

Join some of the UK's leading textile tutors and experts for a selection of **FREE** talks and demonstrations

showcasing their knowledge and creative journeys, with lots of hints and tips!

No need to pre-book, just turn up and take a seat. The textile stage is located at stand L04.

10:00am Each Day

MY LIFE IN STITCH
with Alison Hulme

An amusing and inspirational talk on how I got into stitch and where it has brought me. From hospital to NEC and the many moments in between that changed my life. How stitch saved me and gave me a new life and a new career.

12:00pm Each Day

**USING SKETCHBOOKS – ‘OBSERVATION:
IMAGINATION: INSPIRATION’**
with Amanda Hislop

Close observation embeds the sights, sounds and smells of land and shore in Amanda's imagination, careful looking an intuitive skill, her inspiration the ever-changing textures colours and rhythms of land and sea.

2:00pm Each Day

LAYER, PAINT AND STITCH
with Wendy Dolan

Welcome to Wendy's exciting world of stitched textiles. She will share some of her ideas and techniques, building up surface texture, applying fabric paint and freehand stitching with a basic domestic sewing machine. She will illustrate the wide variety of her work including pictures, wedding garments and large-scale commissions.

11:00am Each Day

**LOOKING AT WOMAN'S WEEKLY
DRESS PATTERNS FROM 1911**
with Linda Connell, from the National
Needlework Archive

To accompany our Woman's Weekly Vintage exhibition, this talk Looks at Women's Weekly dress patterns from 1911. Women's Weekly magazine has been supplying domestic dressmakers with patterns since its inception in 1911. Linda Connell, Director of the National Needlework Archive, will illustrate this major contribution to home made fashion.

1:00am Each Day

**I CRAFT BECAUSE I HAVE TO,
CONFESSIONS OF A CRAFTAHOLIC**
with Bex Raven

Ever felt alone in the world or worried that your habit is getting too much? Come along and discover why crafting is good for you, what a STABLE really is and why you should do more making not less!

3:00pm Each Day

**2D NEEDLE FELTING: LANDSCAPES,
FLOWERS AND BUTTERFLIES**
with Steffi Stern, The Makerss

Join Steffi Stern, craft enthusiast and four times author to learn how to needle felt flat or 2D projects. Steffi will explain which fabrics work best, what wools and tools to use and what results you get using different materials. If you are interested in landscapes, butterflies or flowers or embellishing existing projects such as bags, pillows or jumpers, this talk and demonstration will be right up your street.