

CRAFTS 2013

FEBRUARY 2013: NEEDLE FELTING

The February meeting of the craft group was fun, we learned how to needle felt using barbed needles to felt together unspun wool 'tops' in a range of pretty colours. Everyone produced at least one very individual and lovely piece of felt, some of which have since been made into brooches and wall hangings.

We could revisit this craft later in the year as there were only 6 of us at the meeting and we now have 14 members!



APRIL / MAY 2013: PATCHWORK

The May meeting of the Craft Group was at Carlton Fire Station, which is a great venue and gave us space to spread out and work more comfortably. It meant I had to transport all our fabrics and equipment from home, but husbands are often very useful and obliging!

It was our second month of patchwork and we worked on cushion covers, quilts and tablemats, embellished with hand sewing. Inez shamed us all by bringing her completed work, a beautifully made lilac grid with squares of jazzy fabric inset. I took a picture but can't seem to get it off my phone!



JULY/AUGUST 2013: PAPIER MACHE

During July and August members of the Craft Group have been making and decorating papier mache bowls and plates using various types of mold. We used egg boxes in a range of colours to make multi-hued base shapes, or in one case, an interesting plain green bowl needing very little decoration.

Our shapes were then decorated with coloured papers, acrylic paints and gold and silver. The results were pretty and very individual.



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2013: STITCHED CARDS

For the last 2 meetings we have been making punched and stitched cards.

Audrey led the sessions and she went to a lot of trouble to put together a pack for each member with our personal choice of design, instructions, card and envelope. She brought along lots of gorgeous threads and boxes of card peel-offs and pretty additions and beads.

We had a whale of a time and were pleased with the end results, which we thought were very professional.



NOVEMBER 2013: NEEDLE FELTING

At the November meeting we revisited needle felting. Members made felted Christmas trees, Christmas puddings, stars and snowmen using pre-felted pieces and coloured wool tops and glittery threads. Some ladies also made unstructured pieces using sari fabric or silks with needled wool designs on top.

We had 5 new members join the group and it was a lively chatty session with mince pies and Christmas cake to help us along. Everyone seemed to enjoy the process and the results were fab!

