

TEACHERS LOOKBOOK

2024

**THESE ARE THE TEACHERS WHO ARE CO-CREATING THE
ONLINE COURSE FOR THE
UP-CYCLED CLOTH COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY**





EDITOR'S NOTE

THANK YOU to all of the incredible co-creators who are contributing to our online course for textile up-cycling enthusiasts.

Our hope is to grow and support both teachers and students in our community through fun, interactive online activities.

If you enjoy one of the teachers in the videos and eBooks in the learning library, you can find them here in this LookBook and connect with them in person. Our online course is a chance for you to experience the teaching styles of different teachers so you can find the teachers and topics that best suit your personal needs.





COLLEEN JACK

Colleen Jack spent decades making patterns for the most prestigious fashion designers in South Africa, before she pivoted her career into corporate business coaching. Her meticulous attention to detail makes her a wonderful teacher and we are super thankful for her expertise in our online course.

Click on the link to watch the video where I chat with Colleen about her career in the fashion industry in South Africa. She shares tips for aspiring fashion designers that are invaluable.

<https://youtu.be/TpqV4hdTynM>

This video gives you a taste of what you can expect to learn about in her section of the online course.



MASTERCLASSES WITH COLLEEN JACK

colleen@patternworks.co.za

eBooks

Video





COLLEEN JACK MASTERCLASSES

- * an introduction to who she is and how she fits into the clothing industry
- * how to find and work with a pattern maker
- * how to audit your patterns when you collect them from the pattern maker
- * how to find somebody who can grade your patterns into different sizes
- * how to use the pattern to create samples
- * how to create a garment costing sheet so you can work out your break even and whether your garment will be financially profitable
- * how to create a cutting schedule so the factory makes the garment that you want
- * common mistakes that clothing manufacturers and fashion designers make and how to avoid them

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THE EBOOKS AND
WORKSHEETS!





WHY FABRIC GRAIN IS IMPORTANT WITH COLLEEN JACK AND SHARRON BARTON





CRAFT ACADEMY

Allyson Rischbieter started the Craft Academy where she teaches people how to sew, knit and crochet. She also started a skills development program for prisoners so they have some hope of earning an income when they are paroled. Here is her story...

<https://youtu.be/3JSG1ar2WHQ>

We started our filming with Allyson and by the time we finished filming the documentary, her world had changed radically. We went back to find out what happened...

<https://youtu.be/3oJRPn-ehv0>

In spite of the challenges that she faces, Allyson continues to be available to the people who she worked with in the prison after they are paroled. Once they are on the outside she continues to support them with training and resources.



CRAFT ACADEMY

Emmanuel is a tailor who works with Allyson. His passion for making clothing shines through in this animated interview where he explains how he was born with a needle in his hand...

<https://youtu.be/esjRnUcY-ZE>

If you would like to connect with The Craft Academy or connect with Allyson, you will find her here...

<https://web.facebook.com/arischieter>







FEYBE TOLOLIU

My Name is Feybe Tololiu. I am 46 years old. In the past, I had a career in the mining sector as a Head of Accounting/Finance Dept. but in the last 2 years, I have been a stay home housewife.

My first thought when I started sewing was when someone said, "sewing is difficult" so, I challenged myself and said that it is not difficult. My brain could not accept it. Then the second thought is, "Why buy it if I can make it".

When I joined the "Upcycled Group" I said, ahh it is better. while I make something from my own clothes or thrift shop, or scraps, I can save the planet.



Why did I make a video for you? The answer is, I want to share the beginner's way to the beginner, that we can do something with our limit. with our only tools that we have. and by then, someday we can upgrade everything. Mind, skills, and tools.

> my links

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/itsallmydoingg?mibextid=eQY6cl>

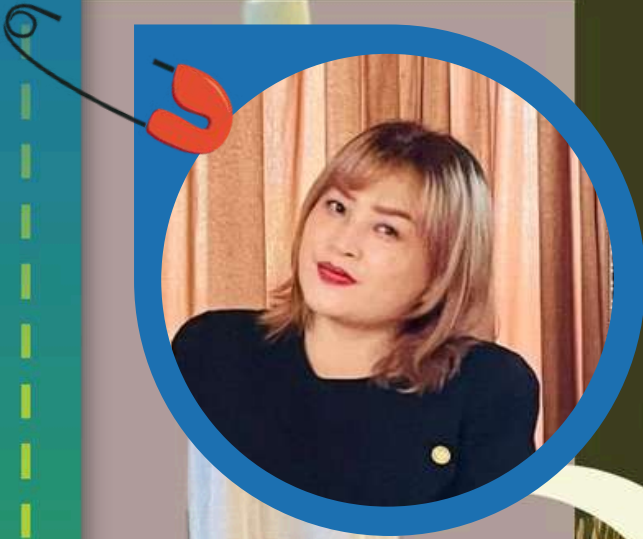
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https://www.instagram.com/itsallmydoing?igsh=bGwxNzFva2h3YXdo&utm_source=qr

