



FRINGED FLAPPER LAMPSHADES

9am to 5pm

£275 one person | £415 two people

Bookable on a day to suit you



Learn this creative skill in one day of bespoke tuition

Gorgeous retro art deco style shades complete with flapper dress style long fringe are enjoying a revival in interiors.

Join lampshade maker, author of best-selling book *Sewing Lampshades* and teacher Joanna Heptinstall at the Lampshade School for a creative and industrious day where you will learn to make your flapper-style lampshade using your own fabric choice.

This wonderfully rewarding day of one-to-one tuition is held in the beautifully equipped sewing room at Traditional Upholstery School in Wiltshire. The day will be fun, informal and full of learning. You will be taught the core techniques step-by-step – binding the frame; planning and measuring the fabric; hand pleating and stitching both the lining and the cover fabric; and working with layers of fringe and braid - all at your own pace. You'll take home your own impressive handmade gathered shade and the skills to make many more.

In order to make this class possible in one-day, you will be provided with a shade frame that is suitable for learning on. If you have a shade that you would really love to start making as soon as you get home, do bring it along. Even if it's not quite right for your first attempt, Joanna will be able to get you started so that you go home full of confidence in your new skills.

The course

You will be working in a private sewing studio, fully equipped with a huge sewing table and plenty of good lighting. Your tutor Joanna will break the process down into achievable stages. There are a lot of new skills to learn on this busy, lively day – but it's great fun and you'll be fuelled by plenty of tea, coffee and a full biscuit tin.



What is provided

- A 12in or 16in deco style lampshade frame with plain rings
- 15cm or 20cm fringe trimming and matching gimp braids in shades of ivory or oyster, which are suitable for almost all choices of fabric. Note that we can also dye your trimmings on the day to work well with our top fabric, so that you can create a beautifully bespoke and unique shade.
- Binding tape and suitable cotton linings in shades of white
- Pins, scissors, specialist thread and glue
- Sewing machines
- Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are provided throughout the day

What to bring

Choosing your own fabric is one of the most enjoyable parts of the process, so we invite our students to bring their own top fabric.

Suitable fabrics for this lampshade are lightweight cotton or linen, or silk dupion. Patchworking cotton is ideal, affordable and lovely to handle. Avoid heavy fabrics, pile fabrics, stretchy, textured and embroidered fabric. If in doubt, bring a choice. 1 m of top fabric will suffice. We provide plain white and ivory lining fabric.

And don't forget:

- Camera or smartphone (to capture the best bits...)
- A notebook and pencil (...to write down the important bits)
- Consider what to wear. We'll be sitting for much of the day. In summer, cool and comfy clothes work well. In winter, bring layers. We have string heating but it's worth packing extra layers just in case.
- Something for lunch. There's a microwave, sink and kettle in the kitchen area and the village shop is a three-minute drive away
- Take as many or as few breaks as you want. We want you to achieve what you want but it's meant to be relaxed, informal and fun too.

Parking

The course is held at the Traditional Upholstery School in Wiltshire. The address is Holt Holdings, East Lane, Holt, Wiltshire, BA14 6QU. Traditional Upholstery School are now part of a rural business estate, so there's plenty of parking.

When you drive in, park on the left, just outside the wooden gates. The School is inside the gates. The entrance is halfway along the large wooden barn-like building with a bench outside.



Directions

From Holt on the B3107 towards Melksham

After Holt, take the first left into East Lane immediately after Hillview Riding Stables, signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

From Melksham on the B3107 towards Holt and Bradford on Avon

About two miles along this winding road from Melksham, just past the West Wiltshire Equestrian Centre on the left, take a sharp right turning into East Lane, which is signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along the East Lane on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

Any other queries?

If you have any requests, questions or concerns, please get in touch. Email traditionalupholsterschool@gmail.com



Joanna Heptinstall

Here's a few flapper shades that students have made in recent 1-2-1 workshops

