



FRILLY CUSHIONS WORKSHOP

A one-day workshop in making ruffle trimmed scatter cushions

9.30am to 5pm

£115

Next available dates for this workshop are listed on the website



Ruffles are EVERYWHERE in interiors right now and most especially on scatter cushions. Velvet, stripes, block prints... whatever your fabric taste your hand made cushions should be sporting a ruffle.

We've developed a wonderfully creative one-day workshop teaching you how to get this look. You will spend a day making a scatter cushion with zip, finished with a beautiful ruffle edge trim. The day is suitable for novice sew-ers. You don't have to be an expert, but a bit of experience using a sewing machine will help.

The workshop

We'll start with measuring and cutting out your fabric accurately – often the most important bit to get right. Then we'll move straight on to ruffle time! We'll teach you how to make a ruffled frill using your sewing machine. You'll then pin and sew your cushion together, setting in the ruffle frill beautifully and finishing with a lapped zip.

At the end of the day you'll take home your own frilly cushion armed with all the skills to sew like a pro.

What is provided

- A 40cm square feather-filled cushion pad.
- Zips
- Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are provided throughout the day

What to bring

• Fabric

Choosing your own fabric is one of the most enjoyable parts of the process, so we invite our students to bring their own top fabric.

Suitable fabric for a frilled cushion is a medium weight cotton or linen fabric, suitable for soft furnishings. Avoid heavy fabrics, pile fabrics, stretchy, textured and embroidered fabric. They are all lovely but present their own challenges and are best saved for cushion number two. If in doubt, bring a choice. 1m of fabric will suffice.

• Matching thread

Don't forget to bring sewing thread to match your fabric.

• Sewing machine

Make sure it is in good working order. Do let us know if you don't have one. You will be able to drive up to the door and have help carrying too.

• Lunch

There's a microwave, sink and kettle in the kitchen area and the village shop is a three-minute drive away. There's usually a 'lunch dash' for those who need something. Many students are keen to crack on with their projects so take a short-ish lunch break in the workroom.

And don't forget:

- We find that most of our students like to bring their own sewing kit, including sharp fabric scissors, pins and a marking pencil. It's a good idea to label your things so they don't get muddled up with all the others in the workroom.
- Camera or smartphone (to capture the best bits...)
- A notebook and pencil (...to write down the important bits)
- Consider comfy clothes and sturdy shoes. It's a big, airy, spacious workroom with a concrete floor in a breezy rural site. In summer it's lovely. In winter, we have strong heating but it's worth packing extra layers just in case.

Timetable

We need some undisturbed time to set up the class first thing. Then you are welcome to arrive from 9.10am onwards. Classes officially begin at 9.30am and finish at 5pm.

Parking

Traditional Upholstery School is part of a rural business estate, so you'll now find there's plenty of parking.

When you drive in, park on the left, just outside the wooden gates. The School is inside the gates. The entrance is halfway along the large wooden barn-like building with a plant pot outside.

Directions

From Holt on the B3107 towards Melksham

After Holt, take the first left into East Lane immediately after Hillview Riding Stables, signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

Still have questions? Get in touch...

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Looking forward to seeing you!

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