Tiktok:

<https://www.tiktok.com/@itsallmydoing?t=8lZnwfWdhiL&r=1>





From dress to two-piece!

by It's All My Doing



Video

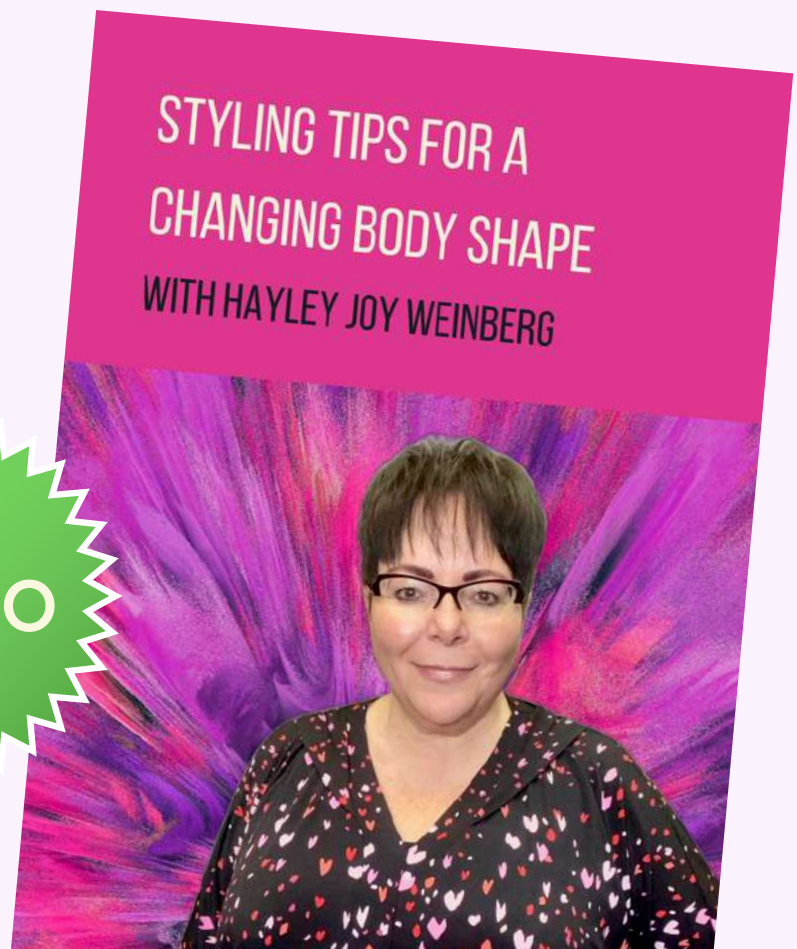


HAYLEY JOY WEINBERG

Hayley Joy Weinberg has produced size inclusive clothing for ladies of all body shapes for decades and in this inspiring video she shares some of her top tips for styling clothing for a changing body shape.

Click on the link to visit her website and view the beautiful clothing that she produces.

www.hayleyjoy.com





MEET YOUR TEACHER

HEIDI COX

Heidi Cox has worked for more than thirty years in the technical side of textile supply for garment factories in South Africa.

She shares her extensive knowledge with us in our online course for beginners with her contribution in the Natural Fibers eBook.

Here is the link if you would like to take a look at the rest of the curriculum...

<https://www.upcycledclothcollective.com/join-us/>

Watch this video where Heidi and I chat about the properties of fabrics made from natural fibers...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UpCycledClothCollective/permalink/2701625920004464>

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Textiles

Circularity in Fashion

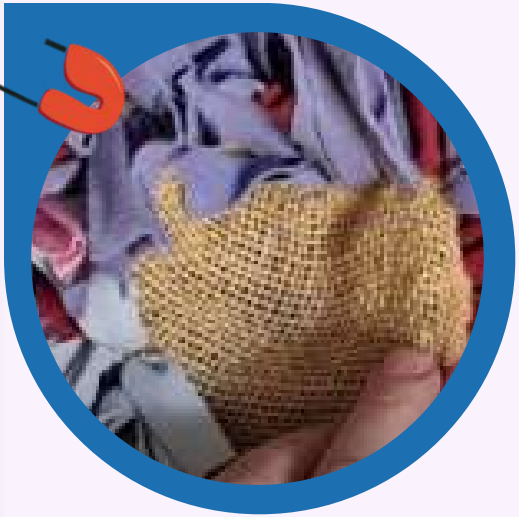
Loop or Spiral?



