



GO DEER
Craft
Courses
& Retreats
2020



WELCOME

Welcome to our 2020 brochure! I am so excited to bring you our second Go Deer annual programme. This year we welcome yet another wonderful batch of teachers, teaching a really varied set of classes. Other classes may be put into the programme throughout the year, so do join our mailing list and keep an eye on the website.

This year I am introducing an early bird system to reward you for committing to your booking nice and early. The early bird date is around 8 weeks prior to the course. I want our courses to be accessible - so please always ask about paying in installments if you wish.

After its success last year, for full day classes there will be an optional lunch available to make your day even easier.

Please tell your friends about Go Deer and watch out on our Facebook page for our competition to win a place on a course of your choice this year.

Saj x

Dressmaking Classes

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

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

See website for dates

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, crocheting, felting, spinning or weaving, whilst we look after you! Think craft, fun, friends and food! Oh...and wine!



Our Devon venues are stunning country houses equipped with either a swimming pool or hot tub and are both set in amazing surroundings which you are welcome to explore during your stay.

2020 - 2021 DATES

7th-10th February 2020
19th-22nd June 2020
13th-16th November 2020
5th-8th February 2021

New! Summer retreat. Book soon as it's going to be popular!



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 dietary requirements 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! More photos and info on the website

www.godeer.co.uk/retreats

Early booking is advised



What do people say after coming on one of our retreats?

"After an experience like a Go Deer retreat I'm left feeling motivated, inspired and hopeful that my sewing skills will constantly improve. The combination of subtle positive support from a talented highly skilled teacher like Saj, delicious food created and served by the calm and constantly smiling Lauren and a surprisingly luxurious space offered me just what I needed. I met some charming, interesting women whose company and conversation entranced me.

I feel relaxed and nurtured...everyone needs to invest in themselves..Sign up for a Go Deer retreat."

Tracey H



"I've just returned from the Autumn Knitting and Stitching weekend. What an amazing time we all had from the moment we arrived. From the lovely goody bag, Saj's never ending knowledge and help she gave everyone, Lauren's amazing food... Most of us were complete strangers on Friday afternoon but we left having made some lovely friends by Monday morning. I would highly recommend a craft retreat with Go Deer, you really come away feeling happy, relaxed and accomplished. Very well done Saj and Lauren, you make an excellent team."

Anne R

Indigo & Basic Shibori

Saturday January 18th 10am-4pm Tutor: Chris Hart

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

In this hands-on workshop you will learn or be reminded of the basics of Shibori-inspired folding and binding techniques to create beautiful patterns on fabric with indigo dye. Later in the class, the focus will turn to stitched resist Shibori. Chris will discuss setting up the indigo vat with those who have never done it whilst experienced dyers will begin preparing some 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 an indigo kit ready to make a vat at home.

Early Bird price before November 18th £40

Regular price after November 18th £45

Optional lunch £5



Make Organic Hand Balm

Friday January 31st 10am-12.30noon Tutor: Saj Collyer

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

In this fun morning workshop you will learn to make a simple soothing hand balm from organic ingredients and change the nature of the balm with different essential oils. Try different types of packaging to make delightful gifts.

You'll go home with three hand balms with home made labels that are ready packaged to give away and lots of ideas for developing the balm.

Early Bird price before Nov 30th 2019 £20

Regular price after Nov 30th 2019 £25



Start Feltmaking

Saturday Feb 1st 10am - 4pm Tutor: Philippa Newport
Venue: Eastern Road, Ashburton

In this informative day long workshop with textile artist Philippa Newport in her beautiful studio we will learn how to make flat felt as used in her own intricate feltmaking projects; and also two types of felt beads - suitable for jewellery making and creative textural additions to textile art. The day will involve lots of hands on making, discussions on colour and idea making. You will take home one or two pieces of beautiful flat felt and some beads. Just being in Philippa's wonderful studio is an inspiration so we do hope you will join us!(More pics on website!)



