



Totally Patched

Totally Patched is the place to learn about and indulge in the traditional and increasingly popular art of patchwork. All Totally Patched classes are taught by a fully qualified teacher and cater for all levels, from beginners to advanced, and cutting tools and sewing machines are provided for all to use on site.

Classes are run throughout the year, and workshops and Sit and Sew days are available on Saturdays. The classes have proved extremely popular and early booking is advisable to ensure a place. In store you'll find approximately 1000 bolts of fabric, block-of-the-month projects, books and kits, and the company also has an ever-changing website so it's well worth a visit.

♥ Check out www.totallypatched.com



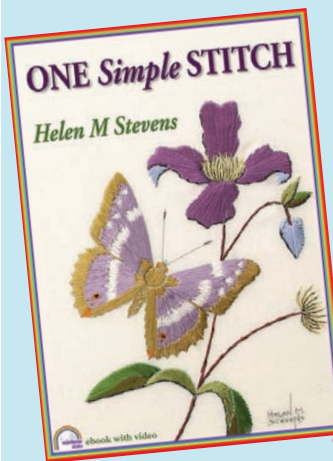
Sensational stitches

Take a look at the latest releases from ebook expert Rainbow Disks. *One Simple Stitch* is an ebook with video demonstrations by author Helen M Stevens, who sets out to prove that if you can create simple stitches on fabric using a needle and thread you can create all the projects featured. All the information you need is presented in the form of templates, a colour chart and a unique directional diagram. There are no counted thread techniques and the ebook features videos of Helen demonstrating the stitches and techniques.

The *Little Welsh Quilts* ebook, with video demonstrations and

plenty of expert advice from author Mary Jenkins, presents six delightful quilts to make. They vary in style and complexity but are all based on original, full-sized square or rectangular Welsh wool quilts. These Welsh quilts are striking, combining bold colours with simple shapes and are magnificent as bed quilts, but are also distinctive when scaled down to cradle size or smaller and are ideal for using up scraps of fabric. Together with the stitcher's choice of colours, the distinctive quilting motifs give these little gems their authentic Welsh identity.

♥ For full details go to www.rainbowdisks.com; 01392 250240



Rubbish Revamped

Are you one of those people who can't bear to throw things away? Do you keep old clothes, socks that have lost their match, spare buttons, birthday cards and all manner of other items that might just come in handy? If so, a Rubbish Revamped workshop could be just what you need.

Miracles do happen at this Manchester-based company where matted jumpers turn into cuddly monkeys, junk mail transforms into jewellery, old ties into draught excluders, used juice cartons become wallets, newspaper is woven into baskets, Christmas cards become giant globes and lots more!

The workshops are run in small groups (tea and cakes included) and give visitors a chance to try their hand at something new or be inspired by something a bit different from the more common knitting or drawing classes. Rubbish



Revamped also sells handmade crafts, kits to make your own and publishes an e-book, *How to Make Monsters & Monkeys*, while special events for organisations and parties are also available.

Upcoming workshops include:
10th November – Folsy Hoop
24th November – The Lavender Mousevaark
1st December – The Marvellous Wheel of Tea
15th December – Festive Wrappings
12th January – The Astonishingly Large Card Globe

♥ The full programme is on the Rubbish Revamped website at www.rubbishrevamped.org.uk All welcome from age 14 upwards. Email Danielle at danielle@rubbishrevamped.org.uk for more information



Simple Way

Looking for that unusual gift? Look no further, because Simple Way, the leather kit expert, launched its brand-new Kelly bag for its autumn/winter collection at the Creative Stitches & Hobbycraft Show in Exeter in September. It's sure to be a winner with its clean lines, stylish nickel turnbuckle and cute handle. The size is just right too – at 25x18x7cm it's ideal for the party season! The best bit is you can sew it yourself using one of the famous Simple Way leather kits. Holes are pre-punched in the leather and there's nothing to cut or glue. If you can manage running stitch on a sewing machine you can make this lovely bag!

The Kelly bag comes in purple, berry, scarlet or classic black and



is priced at just £42 plus £3.95 UK P&P. It would make an ideal gift for a crafty friend, or make it yourself and delight someone special with a gift.

♥ Order online at www.simpleway.co.uk, by calling 01207 566100 or email sales@simpleway.co.uk