#### Tote Bag Workshop – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014, 2pm-5pm

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to make a versatile tote bag that will include a decorative feature of your own design. The techniques you will learn are;

- Applique
- Simple Seams
- Boxed Corners
- · Pressing for a great finish
- Top-stitching

At the end of the workshop you will have a lovely personalised bag to take home to show off and enjoy. Those who progress swiftly will be able to line your bag thus enabling everyone to work at their own pace.

The workshop costs £45 and includes all of your materials and refreshments.

## Cushion Workshop – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm-5pm

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to make a lovely, personalised cushion that will include decorative feature of your own design. The techniques you will learn are;

- Applique
- Simple Seams
- Double Turned Hem
- Pressing for a great finish
- Envelope Closure

At the end of the workshop you will have a lovely personalised cushion to take home to show off and enjoy. Those who progress swiftly will have the opportunity to learn additional decorative techniques thus enabling everyone to learn at their own pace.

The workshop costs £45 and includes all your materials and refreshments.

# Booties for all Ages Workshop – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014, 2pm-5pm

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to create a pair of cute, funky or far out booties for any size you like, from baby to blokey with a creative twist of your own. The techniques covered in the workshop will be;

- Sizing and Cutting
- Applique

- Curved Seams
- Blanket Stitch

At the end of the workshop you will have a cool pair of booties to enjoy yourself or give as a gift. Those who learn swiftly will be able to explore more creative ideas thus enabling everyone to learn at their own pace.

The workshop costs £45 and includes all of your materials and refreshments.

### Mothers' Day Gift Bag Workshop – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm-5pm

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to create a beautiful drawstring bag for Mothers' Day. The techniques you will learn/learn about are;

- Machine Embroidery (you choose the caption and watch as it magically appears)
- Applique
- Simple Seams
- Inserting a Drawstring (single or double)
- Pressing for a great finish

At the end of the course you will have a lovely bag to give as a gift or to put something special in as a gift for your Mum or Granny. Those who learn swiftly will be able to explore more creative possibilities thus everyone will learn at their own pace.

The workshop costs £45 and includes all of your materials and refreshments.

Interfacing Workshop – 22<sup>nd</sup> March or 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-5pm (Nicci I have double booked myself for the 29<sup>th</sup> March so either of the above dates will be fine for me)

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to adapt and change the neck of a garment in order to create a decorative or new neck line on an existing garment (ideally a simple t-shirt, top or blouse with a round neckline, <u>without</u> a collar). The techniques you will learn are;

- Designing a new neckline
- Applying fusible interfacing
- Applying Stay Tape and/or Stay Stitching
- Cutting and pressing to ensure a professional finish
- Plain/Decorative Top Stitching

At the end of the course you will have created a new and original design feature on your garment to go out and look great in. Those who learn more swiftly will be able to consider more creative possibilities thus everyone can learn at their own pace.

The workshop costs £40 and will include your fusible interfacing and refreshments, if you wish/or have time to apply more creative touches there will be materials available to purchase in store.

#### Curtain Workshop – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm-9pm

This 3 hour workshop will enable you to create a simple, un-lined curtain (as a sample or as one of a pair to complete at home). The techniques you will learn are;

- Accurate measuring to ensure high quality finish
- Application of Curtain Tape
- Pressing for high quality finish
- Double Turned Hems

At the end of the course you will have a curtain to use as a template for creating many more at home. There will be further workshops throughout the year to learn how to make Lined (machined) and very high quality Hand Made Curtains so keep an eye out for them.

#### You will need;

- For a sample curtain 1 metre of a suitable curtain fabric of your choice
- For a pair (the first made during the workshop <u>please start with a small window</u>) enough fabric for 1.5x the width of your window X the length of the drop (from the top of the curtain rail to where your curtain will end) plus 30cm for each curtain. [If your window is 1metre wide X 1 metre between the top of the rail to the windowsill, you will need 2.6 metres of fabric which is 1.5 metres wide]

The workshop costs £40 which includes curtain tape, thread and refreshments.

A good fabric to make your first curtains out of will be a simple cotton fabric that is fairly lightweight (heavy soft furnishings fabrics will be more challenging to handle if you are a beginner).