

# Coptic Bookbinding Decorative Stitch

**Tutor:** Mylyn McColl

**Venue:** White Horse Bookshop

**Date:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Time:** 10am-4pm



## Workshop Outline:

In this fun one day workshop you will learn how to make the ancient style of Coptic binding, a wonderful book structure that lays flat, making it great for sketching and writing. Folding paper to produce sections, creating decorative front and back covers using a selection of bookcloth and beautiful decorative papers. Before making holes and bringing everything together with the decorative stitch. You will be guided through each process of this heritage craft and shown how to use traditional tools of the trade. Given step by step instruction through demonstration, at the end of the day you will go home with your own stylish notebook and the skills to make more.

Suitable for both beginners and those with some bookbinding experience

All tools and materials are provided including a great range of decorative papers to choose from but please feel free to bring any you would like to try to use.

**\* You should bring an apron.**

**\*£7 fee to tutor for all materials.**

## Tutor Biography:

Mylyn has been a professional bookbinder and box maker for over 15 years. She gained a BA in Graphic Design at KIAD before studying fine binding at City Lit and Studio 5 and honed her craft within various trade binderies across the UK. She is an active member within the bookbinding community.

Mylyn now works from her small bindery in Wiltshire and is Principal Tutor for the charity Bound by Veterans, she teaches to City & Guilds standards at a variety of venues as well as providing online tuition, she recently gave a demonstration at the Society of Bookbinders international conference in Bath. She is an experienced tutor and takes great pride and pleasure in creating and sharing this ancient craft, teaching both complete beginners and those more experienced wishing to improve their skills.

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