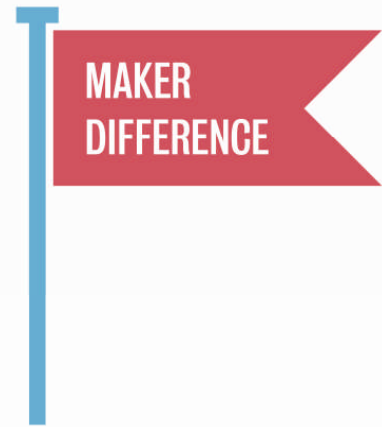


# COCKPIT ARTS



## Maker Difference at Cockpit Arts Open Studios

12-14 June 2009, Holborn  
19-21 June 2009, Deptford  
[www.cockpitarts.com](http://www.cockpitarts.com)  
FREE ENTRY

*“...be sure to schedule in a visit to Cockpit Arts' Open Studio days...” Vogue*

Press Release 19 March 2009: Exceptional work is skillfully crafted by talented designer-makers everyday in the UK. On 12-14 June (Holborn) and 19-21 June (Deptford) you can meet the cream of the crop at Cockpit Arts Open Studios. Look out for fabulous fashion buys; new jewellery pieces for Coutts London Jewellery Week; cool home collectables and more from £5 - £5,000 as well as free 'Maker Difference' attractions to inspire and entertain:

**Star Buys** treasure trail by Beyond the Valley - cool brand 2008/09.

**\*Quick Collect** bite-size tours by leading craft collecting experts.

**\*\*Makers Makes** designer-makers' activities for all - from letterpress printing to badge making.

**Design Shorts** film screenings about designer-makers.

**Love Your Stuff** evolving gallery.

**Meet the Team** drop in sessions for budding designer-makers.

**Pop-up Cafés** by Kennards Good Foods and East Dulwich Deli.

This year Cockpit Arts is campaigning for everyone to 'Maker Difference' by supporting independent UK designer-makers. Not only is it important for the future of UK creativity but the experience can be rewarding for everyone involved. Cockpit Arts, Chief Executive Vanessa Swann gives her take:

*“Opting to buy beautifully made creations to treasure and keep is a more sustainable way to shop and live, and the process of interacting with designer-makers is also great fun - enabling you to get involved creatively. What's more, the pieces are unique; they stand out from the crowd and can even be a long term investment – so it is an all round win-win situation.”*

Find out more and visit the dedicated Maker Difference section at [www.cockpitarts.com](http://www.cockpitarts.com). Launching in mid-May – this will be packed with events, tips, guides, films and the latest work by designer-makers.

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## Open Studios Listings Information

### Cockpit Arts HOLBORN

Friday 12 June, 7-9pm, Saturday 13 June – Sunday 14 June, 11am-6pm  
(Friday 12 June, 5.30-7pm VIP RECEPTION & PRESS CALL – invitation only)  
Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London, WC12 2NP  
Tubes: Holborn, Chancery Lane & Russell Square

### Cockpit Arts DEPTFORD

Friday 19 June, 6-9pm, Saturday 20 June – Sunday 21 June, 11am-6pm  
18-22 Creekside, London SE8 3DZ  
Tubes/BR: Deptford Bridge DLR, Deptford overground, Greenwich/Cutty Sark DLR

**Free Entry. Information:** [www.cockpitarts.com](http://www.cockpitarts.com), [info@cockpitarts.com](mailto:info@cockpitarts.com), 020 7419 1959

#### \* Quick Collect experts include:

Corrine Julius, Design Critic and writer, Evening Standard  
Yvonna Demczynska, Director of Flow Gallery  
Jacqueline Gestetner, Collector and Cockpit Arts Friend

#### \*\* Makers Makes include:

Badge Making with Bubsie  
Knitting Mice with Laura Long  
Letterpress Printing with SORT  
Inlaying Ceramics with Liz Emtage  
Pottery Puzzles with Jo Heckett  
Tool Time with Angie Boothroyd, carréducker and Richard Mattingly

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## Editors Notes

**Cockpit Arts** is a charity and the UK's only creative-business incubator for designer-makers. It is a renowned hotbed of creative talent, helping 165 resident designer-makers to grow their businesses and hundreds more through a dedicated professional development programme.

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## Cockpit Arts' Maker Difference Manifesto



### Maker Difference to your lifestyle

Don't be a slave to dull shopping - get in touch with your creative side, meet designers, see unique pieces in the making and discover trends as they unfold.

### Maker Difference to the landfill

One stunning key piece can transform a look. Live, and shop, more sustainably through buying beautifully made pieces to be treasured and kept.

### Maker Difference to your finances

Be clever with your credit-crunch spending - investing in high-quality craft can be a tangible investment to be enjoyed while it accumulates value.

### Maker Difference to creativity in the UK

Buying exciting work by UK designer-makers supports independent businesses and enables them to continue creating inspiring work.

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