

USITT 2021 VIRTUAL STUDY TOUR

TEXTILE SURFACE DECORATIVE TECHNIQUES – PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS

The practical workshops will focus on surface decoration and making an 18th century stomacher. You will create a series of samples exploring a variety of textile techniques including, pleating and ruching, pin tucks, layering and fraying, applique and using a thrift shop find. You will then use one or more of these samples to decorate your stomacher.

We will begin by pattern drafting the stomacher, using a simple step by step process. The pattern will be used to cut and construct the stomacher base, to which the top fabric and decoration will be applied.

The workshops will be broken up into short 30minute sessions at 5.30pm (UK time) each day, and will follow the lecture or guest speaker. Each session will include presentations, short instructional films and opportunities to ask questions and get support.

Listed below are the materials and equipment you will require for the sessions. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th July 2021.

WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Paper, Ruler (I suggest something like a pattern master), pencil and rubber, calculator

Sewing machine

Hand sewing equipment – pins, needles, something to mark your fabric

Larger pieces of fabric of various textures – at least 40 cm square

13mm striped or grosgrain ribbon

25mm up to 40mm strips of fabric to make decorative trim

18mm or 25mm Bias binding to match your stomacher fabric or you can make your own

Machine sewing thread

Bones for your stomacher – I use straight 5mm bones but see what you have available

Optional - Embroidered panel from a thrift shop – this can be an old table cloth, tray cloth, fire screen or embroidery