

TEXTILE WORKSHOPS



Discover the art of repair, reuse, and creativity through textiles.



WHO WE ARE

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Our textile workshops are designed to give you practical skills while sparking creativity, mindfulness, and sustainable living. Whether you're a complete beginner or keen to build on your existing knowledge, each session is hands-on, welcoming, and fun.

HAND MENDING & UPCYCLING: (2 HOURS)

- Learn traditional and modern methods for mending clothes.
- Practice visible and invisible mending with a variety of stitches and techniques.
- Explore creative ways to upcycle old garments, giving them a fresh new life instead of throwing them away.
- Leave with the confidence to extend the life of your wardrobe while embracing sustainable fashion.

BORO & SASHIKO STITCHING: (3 HOURS)

- Discover the beauty of this ancient Japanese repair technique.
- Use decorative Boro and Sashiko stitching to strengthen and transform worn fabrics into something unique.
- Learn how the slow, repetitive motion of stitching doubles as a mindful, meditative practice.

SHIBORI DYEING: (3 HOURS)

- Discover the beauty of this traditional Japanese resist-dyeing technique.
- Create intricate patterns by folding, twisting, binding, or compressing fabric before dyeing, often using rich indigo tones.
- Experience the hands-on, creative process as each piece unfolds into a unique and beautifully patterned design.
- **Please note the Shibori sessions also require one volunteer from your organisation to support our tutor with tasks such as refilling water tubs, mixing dyes, etc.**

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CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS: (2 HOURS)

- Discover the basics of this relaxing and creative craft.
- Learn essential stitches and techniques to get started.
- Start small with scarves, blankets, or accessories — the possibilities are endless!
- Perfect for complete beginners — no prior experience needed.

SEWING MACHINE SKILLS: MAKE A TOTE BAG OR APRON (2 HOURS)

- Get to grips with the essentials of using a sewing machine.
- Learn threading, stitching, and key techniques step by step.
- Put your skills into practice by making your own stylish tote bag or functional apron.
- Take home a beautiful, practical item to show off and use every day.
- **Please note this is a progression workshop, and the number of sessions depends on whether the participants are beginners or have some experience.**

WHY JOIN OUR TEXTILE WORKSHOPS?

- Gain lifelong skills that save money, reduce waste, and promote sustainability.
- Explore mindful, creative practices that improve wellbeing.
- Leave each session with something tangible you've made yourself.
- Suitable for beginners and enthusiasts alike — our team supports you at every step.

BLOCK PRINTING ON TEXTILES WORKSHOP (2 HOURS)

- Discover the art of block printing and create your own unique textile designs.
- Learn how to use traditional wooden blocks, inks, and simple techniques step by step.
- Experiment with patterns and layouts before printing onto items like tote bags, tea towels, or cushion covers.
- Take home a beautifully printed, personalised textile piece.
- **Please note this workshop is suitable for beginners (age 14+) and includes guided practice before final printing.**

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AT THE HEART OF EVERY WORKSHOP

Every textile workshop at the Edinburgh Remakery is built around donated fabrics and materials that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Instead of waste, these materials become the foundation for creativity, learning, and sustainability.

PAPER ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

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Our Paper Art & Craft Workshops are all about transforming discarded papers, books, and fabrics into something beautiful, useful, and completely unique. Guided by a talented paper artist, you'll learn a range of creative techniques that bring new life to forgotten materials — while building skills, sparking imagination, and reducing waste.

NOTEBOOK (3 HOURS):

- Make your own flexible and useful notebook — no sewing required! We'll even use strips of old plastic bags as binding material, showing how everyday waste can become something practical and personal.

PICTURE FRAME MAKING: (2 HOURS)

- Design and craft a one-of-a-kind picture frame using repurposed papers and fabrics. A perfect way to showcase your favourite photos or artworks in something you've made yourself.

PAPER FLOWERS (90 MINUTES):

- Transform discarded papers — from book pages and envelopes to colourful cards — into fantasy flowers in a variety of shapes and sizes. Stems are made from everyday items like pipe cleaners, wire, or sticks, making each bloom a creative reuse story.

BOOK SCULPTURE: (3 HOURS)

- Breathe new life into old books by turning them into stunning pieces of sculptural art. Learn folding and cutting techniques to create something truly eye-catching and unique.

TUNNEL BOOK (3 HOURS):

- Build a layered accordion book that reveals a hidden story as you look through its "tunnels." Perfect for storytelling, theatre scenes, or dioramas made from postcards, drawings, or collaged cut-outs.

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ACCORDION FLAG BOOK (3 HOURS):

- Learn careful folding and measuring techniques to make an accordion-spine book, then add “flags” of images or text. The result is a surprising, sculptural book with a striking visual effect when opened.

JAPANESE STAB BINDING (2 HOURS):

- Learn this traditional binding method to create elegant, hand-stitched notebooks or journals.

ACCORDION POCKETBOOK (2 HOURS):

- Make a small book from just one sheet of A4 paper or an old envelope. Decorate the covers with collaged papers, ribbons, or buttons, creating a tiny treasure for drawings, ticket stubs, or notes.

ORIGAMI BOXES (90 MINUTES):

- Craft charming origami boxes and lids using discarded paper and card. Perfect for gifts or keepsakes, each box can be decorated with sequins, buttons, feathers, or ribbons. Once you’ve learned the folds, it’s endlessly addictive!

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE (90 MINUTES):

- Experiment with layering different materials and techniques to create expressive collages. From abstract designs to representational art, collage is a fun way to explore creativity and self-expression.

POP-UP CARD & BOOK WORKSHOPS



Bring stories and images to life in 3D.



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Pop-ups are interactive, playful, and magical — perfect for sparking creativity in both children and adults. In this hands-on workshop, you'll discover how to turn flat pages into surprising, three-dimensional designs using clever folds, tabs, and mechanisms.

POP-UP GREETING CARD (2 HOURS):

- Design and make your very own pop-up greeting card with a matching envelope.
- Explore some of the techniques, including folds, pull-tabs, boxes, and tunnels — each creating its own surprise effect.
- Use bold colours, textures, and shapes to create a high-impact card that is both personal and memorable.
- A perfect workshop for those wanting a quick, fun introduction to the world of pop-ups.

POP-UP BOOK (3 HOURS):

- Dive deeper into the art of pop-ups by creating your very own book.
- Learn the core mechanisms of pop-ups and experiment with building interactive pages.
- Focus on finishing your book — adding covers, binding, and creative decoration to make a complete, one-of-a-kind piece.
- A brilliant project for those who want a longer, more in-depth experience.

WHY POP-UPS ARE SPECIAL?

- They combine art and engineering, blending creativity with clever mechanics.
- Every design has a wow factor — making them perfect for gifts, keepsakes, or storytelling.
- The process is fun, hands-on, and accessible to all skill levels.
- Great for children, students, and adults who love paper crafts or want to try something new.