Heidi Cox

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JANE CRE

I have been a teacher for many years, teaching sewing and art to children and young people, usually who did not want to be educated but always loved my lessons and would come begging to do more projects with me in their spare time. I have done collage projects, graffiti boards and large community sculptures with children who were excluded from school.

Most of my teaching adults was face to face until COVID as I was a tutor for the WEA - workers education association in the UK teaching how to make story sacks and upcycle everyday things into toys for children eg. Sock puppets, juggling balls, dolls and clothe, non sew blankets, and from paper crafts - jigsaws, puzzles and gun learning activities.

I have only just started to use YouTube more and my accent sounds awful so I tend to put music on the tutorials.. which there again people don't like.

I set up an etsy shop called Princess Putrid and have also got labels to match but most of my make are donated or given away as I like to spread the love.

My YouTube is Janecre1025 - I will be putting some more videos on there in the future

Regards
Jane





LEARN HOW TO MAKE A HOOKED RUG

In this video Jane Cre shows you how to make a hooked rug using a hessian sack and old T-shirts.

This really easy method is well within the reach of any beginner.

Video

LUCRETIA JARDINI



Lucretia Jardini co-hosted the workshop about using social networks to grow your business. If you are looking for Lucretia Splinters' links you will find her Groups here...

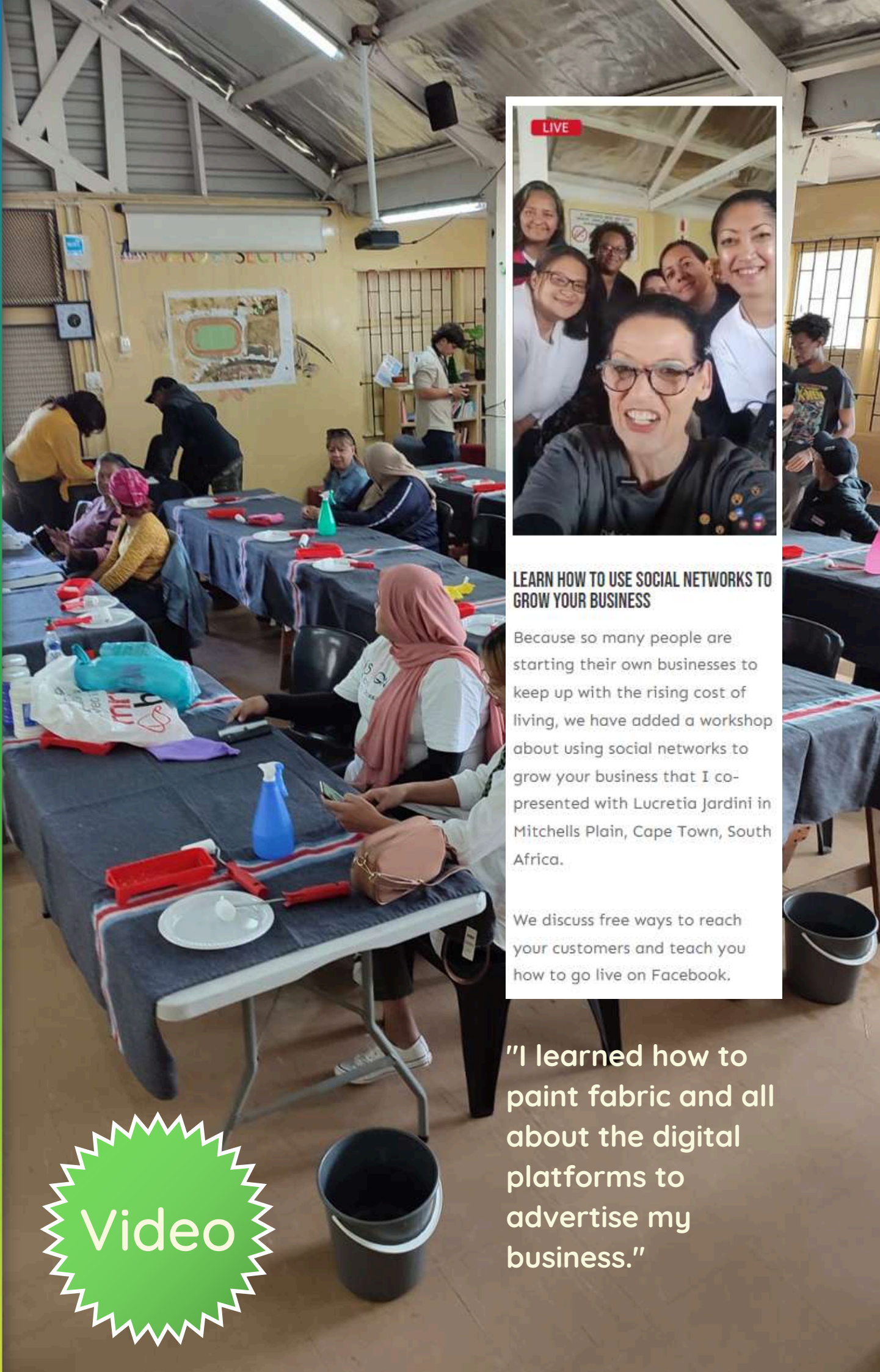
Bloom Empowering Women

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1296215310993042>

Mitchells Plain Entrepreneurs Hub

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245535659299414>





Video



LEARN HOW TO USE SOCIAL NETWORKS TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Because so many people are starting their own businesses to keep up with the rising cost of living, we have added a workshop about using social networks to grow your business that I co-presented with Lucretia Jardini in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, South Africa.

We discuss free ways to reach your customers and teach you how to go live on Facebook.

"I learned how to paint fabric and all about the digital platforms to advertise my business."



MEET YOUR TEACHER

MARIA RIPPINGALE

MARIA RIPPINGALE WEBSITE

<https://mariaswingsofenchantment.com>

FACEBOOK

<https://facebook.com/mariarippingale>

ENCHANTING DOLLS CIRCLE WAITLIST

<https://bit.ly/3PROEMF>

HOW I GOT STARTED MAKING BUTTON DOLLS DAISY THE BUTTON DOLL...

One cute little button doll started me on my journey of making button dolls. When you love doing something you go out of your way to keep on doing it right?



