



Autumn Quilt Camp September 15th - 19th 2019

Autumn is a wonderful time to start a new project, take up a hobby or rekindle an interest from another time in our lives. Many of us learned how to sew at school but have lost touch with the skills as busy lives and work commitments took over. This September we are offering you the chance to sew, relax, learn and enjoy while experiencing a unique holiday on the banks of the Shannon. We combine our quilting break with "glamping". The result is the most fun you can possibly have in a short break in Ireland if you have even a spark of interest in creative sewing.



Our four days begin with arrival at Carrick Camping on Sunday afternoon for our wonderful short break; four days of sewing fun with good company, lots of entertainment and lovely food.

Carrick Camping is situated in a very peaceful rural riverside setting, yet still very close to the busy tourist town of Carrick-on-Shannon. The Campsite offers a range of accommodation options from comfy bell tents, to cosy Shepherd's Huts and funky caravans. B&B, self catering and hotel room and

"Day Girl" packages are also available by arrangement for those reluctant to "Glamp" - you can still join all the fun from sun-up till past sundown.

This Quilt camp is especially tailored to suit beginners of all levels - even experienced beginners!



*First-Timers Quilts can be pre-cut in advance and ready to just sit down and begin - no previous quilt-making experience necessary. There will be a basic machine-sewing skills tutorial at the start of the workshop, and sewing machines can be provided for anyone that needs one.



Sunday 15th September

On our first evening we will have time (4.00 - 6.00 p.m.) for an introduction to a choice of planned sewing projects, a chance to CHOOSE what suits you - there will be a variety of options that can suit all skill levels and preferences, and a choice of "Goody Bags".

Each presentation pack or Goody-Bag will contain all the fabrics required to complete a small-medium size quilt top; typically it will contain:

One Current Moda "Layer cake"

Background fabric

Border Print

Binding fabric

(extras including embroidery thread, fusibles etc. will be added should these be required for the chosen pattern)

We can have time to consider different options, choose from a lovely selection of colours and styles from modern to traditional, and make some first stage preparations if time permits.

Sunday evening will be devoted to meeting and greeting everyone joining us, taking time especially to welcome our first-time quilters. We will have a chance to get to know each other as a group, and then to be introduced the choice of projects. For first timers, there will be a couple of very easy but beautiful first quilts - all cut out and ready to start - in a variety of modern contemporary OR traditionally pretty fabric combinations. More experienced stitchers can use this time to get fully acquainted with their chosen pack, study the patterns, and prepare for a great day of sewing on Friday

Dinner will be a tasty chef catered meal - with choice of main course and a few delicious desserts eaten on the terrace, around the campfire, or alternatively in the kitchen dining area if weather conditions force us indoors. Dinner will be followed by Campfire stories, Show and Tell by Gaye's Team then fun and craic till bedtime.



Monday 16th September

Day 1 is "Sew All Day Monday" with a stop of course for a lovely lunch.

This is the day set aside to provide all beginners with expert tuition on all the basics; preparation, cutting as required, and getting to know the sewing machine.

Our more experienced quilters can use this day to get ahead with preparing, cutting and sewing their chosen quilt design.

After some time to relax, we will assemble to travel in to town on the famous Dragon-Boat - weather permitting, alternative transport will be arranged if the river is choppy. (The Dragon Boat is of course Francis Brennan's favourite mode of travel when in town, so we do hope to get at least one excursion on it during our stay) Once arrived in town we will enjoy pre-dinner drinks on a riverside terrace or cosy bar, followed by fabulous well-earned dinner at The Bush Hotel.



Tuesday 17th September

Another lovely mellow sewing morning

Sewing 9.30 - 12.30

Lunch

2.00 - 4.00p.m. Visit, explore and walk along the Shannon Blueway, then return via Lena's Award winning Tearooms in Carrick-on Shannon for a cuppa and scone/sweet bite. we will take an afternoon break for some quiet time, an exchange of ideas and stories, or a peaceful wander along the riverbank if the weather is on our side - bring suitable clothes for Irish Autumn OR an Indian Summer...you never can tell! We will assemble again early evening and after some pre dinner relaxation enjoy a marvellous BBQ to celebrate all the hard work of the day finishing off around the campfire with some stories and maybe even a song or two.



Wednesday 18th September

On our third morning at Camp, we are free to choose - you could take the morning off to do as you please, sleep in, explore, or try your hand (and feet) at stand-up paddle boarding on the Shannon!

Of course you can also sew if you wish to - your choice of hand-sewing or machine sewing 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. - join in when it suits you - these times are guidelines only.



Lunch 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Sewing 2-4pm then we will take an afternoon break for some quiet time, an exchange of ideas and stories, or a peaceful wander along the riverbank if the weather is on our side - bring suitable clothes for Irish Autumn or an Indian Summer...you never can tell!

A gastro treat lies ahead on Wednesday evening with dinner in the multi award winning Oarsman and to top off your night a trip and a nightcap or two in Gene Anderson's Thatch Pub with ceol agus craic and maybe a ceili dance.



Thursday 19th September

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Finishing touches: Advice on next steps, incorporating personalised features into our quilts, adding borders or bindings and then preparing or sending the quilt top to be quilted, PLUS how to make a lovely label - the essential finishing touch.

Sewing - time to finish off, plan what comes next - share stories before we leave

(Check out of accommodation 12.30 - 1.00 p.m.)

1.00 p.m. Last lunch

2.00 - 4.00 p.m. additional sewing time can be arranged on request, then it is up the lane and away home

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*You can always book an additional night to stay and sew some more!



Cost: Four-day Total including accommodation / meals / excursions / materials €495.00
€95.00 deposit payment with confirmed booking, balance to be paid in full 10 days prior to arrival.
Balance can be paid in two or more instalments, ask for details.

This price is based on two persons minimum in shared tents.

€50 surcharge for Bell Tent single occupancy.

Surcharge for Shepherd's Hut €30.00 per night per Hut / €15.00 per person based on a minimum of two sharing.(Shepherds huts sleep 2 - 3 persons)



NEW for 2019 VINTAGE CARAVAN - €20 surcharge per night / €10.00 per person based on
A minimum of two persons sharing. Caravans (Choice of) can sleep 1-2 persons)
Packages for B&B / Self catering, Hotel and Day Girl options available on request.
Surcharges listed can be agreed in advance and paid on arrival on site.

Your package includes:

All meals inc. self catered breakfast with fresh deliveries each morning of baked goods, fruit and other breakfast favourites.

Presentation pack of fabrics, with a wide choice of colours, style and level of difficulty

Transport for all excursions, plus Shannon Boat Trip.

Tuition