

LUNA & THE DREAMY DRESS

Meet our newest friend

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THE KINDNESS PAPERS
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**“THERE IS NOTHING MORE TRULY
ARTISTIC THAN TO LOVE PEOPLE.”**



- VAN GOGH

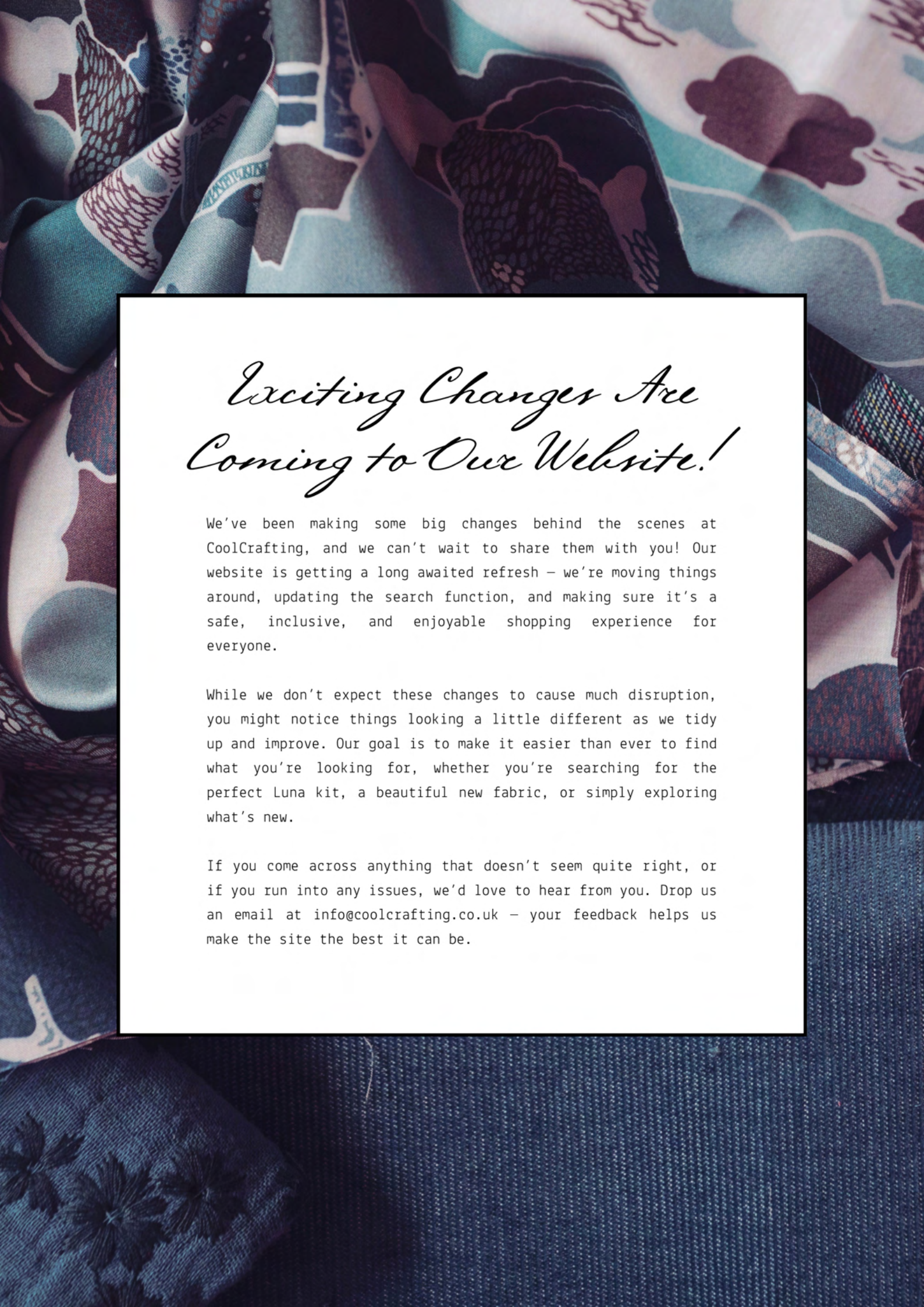
This month's quote speaks to the very heart of our community—where creativity and kindness are stitched together in every project, every shared tip, and every moment of connection.

Recently, Mum rediscovered her love of art history after a visit to the Bowes Museum in January. She has always been fascinated by finding the people in art—the quiet moments, the everyday gestures that transform a painting into a living, breathing snapshot of life. Art and sewing have this in common: both are ways of capturing and cherishing the world around us, of sharing something of ourselves with others.



Here are just a few small acts of kindness

- Walk the dog of a friend who needs a break.
- Offer to teach someone a new skill such as sewing or knitting
- Volunteer for a local cause or charity event for an hour or two.
- Use your scraps to make something you can give away as “just because” gifts
- Leave a positive review for a local small business or service you love



Exciting Changes Are Coming to Our Website!

We've been making some big changes behind the scenes at CoolCrafting, and we can't wait to share them with you! Our website is getting a long awaited refresh – we're moving things around, updating the search function, and making sure it's a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable shopping experience for everyone.

While we don't expect these changes to cause much disruption, you might notice things looking a little different as we tidy up and improve. Our goal is to make it easier than ever to find what you're looking for, whether you're searching for the perfect Luna kit, a beautiful new fabric, or simply exploring what's new.

If you come across anything that doesn't seem quite right, or if you run into any issues, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email at info@coolcrafting.co.uk – your feedback helps us make the site the best it can be.