When you find something that brings you so much joy you will never give it up. As a child I loved playing with dolls and also loved trying to make clothes for them, even though I didn't have much in the way of sewing skills, or even the materials.... I would cut up my own outgrown dresses. Although I lived with my paternal grandmother, it was in fact my maternal grandmother who was an avid doll collector. I would visit her and spend most of my time just admiring the array of different dolls through the glass of the cabinets she kept them in... never allowed to play with them. In later years I would make cloth and knitted dolls for my own girls from other peoples designs, and also bears too. But I yearned to make my own style. Then around 15 years ago I came across a friends little button doll named Daisy and was smitten at first glance. I first saw Daisy sat on a Welsh dresser in my friend Linda's kitchen and was intrigued by her simplicity. She didn't have her daisy button or her felt angel wings then asked Linda where she had acquired her, and not surprisingly Linda told me she had made her...

Just one of many beautiful creations she has made. Linda offered to show me how to make my very own button doll and I became hooked. Little did I know that making that first button doll would set me on a journey to creating Maria's Wings of Enchantment. Linda showed me how to make different styles and we set about making a collection of Angel's in all different styles and sizes...and that is how that first button doll I ever saw got her name and angel wings. I started experimenting with all shapes and sizes and developed my own style, something I had always dreamed of. Better still, I turned that dream into an even bigger dream and created Maria's Wings of Enchantment. Why did I do that? Mainly because I'd like for others to enjoy the endless possibilities in making a button doll and feel the sense of joy it brings. But most of all it's the instant smiles they create and childlike wonder. I just can't imagine ever not making button dolls now, and giving others the chance to make them too.

GOING FORWARD. SOMETHING NEW IS COMING. Do you ever wish you could escape from the stresses of the adult world for a while and just tap into your inner child and be creative and playful? If this thought intrigues you then read on... Just imagine how much fun you could have when each month you can... Receive a button doll sewing kit to make a whimsical character and feel the satisfaction of making something with your own hands. Be in a community where you can form friendships with members who are also enjoying the playful creative process. You can also create a journal to document your journey through creativity that is surely destined to become a family keepsake.

There will also be something for the youngsters too.. Downloadable projects for rainy days or quiet time. Felt, paper and button craft projects. Downloadable paper dolls to decorate. Children's story time to ignite their imagination, and I may have guest speakers.

If you would be interested in paying a small fee for all this and more, then join my waitlist to be notified when the doors open. More doll button doll making e-books will be available via my website in the coming weeks too.

Maria has kindly added an eBook to our online course where you can sample her style of teaching.



Maria added a second button doll eBook to the online course more recently and she took us on an adventure through our button boxes in May during the button doll challenge.



