



MERRY MAKING

Learn to make exquisite Christmas cards using the art of paper-cutting, as favoured by contemporary artists such as Rob Ryan and Peter Callesden. Considering it has its roots in sixth-century China and European folk art, this timeless craft looks quite modern and can be used to magical effect. Classes at London's The Make Lounge on 29th November or 3rd December cost £48. 020 7609 0275; themakelounge.com



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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Turn your favourite fabric into a funky lampshade in a workshop at The Makery, Bath on 17th November or 11th December. Take half a metre of material and transform it into a glorious centrepiece for your living room or a pretty shade for a guestroom. For festive flair, we love Pierre Frey's vintage-style 'Tyrol Rouge' or Zimmer & Rohde's alpine 'Refuge'. Places cost £45. 01225 421175; themakeryonline.co.uk

Natty knits

Don't worry if you don't know your knit from your purl - you'll be taught all the knitting essentials on two courses at Toft Alpacas in Warwickshire. Using alpaca yarn produced on the farm, you can either make a Christmas stocking in a workshop on 9th December or felt wool decorations for the tree on 17th December. Both classes cost £45. 01788 810626; thetoftalpacashop.co.uk

