

The Celebrity Sewing Bee

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22nd - 26th June

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2015

● **Monday 22nd**

Heather Jacks - Successful Sewing with Silk



Tuesday 23rd



Tilly Walnes - Sewing Knits: Make a Coco top or dress



Wednesday 24th



David Dawson - Back to basics



Thursday 25th



Sandra Lavender - A skirt for all



Friday 26th



Tamara Melvin - Stretch your sewing skills with active wear



● **Spaces will be limited...book early!**



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Heather Jacks



MONDAY
22ND

Winner of The Great British Sewing Bee in 2014, Heather now has the pleasure of passing on some of the skills she has learnt over the years.

Born in 1956, Heather was fortunate to have had tremendous tuition at school in sewing before the subject was removed from the curriculum in its pure form. She has continued throughout her adult life to make most of her own clothes and soft furnishings. Heather loves the more challenging side of sewing, with couture techniques holding a particular fascination for her

Successful sewing with silk

Heather loves to sew with luxurious fabrics and wants to share with you her experience to help you gain confidence in sewing with silk. Often you can find silk is more reasonably priced than you imagine. Learning how to handle these speciality fabrics will expand your wardrobe options and help you to create designer style garments at a fraction of the cost of buying them readymade. Spend the day with Heather and enjoy a 'hands on' experience in a supportive environment.

A kit will be supplied with everything you need

TUESDAY
23RD

Tilly Walnes



Tilly Walnes – from Tilly and the Buttons – creates gorgeous step-by-step guides to sewing your own clothes. With jargon-busting instructions and photos demonstrating each step, her line of modern dressmaking patterns, acclaimed book *Love at First Stitch*, and popular blog help you to create clothes you can be proud to say you made yourself – even if you're a new stitcher.

Sewing knits: Make a Coco top or dress

"Sewing with knit fabric isn't difficult once you know how! Tilly will teach you tips and tricks for cutting, stabilising and sewing knit fabric on a regular sewing machine. Each student will make a Breton top, dress or sixties style funnel neck using Tilly's popular Coco pattern [<http://shop.tillyandthebuttons.com/products/coco>]. You'll get a Coco sewing pattern to take away with you. Coco is easy to make, but you'll need to know how to use a sewing machine already.

A kit will be supplied with everything you need

WEDNESDAY
24TH

Back to Basics

During this action packed day you will experiment creating different types of seams/finishes and work with a variety of fabrics.

You will use zig zag stitch, stretch stitch and work with a twin needle. You will complete a French seam, flat fell seam, lapped seam and look at different ways of neatening seams. You will learn how to top stitch and under stitch, how to reduce seam bulk successfully and how to sew with piping. You will look at hems for straight and curved applications, how to use a bias bound hem and how to use a rolled hem on an overlocker.

David will give guidance throughout on the correct use of needles for different fabrics.

You should go away with gained confidence in using a sewing machine and a variety of samples for future reference.

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David Dawson

David made it through to the quarter finals in the Great British Sewing Bee and has been sewing for about twelve years. He learned his skills making everything from mountain equipment, Prom dresses and silk nighties!!! He has been an instructor in the Army for over fifteen years and uses his methodical approach to teach the foundations of sewing.

THURSDAY
25TH



Sandra Lavender

Most of you will know Sandra Lavender as a finalist on the first series of the Great British Sewing Bee. Sandra was born and bred in the Midlands and spent her childhood sitting watching her mom and grandmother making clothes and household items. She first started sewing at the age of 13, making skirts, dresses and tops for herself. Since then she has used her sewing skills to make clothes for herself and her 3 daughters and created beautiful soft furnishings for her home.

Sandra loves that she can make items that are unique, practical and well made, on a budget. Share a day with Sandra, her enthusiasm and knowledge for all things sewing is inspiring.

A Skirt for all Occasions

This course will teach you how to make a classic 'A line' skirt. The pattern used is so versatile; it really can be a skirt for all occasions. A tweed fabric will make it perfect for the winter. Try soft, cool, pretty cotton for the summer or a beautiful fabric for an elegant evening skirt.

The course will involve:

- Arranging the pattern pieces on the fabric
- An explanation of pattern markings
- Using Interfacing
- Inserting a zip
- How to create the perfect dart without dimples
- Using different types of stitches

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FRIDAY
26TH

Stretch your sewing skills with active wear

After winning the made to measure challenge with her yoga wear, Tamara would love to encourage home sewers to invest in an overlocker. Most people cringe at the thought of using an overlocker, Tamara wants to demystify the world of overlockers and show students how to make their own custom fit leisure wear. She says "with practice students will be able to make leggings and a vest in 1hr!" Spend the day with Tamara, you will not only learn some new skills but also learn how to let your imagination flow.

A kit will be supplied with everything you need

Tamara describes herself as being totally addicted to being creative and often has 4 or 5 projects on the go at once. She says "life is never dull!" and balances sewing, teaching yoga and being a mum of two.

It is a love of bright unusual fabrics which inspires what Tamara makes. When she sees a fabric she loves, she'll buy 2 metres of it without a clue what it will be used for! Often seen in her local charity shops, she says "it's all about using your imagination. You may see a pair of curtains, I see a pleated skirt and shift top!"



Tamara Melvin