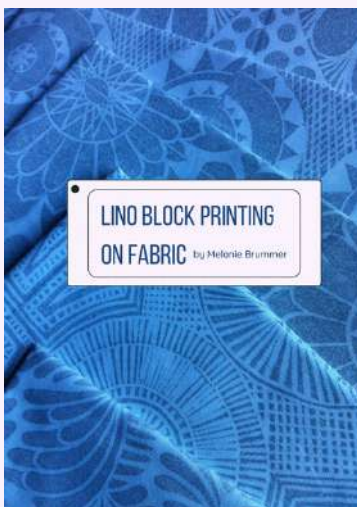


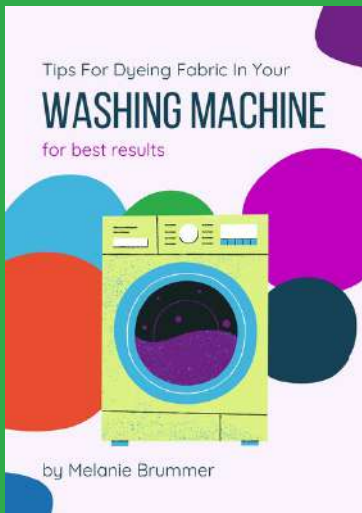
MELANIE BRUMMER

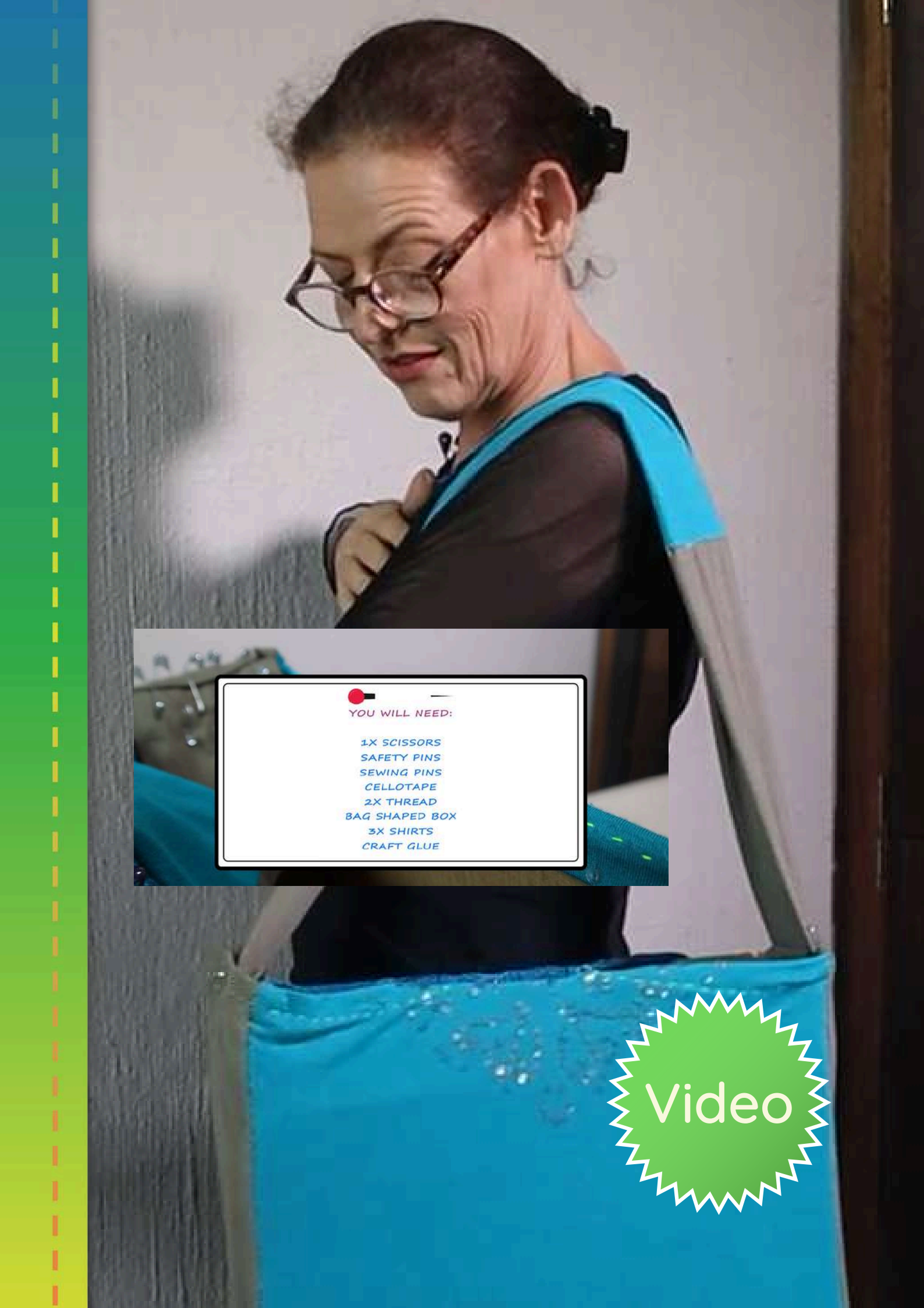
I am the founder of the Up-Cycled Cloth Collective community on Facebook with more than 220K engaged members and you can get to know me a little better in the video at this link...

