

Tiny Silk and Calico Treasure Books

Paula Watkins

13th - 15th Aug 2025
Wednesday to Friday

Using Indian block printing with painting fabric, paper, mixed media, found objects, vintage haberdashery and stitch we will create sumptuous tiny books full of texture and surprises. We will be exploring lots of simple techniques which combine to produce beautiful unique art books to treasure.

Description

We will be using a large collection of hand carved wood printing blocks which will form the starting points for making exquisite tiny textile books with embroidery, drawing, and the use of beautiful vintage and Indian embellishments. All the techniques are suitable for beginners and those who like to stitch.

Please bring with you

Apron
Thin gloves
Sewing kit including needles, favourite embroidery threads, detail and paper scissors
Pritt stick
A4 piece of craft felt in a neutral colour
Half a metre of bondaweb
One metre of calico
Silk sari ribbons, snippets of lace and embroidery, beads, sequins
Fine black permanent pen, white, gold and coloured gel pens
A couple of paint brushes
Baby wipes, kitchen roll
Paula will have stuff to share

Available to purchase from the tutor

Paula will have gel pens, embroidered motifs, silk sari ribbon, sequins, vintage lace snippets.

Level

Suitable for all levels

About Paula Watkins

Paula has been a textile and mixed media artist, tutor, author and illustrator for over 30 years. She is tour leader for textile holidays to India and teaches in the UK and abroad. She loves to share her joy of art, life and learning and delights in seeing carefully chosen, simple techniques bringing our imagination to life in our artwork.

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Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
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Wednesday	
9.15am	Students arrive (coffee available)
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Thursday	
7-9.00am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Friday	
7-9.00am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Last teaching session