

## Liberty selects the best Christmas Gifts at Cockpit Arts Open Studios 2009

Press Release, October 2009: Come to Cockpit Arts Open Studios on 27-29 November (Holborn) and 4-6 December (Deptford) and get into the festive spirit by buying your Christmas gifts direct from the talented designer-makers who've created them. You will find perfect presents, fashion accessories, homeware, decorations and more from £5 - £5,000. To help you make your pick - Michelle Alger, Buying Manager for Gift and Home from Liberty has made the following recommendations:

### **Liberty selects Tamasyn Gambell for Best Christmas Gifts for Her**

***Recycled Notebooks covered in printed reclaimed vintage scarves, £17.***



From show stopping accessories to stocking filler fun – Tamasyn Gambell makes gifts that won't cost the earth. Tamasyn graduated from the Royal College of Art in 2005 and has since been the recipient of the Cockpit Arts NADFAS Award. This award provided Tamasyn with a studio space in Cockpit Arts Holborn and access to business and professional development support. Tamasyn believes in high quality, timeless design using the most eco friendly methods available. She strives to create the ultimate guilt free luxury.

### **Liberty selects Soner Ozenc for Best Christmas Gifts for Him** ***Stamp Mirror, UK postal stamp acrylic mirror £19.***

Gadgets and gizmos become a bore – find refreshing gift ideas for 'him' by Soner Ozenc. Based at Cockpit Arts Holborn, Soner is an award winning product designer who continuously generates innovative ideas and, with the help of Cockpit Arts, turns them into marketable products. His product range includes Sajjadah 1426, an illuminating prayer mat which glows brighter in the direction of Mecca and his UK mirrors series in the shape of flags, coins and postage stamps.



**Liberty selects Mica Hirosawa for the Best Christmas Gifts for Little Ones**

***Teddy Bears, Handmade using hand woven flowers fabrics in Geelong wool, Large (32 x 35cm approx ) £80, Small (23cm x 12cm approx), £28.***



These special little treasures for your special little treasures are by Mica Hirosawa. Mica is known for creating exquisite woven scarves at her Cockpit Arts Holborn studio using softest lambswool, cashmere and lustrous silks. She also creates these wonderfully soft and cuddly children's teddy bears, baby's blankets and luxury hot water bottle covers.

**Liberty selects Eleanor Pritchard for the Best for your Christmas Home**

***Square Peg Blanket, 100% wool with blanket stitch edging (150 x 175 cm approx), £194.***

Trash the tatty tinsel and give your home a long-lasting treat with delectable textiles by Eleanor Pritchard. A love of pattern, colour and texture runs through all of Eleanor's pieces which celebrate traditional British fabrics. Eleanor's design work, sampling and bespoke hand-weaving is carried out at her studio at Cockpit Arts Deptford. Her beautifully woven blankets have become a firm favourite of visitors to Cockpit Arts Open Studios.



**Liberty selects Adele Brereton for the Best Extraordinary Gifts**

***Bell Necklace in silver, wood & 18ct gold, £640.***



Covetable collectables by Adele Brereton for those who want to indulge and blow the budget. New to Cockpit Arts Deptford, Adele is one to watch. Her award winning collections are based upon the traditional silversmithing technique of hand raising, where a flat sheet of metal is hammered into a hollow form. Adele uses this process in an instinctive and spontaneous way in order that each piece has an individual and natural quality - making them truly unique.

# COCKPIT ARTS

Open Studios is a great opportunity to see behind the scenes in the Cockpit Arts studios, meet designer-makers over a glass of mulled wine and enjoy festive attractions. We have creative fun and games for little ones - such as decorating Christmas birds with Abigail Brown - as well as a prize draw to win a Cockpit Christmas Tree decorated with bespoke ornaments by makers, a stunning Alumni showcase and Pop-up Cafés serving festive fare. Open Studios is part of Cockpit Arts' Maker Difference campaign to raise awareness of and support for independent designer-maker businesses that create exceptional work in the UK. Log onto [www.cockpitarts.com/makerdifference](http://www.cockpitarts.com/makerdifference) and find out more.

## Cockpit Arts Holborn

Fri 27 November (11am - 9pm), Sat 28 November - Sun 29 November (11am - 6pm)  
Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London, WC1N 2NP.  
Tubes: Holborn, Russell Square & Chancery Lane.

## Cockpit Arts Deptford

Fri 4 December (11am - 9pm), Sat 5 December - Sun 6 December (11am - 6pm)  
18-22 Creekside, London, SE8 3DZ.  
Tubes/Trains: Greenwich Cutty Sark, Deptford Bridge & Deptford DLR

For maps, directions and disabled access: [www.cockpitarts.com](http://www.cockpitarts.com), 020 7419 1959  
Entry £5 joint ticket or £3 Deptford only. Free entry for children under 15  
Free entry at Deptford on Friday 4 December

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## Editors Notes

**Cockpit Arts** is a social enterprise 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 professional development workshops and seminars.  
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