<https://youtu.be/XcZ7NGSGWKw>

I have contributed a number of eBooks and videos to the online course on a wide range of different topics.







 **YOU WILL NEED:**

- 1X SCISSORS
- SAFETY PINS
- SEWING PINS
- CELLOTAPE
- 2X THREAD
- BAG SHAPED BOX
- 3X SHIRTS
- CRAFT GLUE

Video



MONTAINE BRONNER

I live in Colorado in the USA and am a retired school teacher. I've been twining for approximately seven years and in that time have made many twined rag rugs for my home, for friends and family, and to sell.

I love teaching and after discovering twined rag rugs, I was so excited by the craft and its upcycling and creative possibilities, that I wanted to teach twining rag rugs to as many people as I could. So I did. I taught in-person beginners twined rag rugs locally—until COVID hit.

I had figured out some really cool twining patterns and was getting ready to teach my new twiners some advanced skills, but COVID made that impossible. So I founded a private Facebook group just for twiners and also created online classes for advanced twining patterns.



I bring my background from 30 years of teaching and creating instructional materials for my students to the creation of my online video classes. The feedback that I get is that the classes are very easy to understand and so helpful when a twiner is ready to take their twining to the next level.

If you are interested in learning new twining skills and patterns, here's where you can purchase the self-paced video lessons (with downloadable step-by-step picture and text instructions—so you can print them and keep them next to your loom!):

Online Advanced Twining Classes

Let's Twine With Willow

<https://montainebronner.podia.com/>

Facebook Group, Let's Twine

https://www.facebook.com/groups/271536274198960/?ref=share_group_link

YouTube, Let's Twine!

<https://youtube.com/@letstwine?si=UP56rZv6v8PnlfqP>

Instagram

#lets_twine

Pinterest, Let's Twine!

<https://pin.it/2ISgzGvhe>



Video



SERATI

Ditiro Mashigo has a very elegant way of explaining complicated concepts like slow fashion. When she agreed to work on this project with us, I was so thankful to know we would have her voice in our story. Here is her inspiring interview...

<https://youtu.be/tvUw3Tq9vks>

While we were filming we captured her process of transforming a shirt into a skirt for a project for our online course.

Find her stunning garments here...

<https://www.facebook.com/SeratiLtd>



TRANSFORM A SHIRT WITH A COLLAR INTO A FASHIONABLE SKIRT

This project is presented by Ditiro Mashego, a talented fashion designer. She shows you how she transforms a shirt with a collar into a skirt, using all the pieces of the original garment. Some of the techniques in this video are more advanced. If you have any questions about this project you can ask them directly in the WhatsApp Group that we have created for teachers and students.



If you would like to join our Content Test Group on WhatsApp to test the new learning material and video before we publish it, please get in touch on +27 83 568 9150 and ask to be added?



SHARRON BARTON

Sharron Barton has served as a volunteer in the Up-Cycled Cloth Collective Admin Team since 2017.

She is the founder of the Facebook Group, The Re-Makers...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/theremakers>

And the founder of The Big Bee Sewing Club...

<https://www.facebook.com/TheBigBeeClub>

It's aimed at complete beginners to help at their pace with what they want or need to know rather than 'make another tote bag/cushion/apron you don't want and will never use'.

I'm Sharron and I live in Nottingham with assorted teenagers and young adults who come and go, a regularly visiting dog and 2 very noisy budgies (one that can't fly properly).

I love making and hate waste so can't resist rescuing fabric when I know it needs it and use these reclaimed textiles to make bags at Losana B.

I've been sewing since before I could reach the machine pedal and have never stopped.

