

  
*Alison Whateley Design*

Textile art for you and your home

## 2 Day Textile Art Workshop Abstract Coastal



Join me to create your very own unique abstract coastal themed piece of textile art using appliqué and free motion embroidery. I'll be there to guide you every step of the way, providing demonstrations and hands-on assistance.

At the heart of this workshop is the desire to evoke the spirit of the coast with fabric, thread and mixed media. You will start by making some wrapped cords which you can later incorporate into your work to represent seaweed covered fishing ropes. I will also show you how to use an embellishing machine to manipulate fabrics and create texture.

Then starting at the top of your piece you will gradually work downwards, each layer of fabric inspiring the next. I will demonstrate how to use texture and colour to enhance your piece, and help you choose fabrics that will best convey the movement and feel of the coast.

Once you have layered up your chosen fabrics and stitched them in place, you will then turn your attention to adding the smaller details to your piece. There will be a large selection of embellishments available including buttons, beads and coastal finds. I will help you with selecting and placement of these to create balance in your work. You will be stitching these in place by hand and also incorporating some hand embroidery stitches too if appropriate.

**ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED**

The size of your finished piece will be approximately 9" x 17"

The piece you create will be designed to have the rough edges on show, and I would recommend getting it float mounted and framed once it is finished.

**This workshop is suitable for those who have already had some experience in free motion machine embroidery and also basic hand embroidery.**

IMPORTANT.....WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU

- A sewing machine that can be adapted for free motion sewing ( you will need to be able to drop the feed dog or have a plate that fits over the top )
- Free motion foot / darning foot compatible with your machine
- Spare bobbins
- Reel of invisible thread ( I do sell this if you haven't got any)
- Basic sewing kit
- Embroidery needles for your sewing machine. I would recommend a 75/11 size.

**I provide tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the workshop, but you will need to bring your own lunch.**