

Fabric Corsage Workshop with Sally-Anne Thompson

You will need:

- Pieces of medium / lightweight fabrics
- Narrow elastic bands
- Buttons
- Scraps of card
- Scissors
- (Optional - floristry wires, blank cards and envelopes, safety pins, ribbons)

Method:

1. Cut some templates from scraps of card - 4/5" circles and squares.
2. Draw around the templates onto a range of fabrics - or cut freehand if you prefer.
3. Tweak the edge of the fabrics if you like a frilled edge.
4. Select 4 or 5 pieces of fabric and layer them one on top of the other.
5. Place a button in the centre of the layers.
6. Gather up the fabric, enclosing the button.
7. Secure the button in place by wrapping an elastic band around snugly.
8. Gently pull out each layer to open out the 'bud' into a full bloom.

Use to adorn presents, decorate greeting cards, attach to ribbon for a wrist corsage/ bag charm or attach to floristry wire to make a stemmed fabric flower.

Enjoy!

Sally Anne Thompson - Artist Statement

I studied Theatre Wardrobe and Costume History at The City of Liverpool Community College.

I worked as a cutter/ maker at The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester and later as a costume curator mounting costume for exhibition at Manchester City Art Gallery and The Grosvenor Museum in Chester.

Alongside freelance work I design and make collections of leather bags inspired by recent and historical fashion.