<https://thebigbee.co.uk/>



The Big Bee Sewing Club

The Home of

Bloomin' Easy English Sewing



**WHY FABRIC GRAIN IS IMPORTANT
WITH COLLEEN JACK AND SHARRON BARTON**

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SUN GODDESS HERITAGE



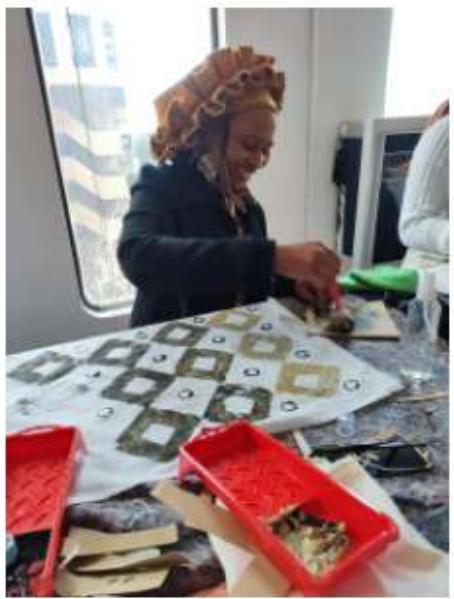
Thando Mangaliso and I met many years ago when I made bespoke fabrics for the South African fashion industry. In this conversation we talk about our journey together, and what it means to be a heritage brand in South Africa.

<https://youtu.be/sZZj4NnhG8g>



Vanya Mangaliso shares her experience from her perspective...

<https://youtu.be/oLsRgS5EvBc>



LEARN HOW TO TRANSFORM FABRIC WITH PRINTS MADE FROM OBJECTS IN YOUR HOME

This workshop is presented by me, Melanie Brummer, at the SunGoddess Heritage studios. I show you how to transform thrifted fabrics using prints that you can create using items you will find in your home.

This workshop teaches you to view your ordinary world through extra-ordinary eyes.



SUN GODDESS HERITAGE



Nandipha Mabindisa and Vanya Mangaliso chat about their shared experience in this video...

<https://youtu.be/FknIEVv-4Mc>

If you would like to connect with Nandipha directly you will find her here...

Instagram

@electus_ares

TikTok

@ares_electus

If you would like to learn more about SunGoddess Heritage...

<https://www.facebook.com/sungoddess.heritage>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003649635828>

SUN GODDESS HERITAGE



"Thriftling is a much larger community than people think."

Nandipha Mabindisa talks about how she became an intern for this prestigious heritage brand. Nandipha explains how she started up-cycling so she could dress her toys fashionably.

<https://youtu.be/FknIEVv-4Mc>



Nomzamo Zitha walks with us through the Johannesburg city streets to explore textiles at street level...

<https://www.facebook.com/melanie.brummer/videos/2257023684485880>



We had so much fun in the Printing With Found Objects Workshop that we did for students at their Academy.



THREADZ AND FADZ

Hey there! I'm Gerald Ian Fadriquela, from the Philippines.

My upcycling journey began when I started making potholders as a hobby at home. I got my first sewing machine and fell in love with creating things from old stuff. That's why I started my YouTube channel, Threadz and Fadz.

I wanted to show others how easy it is to upcycle and make cool things like potholders and more.

My goal is to get more people excited about upcycling and inspire them to join in, making a positive impact step by step.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@ThreadzandFadz>

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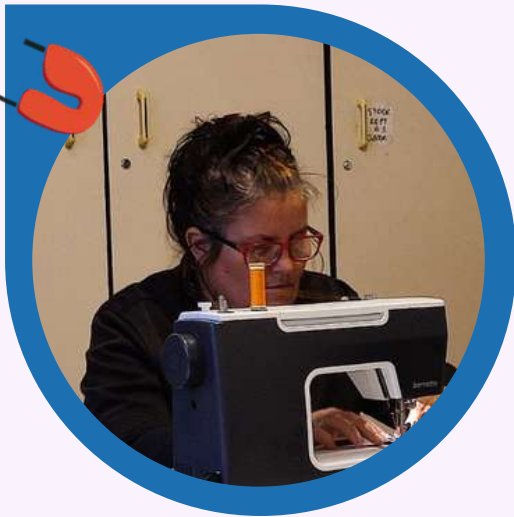


MAKE A REVERSIBLE BUCKET HAT



| Threadz and Fadz





UPCYCLE.CO.ZA

Winnie McHenry is the founder of Upcycle.co.za. She explains how she started the organization here...

<https://youtu.be/tdYDhEtxJVo>



Banele is an intern at Upcycle.co.za and he shares his experience here...

