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| **HANDSEWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - WORKSHOP**  (Workshops are offered subject to viable numbers.) | |
| This workshop is for: | Adult learners whowould like to be able to make your own hand sewn festive decorations to hang in your home or to give as gifts. Some basic hand sewing skills would be useful. |
| What will I learn: | Workshop content below is subject to change based on previous knowledge and skills of each cohort.  Induction, what do you know and what do you want to learn?  Session overview including materials and tools needed  Basic hand stitches – you will learn different hand sewing stitches including running, back, blanket, ladder and chain stitches  Using a variety of templates you will create the decorations but you will be shown how to create your own template if you prefer  You will learn how to:   * cut out fabric using template * do basic beading * do basic hand sewing stitches * decorate and embellish the front and back of the ornament adding sequins, beads, applique and other material * add decorative stitching * place hanging tab between layers * stitch the back and front of the decoration piece * stuff the decoration and close the gap   You will have the opportunity to discuss and set your own learning targets with your tutor and discuss the support you might need to ensure you have an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience |
| Knowledge and skills needed: | This is a workshop for all levels but a basic level of hand sewing skills would be an advantage  On this workshop you will need to:   * follow verbal and written instructions and work through them at your own pace * listen and join in group discussions * jot down notes to record relevant information * have some dexterity using your hands |
| Materials needed: | At enrolment, you will need a copy of your NI number and proof of benefits (if applicable).  You will need to come prepared to the lessons with an A4 pad; pen and folder or file to keep your work organised.  It will be an advantage, but not essential, if you have access to the internet at home to extend your learning.  Materials and tools will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own as well. |
| How will I learn: | This workshop will consist of a dynamic tutor demonstration followed by a range of activities to practise.  Your progress will be monitored by informal assessment practical tasks and you will receive verbal feedback from the tutor to help you make good progress. |
| Progression routes: | On completion of this workshop, you can progress to a craft course offered by SCLS: Basic Sewing Machine, Embroidery, Soft Furnishing for Beginners, Jewellery Craft for Beginners as well as online workshops/courses offered by different organisations and follow on courses offered locally (the tutor will discuss this during the workshop).  If you are interested in setting up a small business, SCLS offers a variety of ICT and digital courses, covering marketing and other business skills.  Ask your tutor for advice and a copy of the progression ladder.  SCLS offers a range of Functional Skills workshops from Entry 1 up to Level 2 if you need to brush up your maths and English skills or require a qualification to support you with your career path.  Our partner Sefton @ Work will be able to provide independent information, advice and guidance to support you making informed choices for progression into further education, volunteering or employment. |