



CLASS
SPACES:
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Silk Rods & Cocoons Demystified

Liz Wilson

2 DAYS: Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9

Level: All levels

Technique(s): Silk paper making

Kit cost: \$35

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

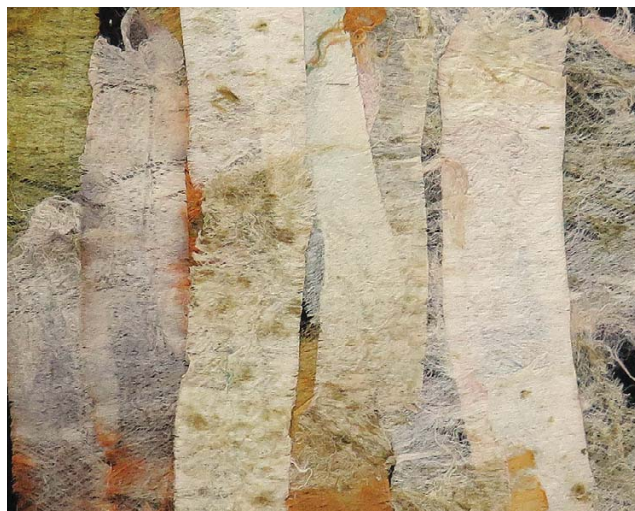
Using dyed silk rods, cocoons, strippings and silk organza, you will discover the different properties of silk using the natural sericin (or gum) produced by the silk worm to make its cocoon. The rods and strippings can be used to make 'paper' which can be stitched and embellished, or the rods used whole along with cocoons, to stitch and make into an art piece. The choice of completed project is yours, with direction provided... perhaps a bowl, book cover or art piece.



ABOUT THE TUTOR...

From a traditional stitch background, becoming a member of a UK guild opened Liz's eyes to the more creative side of embroidery. Attending workshops has developed her strong interest in textile manipulation and dyeing processes. She enjoys the serendipity of these techniques, and sharing her passion for stitch with others.





WORKSHOP NEEDS LIST

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Total costs: 2-day workshop fee: \$200 + kit cost: \$35 = **\$235**

This is a fun experimental class where you will learn lots about silk and what you can do with its fibre and a bit of imagination.

The kitset will include:

- Silk carrier rods dyed – large variety of colours to choose from
- Silk carrier rods undyed
- Silk cocoons dyed – large variety of colours to choose from
- Silk cocoons undyed
- Stamps and ink
- Markal (Shiva) sticks
- Baking paper



You will need to bring:

- **Plastic to cover work area**
- **Piece of fabric you would like to use as a background.**
Could be calico, cotton, felt etc in colour of your choice. Could be slightly patterned, but it is to show off your new silk fabric and stitching. I suggest a couple of fat quarter size pieces.
- **Hand sewing threads in your preferred colours – eg Stranded, Perle 8 or 12, novelty etc**
- **Sewing machine** (*optional – if you are used to free motion stitching*)
- **Machine threads if bringing a machine**
- **Beads and other embellishments if you like to add them to your stitching**
- **Your usual sewing kit including hoops, sharp scissors, needles, pins, magnifying glass etc**
- **Notebook and pen**
- **Nail file and hand cream!** The fine silk catches on rough nails