Above: You will learn to make felt beads like these and Left: Your flat felt sample can be embellished with stitching and sewn into a little bag or sachet

Early Bird price before Dec 1st 2019 £46

Regular price after Dec 1st 2019 £52

Optional lunch £5

Lino Cut, Print & Stitch

Friday February 28th 10am - 3.30pm Tutor: Tracy Johnson

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Start by learning to lino cut, then print your chosen design onto a piece of fabric, which we will make into a table runner, which is then quilted and stitched to enhance your pattern.

If you have any preferred pre-printed fabric for the reverse of your design, please bring that, otherwise it will be cream (required size 70cm x 30cm). We

have 5 sewing machines

available to borrow for those that don't have one, but if you can,, please bring one with you.



Early Bird price before Jan 1st £35

Regular price after Jan 1st £40

Optional lunch £5

SAORI Weaving

Friday March 6th 10am - 4pm Tutor: Amanda Edney

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes



SAORI is a type of freeform weaving originating from Japan, which emphasises creativity and self-expression. During this workshop, you will be taught how to use a SAORI loom and shown a variety of weaving techniques which will enable you to weave

your own unique cloth. This is a wonderful opportunity to take time out and enjoy the space and environment to be your most creative self. Your tutor for the day is Amanda, owner of BEAUTIFUL Cloth SAORI Studio in Southam who has trained in Japan to become a registered SAORI Weaving instructor. No experience required and all materials and equipment supplied.



Early Bird price before Jan 1st	£85
Regular price after Jan 1st	£90
Optional lunch	£5

Bali - Island of the Gods

March 29th 2020 (+/- 2 days)

March 24th 2021 (+/- 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 lots more details - www.godeer.co.uk/bali and



Embroidered Eggs

Saturday March 21st 2020 10-3.30pm Tutor: Philippa Newport

Venue: Eastern Road, Ashburton

This seasonal workshop will teach a traditional craft of covering eggs with silk and then embellishing them with simple folk hand-stitching and making handmade tassels and cords to further decorate. You don't need to be able to sew to do this as very simple traditional stitching is very effective and it's a great way to start. Experienced embroiderers will find the medium exciting and inspiring. Select your silk and colours from textile artist Philippa's wonderful stash and while away a wonderful day.

A perfect refresher too for anyone who is a bit rusty with their hand stitching..

Early Bird up to 31/1/20	£30
Regular after 30/1/20	£35
Optional lunch	£5



Felt the Green Man

Saturday April 25th 10am-5pm Tutor: Marion Carbis

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Spend a relaxing day with tutor Marion of Stargazey Crafts making this unusual felting project to make a Green Man.

The Green Man is a symbolic figure found all over the world, representing nature, rebirth, the coming of spring and more.

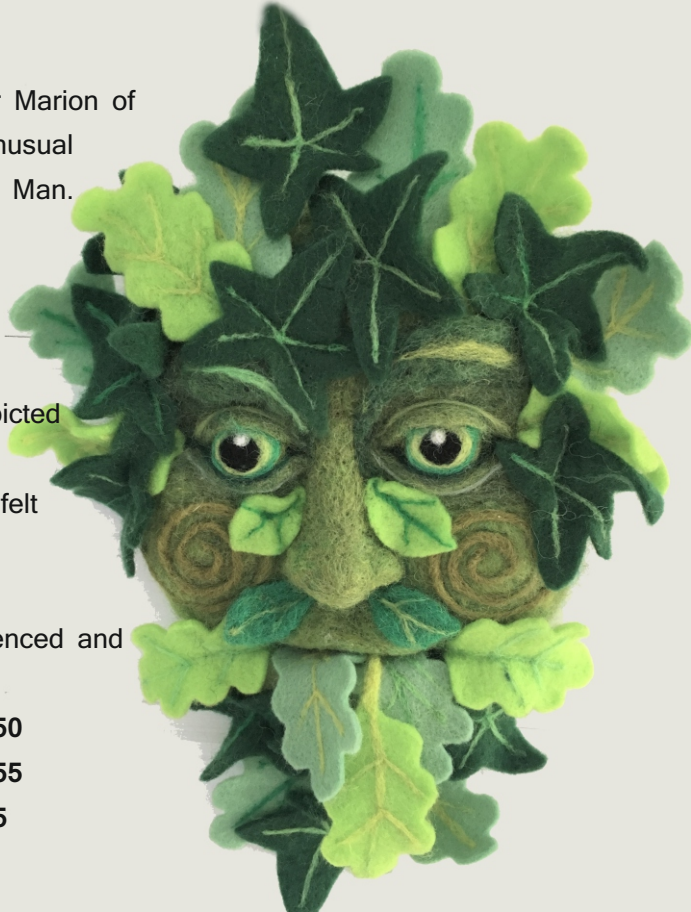
Typically the Green Man is depicted in stone or wood, and often in etchings or stained glass. This felt version is a twist in itself!

