

Jennifer Collier: Workshop Menu for Schools

On a day of your choosing, at £250 for the day (maximum 15 students and 2 teachers)

Experimental Textile Techniques Workshop- Full or 1/2 day

This is experimental sample making workshops, where the participants are show lots of different techniques, which include bonding, trapping, layering, waxing and latexing unusual materials, such as plastic bags, leaves, petals, teabags, feathers and buttons. This activity is perfect for students, as it gives lots of ideas to take back into the class room. The samples will then be collated in a sketchbook, which will be handmade in the session and will include beautiful laminated covers.



Paper Shoes, with accompanying shoeboxes - 1/2 day

Creating decorative paper shoes from found and recycled papers. The participants will have a choice of four different types of shoes to make. They will glue the recycled papers onto a template I have devised, and when these are cut out and constructed into shoe shapes. They will go onto decorating a shoebox to go with their pair of paper shoes. *For more advanced students we can go onto making more complex shoes, using the experimental techniques learnt in the morning session, such as tea bag shoes, recycled carrier bag (last image) or magazine images transferred using selotape shoes.



Headwear - 1/2 day

Creating, functional, semi and non-functional pieces of headwear, such as hats, fascinators, hair combs, hair clips and hat pins. These will be created by stitching and manipulating scrap papers, recycling old buttons, net and ribbons and incorporating items such as doilies and lace. *For more complex headwear we are able to use the techniques learnt in the morning session to create hats.



Paper Garment Making Workshop- 1/2 or full day

Creating paper garments, such as gloves, ties, dicky bows and small dresses from recycled and found papers. By drawing round templates onto found papers, and cutting the shapes out, the participants will be able to create decorative, non-wearable paper garments and accessories. These will be decorated and embellished with buttons, ribbons, feathers, doilies etc to make them look almost wearable. The garments will also have laminated hangers to suspend them from. *For a full day session you will learn FIVE experimental techniques to create more complex garments from (images 1 and 2)



Papier-mâché Tea Sets- 1/2 day or full day (cake day)

Creating decorative tea sets from recycled plastic food packaging, such as yoghurt pots, cups and old plastic cutlery. These are papier-mâchéd with recycled papers and decorated found materials. For a full day session we can also go onto making cakes combining found materials with Jennifer's experimental techniques (last image).



Paper Bird Boxes. Full day workshop.

Creating a beautiful bespoke bird box, complete with its own bird on its perch, created from recycled papers, stitch and card, inspired by Jennifer's own work.



Fabric Banners – Full day

A session showing innovative stitch and image transfer techniques, to create fabric banners. This will include embossing, using a heat gun, waxing papers, and traditional embroidery techniques with a twist. This session will include the use of wet media, such as paint along with the stitch and image transfer.



Experimental Bookbinding - Full day

You will be shown Jennifer's trademark experimental techniques, such as waxing, stitching and trapping recycled papers to create sketchbook pages. These will then be made into a traditionally bound A5 soft backed sketchbook.



Workshop Menu Options

Half day workshops

- Simple paper shoes, with accompanying shoeboxes
- Experimental textile techniques and sketchbook workshop
- Papier-mâché tea sets
- Headwear
- Simple paper garment making

NB These workshops can be put together in any combination for a full day session

Full day workshops

- Experimental techniques & sketchbook workshop, followed by making Shoes
- Experimental techniques & sketchbook workshop, followed by Fabric Banner making.
- Experimental techniques & sketchbook workshop, followed by Headwear making.
- Experimental techniques & sketchbook workshop, followed by Garment making

NB the above workshops all use the experimental techniques learnt, so must follow this workshop

- Experimental Bookbinding
- Paper Bird Boxes
- Experimental techniques & sketchbook workshop
- Cake Day - Papier-mâché tea sets and recycled paper cakes

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