

Japanese Thimbles

Workshop with Kathryn Thompson

10am -4pm

Saturday 15th July 2017

All Hallows Centre, Greenhill Road, Liverpool L18 6JJ

Cost-

Members £20

Visitors £25



Visitors Welcome

To book a place contact Helen coursebooking@megonline.co.uk

Yubinuki thimbles are padded fabric rings decorated with silk thread. The origin of this style of thimble is credited to the Kaga region of old Japan, hence the term *kaga yubinuki*. When the term "yubinuki" is used in English, it is almost always in reference to this unique type of embroidered thimble.

Temari and Yubinuki are related in that they both apply colourful geometric patterns of silk thread to a padded, curved surface. Yubinuki, however, are easier: there are fewer divisions to keep track of, only one stitch to remember, and they are generally much smaller.

The materials to make a yubinuki are fantastically simple. You need only a small piece of fabric, a needle, some thread in a few colours, some strips of paper, and a little padding. The Japanese use loose-fibre silk padding, but for those stitching in the west, I find that a bit of an unrolled cotton ball works just as well.