Using a mixture of techniques this class is suitable for experienced and beginner felters.

Early Bird up to 25/2/20 £50

Regular after 25/2/20 £55

Optional lunch £5



Make a Roman Blind

Saturday May 1st 10am - 4.30pm Tutor: Ludmila Hill

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes



In this workshop you will learn how to make a beautiful and professional Roman blind with soft furnishings specialist Ludmila. You'll be taught to make a lined blind up to 120cm wide and 150cm maximum drop. You will be introduced to the techniques of making a standard Roman blind, calculating fabric quantities and the number and size of folds required. You will need to purchase your fabric and lining material to the size of the blind. On booking we will contact you to discuss this. You'll leave with a finished blind and the knowledge to be able to make more! Basic sewing machine skills

required. All materials included, excluding fabric and lining.

Sewing machines are available to use or bring your own.

Early Bird up to 1/3/20	£75
Regular after 1/3/20	£85
Optional lunch	£5

Birds & Hearts

Friday May 8th 10am - 4pm Tutor: Philippa Newport
Venue: Eastern Road, Ashburton

This charming workshop set in Philippa's beautiful workshop is a day with a focus on hand sewing. If you can sew a button on then that is all the skills needed to get started. However, if you are an experienced stitcher Philippa can show you some fabulous embroidery techniques to incorporate into your project.

Textile artist Philippa will help you select your style, fabric, your colourways, your notions. Interpret it as you wish creating a homespun look, a super glamorous look or an earthy natural look. In the threading up of this project you have the option to add beads, trim and to incorporate herbs and spices to make a truly individual piece.

Early Bird up to 8/3/20	£30
Regular after 8/3/20	£35
Optional lunch	£5



Block Printed Lampshade

Friday May 22nd
10am-5pm

Tutors: Tracy Johnson
& Saj Collyer

Venue: Bowden House
Nr. Totnes



In this lovely day long class with 2 tutors, you will bring your chosen plain fabric to print a fabulous design on using Indian wood block prints with experienced tutor Tracy. In the afternoon with Saj, you will make your fabric into a lovely drum lampshade for your home. Choose from 25cm or 35cm diameter. Prices include all materials except fabric to cover your lampshade. Size of fabric required 25cm lampshade (100 x 25cm fabric), 35cm lampshade - (130 x 30cm fabric).

Early Bird up to 22/3/20 £50

Regular after 22/3/20 £55

Optional lunch £5

Piped Cushion Class

Friday June 5th 10am - 4pm Tutor: Ludmila Hill

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Spend a day with soft furnishings expert Ludmila and learn to make a professional looking piped cushion complete with zip concealed in the piping. During the day you will also learn to make bias binding and apply it to your piping. This is the perfect class to take as once you can make new cushions for chairs and the sofa you are always able to give your room a new look.