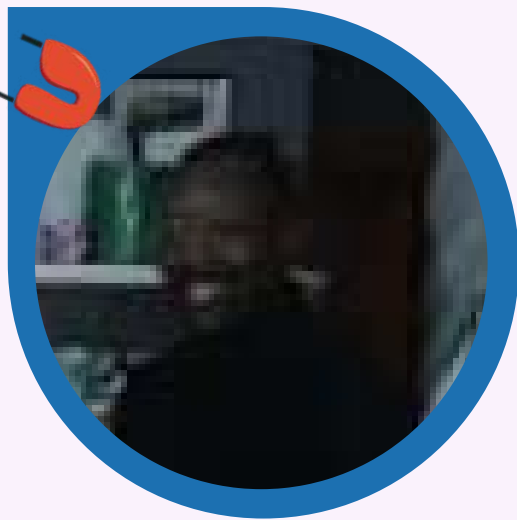
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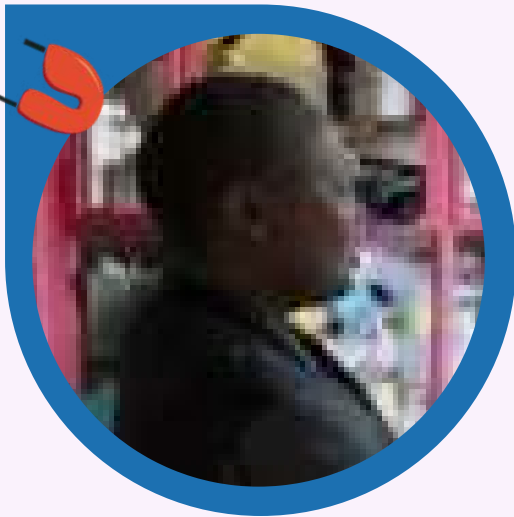
Ansha explains how she popped in out of curiosity, and ended up coming back to fill time in her gap year doing something productive...

<https://youtu.be/zLA3kzjl574>



May Maoko shares his story about how he found Upcycle.co.za to learn more about glass up-cycling, and ended up staying for years because he enjoyed the experience so much...

<https://youtu.be/3-BRsgQJcMo>



UPCYCLE.CO.ZA

Sibongile is a machinist and trainer at Upcycle.co.za...

<https://youtu.be/Pz2tR2U2DCQ>

Upcycle.co.za has found an ingenious way to use the resources that corporate companies would usually landfill. They train unemployed people and give them new skills that they can use to become self-employed.

If you would like to connect directly with Winnie you will find her here on Facebook...

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100006037004303

And this is where you can learn more about her skills development center...

www.upcycle.co.za
www.facebook.com/Upcyclecoza



CREATE A CUSHION COVER USING SEAMS FROM OLD DENIMS

This project is presented by Winnie McHenry and it is suitable for beginners with no experience.

In her video she demonstrates how to use the side seams from old denims to create a beautiful cushion cover. Her step-by-step method is really easy to follow and her tips for inserting the zip are really helpful.





VERONIKA SWANEPOEL OLIVIER

Veronika Swanepoel Olivier shares her story about how she started her career as a multi disciplinary textile artist and how she uses recycled materials in her art.

<https://youtu.be/GBwcnTfij0c>



"This project made me more aware of other people in my area who up-cycle plus I am sure it will open doors for me."

In this video she takes us on a guided tour of her studio and her work....

<https://youtu.be/HCVq0V16Zrc>



Video

Veronika also added a project for our online course for beginners.



LEARN TO USE FABRIC SWATCHES FROM DECORATORS SAMPLE BOOKS TO CREATE MIXED MEDIA ART AND JEWELRY

Veronika Swanepoel-Olivier is a multi disciplinary artist with a passion for textiles. Her deep love for all things fabric shines through in this inspiring demonstration of what is possible using the fabric samples from decorators swatch books.

She shows you how to layer the fabrics to create three dimensional artworks by adding stitching and placing the features over each other. She also shows you how to create fun jewelry using small scraps of cloth.





VERONIKA SWANEPOEL OLIVIER

If you are interested in textile art and sculpting follow Veronika at:

Instagram

www.instagram.co.za/veronikaolivierart

Facebook

www.facebook.com/veronikaolivierart

TikTok

www.tiktok.com/@artsycraftsydiy

For free online lessons subscribe to her YouTube channel...

<https://youtube.com/@VeronikaOlivierArt>

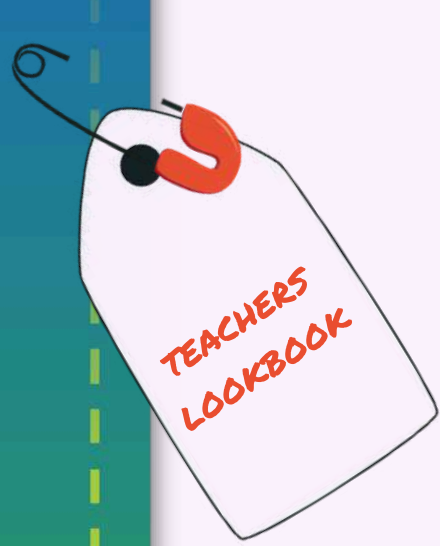


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TOPICS AND TEACHING STYLE.





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