



Made in Clerkenwell

Winter Open Studios at Craft Central

The ultimate shopping treat! Meet with over 70 designer makers, gain an insight into their working practices and be inspired by exceptional craft and design...

Dates: Thursday 27 November, 6-8pm
Friday 28 - Sunday 30 November, 12noon - 6pm

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS and 21 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DX
Admission: £2.50 per person, under 16's free



Virginia McArdle



Michelle Mason



Bailey Tomlin



Keep and Share



Freeload Accessories

Step out of the cold and unearth this oasis in the city; a hot bed of cutting edge craft and design. Visitors are thoroughly spoilt this Christmas as Craft Central opens its doors with **Made In Clerkenwell** - a unique shopping event, offering a 'behind the scenes' chance to explore the studios and mingle with the community of renowned designers. Avoid the nightmare before Christmas and take advantage of this magnificent opportunity to buy distinctive pieces of jewellery, fashion, interior products, ceramics, accessories and traditional crafts by designers at the forefront of their disciplines.

Prepare to be tempted and to put an end to bad presents! Whether selecting a unique gift or browsing for personal pleasure, this exceptional shopping treat will be topped off by meeting the maker and discovering the studio in which they work their magic. Wow your friends by commissioning your own piece or discover a bespoke design service that will make you the envy of the street!

Brimming with talent, Made In Clerkenwell showcases work from over 70 designers, with many launching new products. Don't miss the launch of **The Plant's** new giant Christmas card range of large pop up intricately cut out cards!

Made in Clerkenwell is renowned for great jewellery design and this winter is no exception! **Passionate About Vintage** present fascinating pieces lovingly constructed from carefully selected vintage beads, which convey a true passion for antique costume jewellery. Continuing the vintage fashion theme, architect and milliner **Monique Luttin** will show her range of berets alongside high-end couture millinery pieces featuring vintage detail. Of course, every girl knows no outfit is complete without a bag... **Freeload Accessories** will be introducing stylish and unique leather handbags and funky purses.

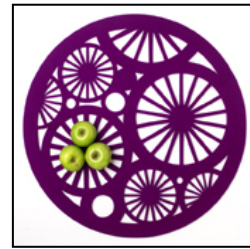
Once you have finished decorating yourself, why not focus on your home? You will be spoilt for choice, with **Emily Jo Gibb's** intriguing 'nature table' display of delightful silver and felt boxes and **Lok Ming Fung's** endearing 'Oohh...' range of ceramics, or light up your house with **Francisca Prieto's** exclusive 'Blossom Pendant Light'. Organise yourself with interior product designer **Susan Bradley's** innovative 'Blossom and Butterfly' memo board!

Discover the delightful studio of bookbinder **Virginia McArdle**, who is best known for her original approach to producing a variety of desirable book and print products. Go back to the roots of making and discover the fascinating processes!

Further information on participating designer makers and high quality visuals are available from Craft Central:
020 7251 0276 onshow@craftcentral.org.uk

Special Feature Exhibition: Bright Ideas Boutique

A sextet of stylish intelligent design;
bright ideas to buy!



The **Bright Ideas** Scheme offers six awards to designer makers, enabling them to focus on developing one new product over six months from 'bright idea' stage through to 'ready for sale' product. Representing excellence in craft, originality and flair the selected designers are recognised as 'ones to watch' from current UK talent.

Following the successful Bright Ideas launch at the Southbank Design Shop during the London Design Festival in September 2008, the exciting new products will be up for grabs again at Craft Central's one-off Bright Ideas Boutique in November.

Be amongst the first to own a luxury felt wool rug from **Michelle Mason**, a quirky sandcastle vase from **Rebecca Chitty** or select from **Selina Rose's** striking wallpaper designs. Also discover beautifully woven fabric tea and coffee cosies from **Margo Selby**, celtic inspired perspex bangles from **Sasha Boyo** and distinctive wooden bangles from newcomer **Anthony Roussel**.

Spruce up your home in time for Christmas or pick up those essential stocking fillers from six up and coming UK designers!

Notes to the Editor...

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Craft Central's dynamic Network connects over 400 UK designer-makers, helping them to discover valuable opportunities and benefit from really practical and well thought-out services and resources. Craft Central takes time to understand makers and encourages them to develop groundbreaking new work. Alongside this support, Craft Central promotes cutting edge craft and design to the public through an exciting programme of innovative exhibitions and events.

The Bright ideas Scheme www.craftcentral.org.uk/brightideas

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Special Services for Industry and Press...

Media and buyers industry are invited to use Craft Central as a resource. Craft Central's current Network includes a portfolio of almost 400 cutting edge designers producing work in a vast array of disciplines (including; fashion, textiles, accessories, jewellery and interior products). Craft Central can help you source new products, maker's profiles, accessories for shoots, news stories and more.

In order to bring talented designers and trade professionals together Craft Central offers a range of special service for industry and press visitors...

Designer Introductions... Bringing talented designers and trade professionals together.

To maximise your time, Craft Central can arrange a day of meetings providing the chance to view and discuss work by designers selected to match your requirements. International buyers already utilise this service and find it an essential tool when sourcing new products. These meetings take place at Craft Centra's offices in London EC1M. View a selection of Craft Central designers in the online Designer Maker Gallery and just let us know if you would like to organize an appointment!

www.craftcentral.org.uk/designermakergallery

Keeping you in touch... Keep up to date with the hottest design talent!

Throughout the year Craft Central organises an exciting programme of exhibitions and events to promote new work by contemporary designers. Press releases are circulated regularly, but if you have a specific request please get in touch!

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