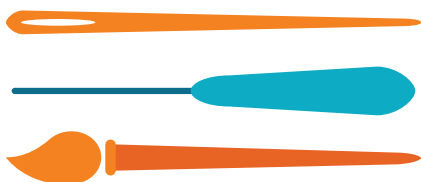


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NORFOLK MAKERS FESTIVAL

13-21 Apr 2024



**A nine-day celebration of
creativity for everyone
at The Forum, Norwich**

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Where else can you have a go, for FREE, at such a huge selection of arts and crafts, with materials and tuition provided?

For nine days you are invited to enjoy free taster sessions – printing, spinning, embroidery, painting, crochet, quilting, lacemaking, woodcraft, illustration, design, and much, much more – all from 10am to 4pm.

Plus, we have inspiring exhibitions, talks, workshops, and demos. The programme changes daily, and full what's on details will be on the Festival website from Fri 1 Mar.

The Norfolk Makers Festival is organised and funded by The Forum Trust, the educational charity that runs The Forum.

Make time for textile treats!

Incredible artwork created by local people and communities, on display throughout the Festival, and guaranteed to inspire and delight!



MARGARET: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION

Lower Gallery

For the first and last time, all of Margaret Seaman's world-famous knitted and crocheted installations on display in one glorious exhibition. And holding court, in the Lower Gallery, Norfolk's Queen of Knitting herself! View the Knitted Sandringham, the Knitted Buckingham Palace, the Knitted Great Yarmouth Golden Mile and more. Celebrate the incredible achievements of our 95-year-old friend, who is looking forward to meeting you!

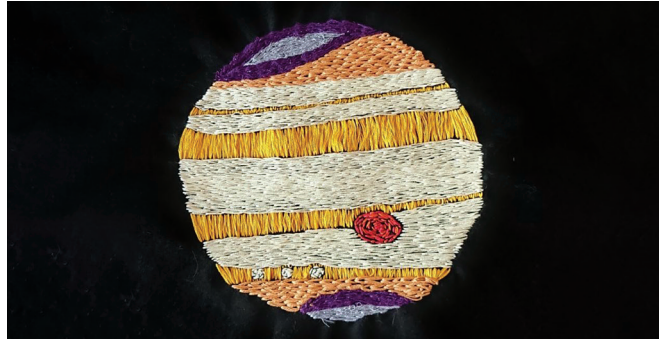
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CELEBRITY CROCHET

Millennium Library

Barbie, Taylor Swift, the cast of Downton, and Strictly stars. Eighteen-year-old Ellen Siegert has made an amigurumi 'mini' of them all. View the whole collection and meet the talented creator.



STITCHING THE STARS

Gallery Lobby

On loan from the Royal Astronomical Society, their bicentennial quilt of planets, galaxies, comets and satellites, created by a global team of stitchers.

UNDER THE SURFACE Exhibition

Lower Gallery

An eclectic, juried exhibition of new and original work, created by professional and amateur textile artists, from Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire.

NORFOLK'S GRENFELL QUILT

The Atrium

An expression of support, love and protest created by visitors to 2023's Norfolk Makers Festival. The twelve-foot square quilt is Norfolk's contribution to a project organised by the Grenfell Tower community.

FIT FOR A NEW KING

The Atrium

A hand-spun, dyed, woven, stitched and embroidered wall hanging, by Norfolk Countryside Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, to mark the Coronation of Charles III. On loan from the How Hill Trust.

REVOLTING NORFOLK

The Atrium

Tapestries depicting ancient struggles against Norman invaders are among the textiles created for the new Norwich Castle Keep. Meet the volunteer stitchers and view some of their work.

Free taster sessions, expert demonstrations, exhibitions, workshops and talks every day, from Sat 13 to Sun 21 April, at The Forum, Norwich.

Making things a bit better

Being creative, learning new skills, and spending time with others can be good for your heart and brain. So, the Norfolk Makers Festival is officially good for you!



CREATIVE LINKS Exhibition

The Atrium

A unique exhibition of self-portraits created by community groups in Norwich, exploring what makes them happier, healthier, and more connected.



MINDFUL FOCUS

Why not treat yourself to a workshop with a local maker? Spend a few hours learning spinning, crochet, natural weaving, macrame, rug making, printing, paper craft, portrait drawing, watercolour painting, fantasy design and jewellery making.

TIME TO TALK

Hear from the experts who can tell you about the politics of indigo production, the history of corsets, the delicacy of smocking, and recreating medieval tapestries.

Dates, times, prices and booking
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DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

Discover novel ways of re-using, re-cycling and re-fashioning, with Re-Do Norfolk. Plus, ideas from Norfolk's knitters, weavers, embroiders, quilters and others on how to bust that stash!



Meet enthusiasts from local groups and organisations, and find out about creative opportunities near you.

Making your mark

COMMUNAL CARTOONING

Help illustrator David Shenton draw out a really long story, which will develop as more people get involved. The beginning, middle and end of this epic tale is up to you!



FANTASY WORLDS

Explore character design, comics and worldbuilding, and discover new ways to create imaginary landscapes, with the Wayward Adventurers Guild.



PRINT AND PAPER

Print making techniques explored with Stellabox and Artpocket. Plus, paper sculpting, eco printing, card making, acrylic painting, designing an Elizabethan ruff, and sketching Renaissance style!

DIGITAL ANIMATION, VR PAINTING AND GAMES ART

Join students from Norwich University of the Arts as they make 2D and 3D art using games industry style software. Have a go at virtual reality painting and modelling for digital animation.

All dates and times of free activities and workshops
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FROM CRAFT TO CAREER

Thu 18 Apr | 6pm-7.30pm

Can you make a living from your creative passion? Artists and makers tell their stories and give advice.



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So much to see and do

ANTEROS GALLERY OPEN DAY

Sun 14 Apr | 10am-4pm
Anteros Arts Foundation

Create with artists at Anteros, on Fye Street. Free, and a short walk from The Forum. An extra Sunday treat!

STRUMPSHAW TREE FAIR TASTER

Sat 13 Apr | 10am-4pm
Outside The Forum

Wood carvers, tool makers and other artisans. Traditional rural crafts in the heart of the city.

STEP INTO DRAGON HALL

See website for dates
Dragon Hall

Family crafts exploring medieval textiles, woodworking and stone masonry, inspired by this ancient merchant hall.

COSTUME AND TEXTILE ASSOCIATION

Sat 13 - Sun 21 Apr | The Gallery

A special anniversary exhibition, celebrating Norfolk's textile heritage and treasures. Enjoy an exploration of historic styles, of stitch and cloth as an art form, and as a means of protest through the ages. Plus, a showcase of the talents of a new generation of textile artists and designers.



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