Chris willl discuss setting up the indigo vat and you will spend time preparing your materials for dyeing. By the end of class, you will finish the dye process and you will be amazed as the stunning one-of-a-kind patterns are unfolded and revealed!

Fabric pieces will be provided to dye and you will also go home with a stunning shibori canvas tote bag.

£30 including all materials

Optional lunch extra £5



Spinning Yarn

Saturday September 15th 10am-5pm Tutor: Chris Hart

This hands-on practical one-day spinning course covers all aspects of starting spinning, including fibre selection and preparation. By the end of the day you will have working knowledge of all the techniques necessary to go away and start spinning your own yarn. As well as spinning technique, you will learn about fibre selection and preparation; how to look at fleeces to find what's best for your needs; carding and blending fibres. You will also learn about plying, the Niddy Noddy, skein making and finishing, as well as how to set up a wheel.



£30 including all materials

Optional lunch extra £5

Dressmaking retreat

Friday - Monday 11th-14th October, Near CREDITON, Devon

This will be a wonderful weekend in dressmaking heaven!

Tutored by Saj, who runs Go Deer, this weekend runs much along the lines of our weekly classes where you work on your own project, at your own speed, with tutoring at hand for all levels of expertise.

Add in the wonderful home cooked food, a gentle swim when you've finished sewing and the delight of making friends and being on holiday, and you couldn't ask for more!



£399 including 3 nights full board and wine



Wool week

Saturday - Friday November 16th-22nd

We'll be near Crediton for our fabulous Wool Week - a 5 day homage to wool, where you will learn wool based crafts from 5 fantastic teachers in a beautiful place!

You will have a day of tuition on each craft starting with spinning with Chris Hart, nuno felting with Amanda Critchlow, needle felting with Marion Carbis, natural dyeing and weaving with Rebecca Connolly,

This extravaganza taught by some of the UK's leading exponents of these crafts is set to become a real Go Deer favourite!

Add to this delicious home cooked food, a lovely swimming pool for achey shoulders after all that crafting and all the fun of doing it with others!

Prices starts at £549 for 5 days tuition and 5 nights full board. See website for more details...



How to Book

by email

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by phone

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on the website

www.godeer.co.uk

Where are we?

All our day courses take place in a lovely bright studio near Totnes. TQ9 7PW.
Full details will be sent by email after booking.

Retreats take place in Devon.

Gift Vouchers

Our gift vouchers make lovely gifts and can be used for any of our courses and retreats.

We can make them in any amount and they can be emailed or posted to you. They are valid for 6 months from date of purchase.