Why not book the lampshade class on July 17th and make a shade to match your cushion? Some sewing machines available to borrow. You will need some basic sewing machines skills for this class.

Early Bird up to 5/4/20 £55

Regular after 5/4/20 £60

Optional lunch £5

Natural Dyeing Course

Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th June

Tutor: Rebecca Connolly

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Spend a fascinating weekend with Gloucestershire-based woven textile designer Rebecca Connolly, exploring natural dyeing for British wool using a variety of natural dyes.

Come away with some dyed skeins of yarn, some recipes, and wool fabric samples dyed a variety of colours. By the end of the weekend you will have a good basic knowledge of natural dyeing and the skills and confidence to continue dyeing when you get home

During the weekend we will extract dyes from seasonal garden flowers, wild growing plants and also foodstuffs.

You will also use commercially available natural dyestuffs in whole dried



material and plant extracts in powdered and liquid forms.

Using these, you will learn a range of dyeing techniques to maximise the colour potential from different dyestuffs.

Around the dyeing you will glean the critical information about the mordanting process to prepare the wool to take and hold the dye, and we also will look at over-dyeing and modifying techniques to extend the range of colour obtained from any one dyestuff.

Included in the price of the course are all materials and a delicious vegetarian lunch both days, hot drinks and biscuits...and cake!

The days run 10am-4.30pm.

Early Bird up to 13/4/20 £140

Regular after 13/4/20 £160



*Above: Dye samples using Dahlias
and Below: resulting work*



Tapestry Weaving

Friday June 19th 10am-5pm Tutor: Chris Hart

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

This relaxing day requires no previous experience and is a wonderful way to start a new hobby! Those who have woven before can learn new tricks and techniques. In the morning your tutor for the day, Chris, will show you how to make and warp 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. This is great for beginners and fibre enthusiasts alike! It's meditative and also really stimulating!

Early Bird up to 19/4/20	£45
Regular after 19/4/20	£50
Optional lunch	£5

Make Beeswax Wraps

Tutor: Saj Collyer Saturday 11th July 10am-12.30pm

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Spend a morning learning how to make beautiful beeswax wraps to use for packed lunches or use in the kitchen instead of disposable or plastic packaging. We'll cover 4 different ways you can make these wraps, and also learn a few extra fascinating ways you can use beeswax wraps as well!

You'll go home with

3 or 4 wraps!

All materials supplied.

Early Bird up to 11/5/20 £25

Regular after 11/5/20 £30



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Make a Lampshade

Tutor: Saj Collyer Friday July 17th 10am-1pm

Venue: Bowden House Nr. Totnes



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.

Prices include all materials except fabric to cover your lampshade.

Size of fabric required 25cm lampshade (100 x 25cm fabric), 35cm lampshade - (130 x 30cm fabric).

Early Bird up to 17/5/20 £35

Regular after 17/5/20 £40

Block Print a Linen Bag

Friday September 25th 10am - 3.30pm Tutor: Tracy Johnson

Venue: Bowden House, Nr. Totnes

Come along to this exciting workshop and learn to print onto fabric with wooden blocks hand carved in India and beautiful textile paint. We will turn your fabric into a useful drawstring bag. Once ironed the bag is fully machine washable. You will have help and expert advice every single step of the way by an experienced and qualified teacher. By the end of the workshop you will feel confident in printing and creating designs, with an array of sample pieces to take home with you as well as a completed bag. 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.

If you have a sewing machine please bring that along.



Early Bird price before 25/7/20 £35

Regular price after 25/7/20 £40

Optional lunch £5

How to book or contact us

by email

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on the website

www.godeer.co.uk

Where are we?

Most of our day courses take place at Bowden House in a lovely bright studio one mile from Totnes. TQ9 7PW, and a few in Ashburton.

.All retreats that we are running in 2020 take place in South 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 from £20-£500 and they can be emailed or posted to you. They are valid for 1 year from date of purchase. Please email to purchase.