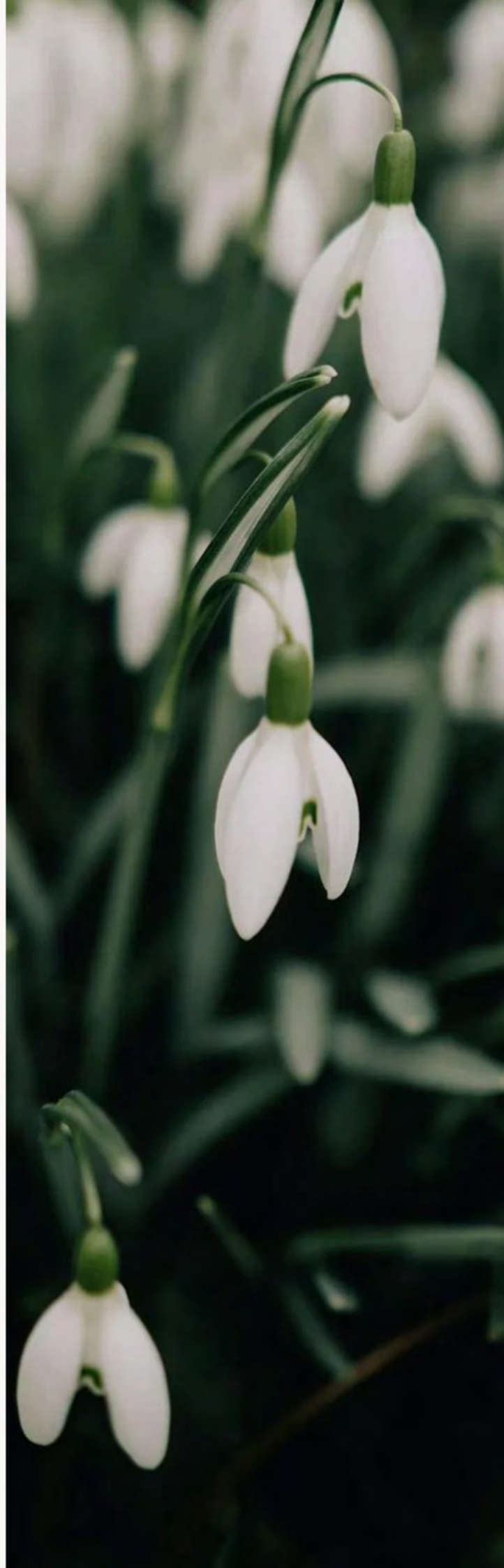
A CUMBRIAN MARCH MEANDER

**Come with us to search for
signs of spring**

The first hint of spring carries a sharp freshness, and the paths over Birkrigg Common feel firm underfoot, no longer thick with winter's sodden weight. The sky stretches wide, grey-blue and streaked with the hush of distant gulls.

Passing the stone circle, we pause to wonder at the hands that placed these rocks centuries ago—standing stones that have seen the shifting of seasons, the passing of countless walkers like us. The wind moves through the gorse, yellow blossoms flickering like candle flames against the moorland's deep brown.

From here, we step into the hush of Seawood, where the scent of damp earth and salt mingles. Tiny green shoots unfurl at the foot of beech and oak, the earliest signs of new life. The wood opens onto the beach, where the tide has left a jumble of gifts: smooth driftwood, tangled seaweed, pebbles with veins of quartz. We crouch to search for seaglass, those tiny, wave-polished fragments that glow in the palm like captured light. Overhead, the first nesting birds call across the estuary, a reminder that warmer days are coming.





LUNA LAPIN AND

The Dreamy Dress

Clementine the cat had always known that Luna Lapin had a special way of making things better. So when her niece, Cinnamon, arrived at her door with downcast ears and a tail that barely twitched, Clementine knew just who to call.

Cinnamon's world had changed so suddenly. Her mum had been very, very poorly, and now she was in the hospital. No one could say exactly when she would be home, and though Clementine was doing her best to look after her, Cinnamon felt like a boat cut loose from its mooring, drifting out into an ocean of worry.

Luna arrived with a basket of ideas, each one carefully chosen to lift Cinnamon's spirits. First, they went to the park, where the autumn leaves danced in the crisp breeze. Luna suggested they climb the oak tree or feed the ducks, but Cinnamon only sighed. "I'm too old for that," she murmured, curling her tail around herself.

Next, they wandered into town, where the warm scent of sweet sticky buns curled out of the bakery door. "Let's get a treat," Luna suggested, pressing her nose against the glass to admire the golden pastries. But Cinnamon shook her head. "I'm not hungry," she said softly.

Determined not to give up, Luna took Cinnamon to see Dora the pig who was sowing seeds for the upcoming flower show. "A bit of earth on your paws is good for the soul," Dora said kindly, handing Cinnamon a tiny packet of sweet pea seeds. But Cinnamon frowned. "It's too muddy," she muttered, turning away.

Luna and Clementine exchanged glances. They needed something different—something just right.

That was when Luna had an idea.



She took Cinnamon by the paw and led her up the cobbled lane to a charming little haberdashery, tucked neatly between a cafe and the chocolate shop. Inside, the shelves were a rainbow of ribbons, buttons, and bolts of fabric stacked like storybooks waiting to be opened, in the back was a yarn shop, each ball like a great soft jewel. Cinnamon's blue eyes grew wide at the sight of them. Her mum would love this little shop, when she was well, she was always making something!

Fiona the fieldmouse and Rachel the dormouse greeted them warmly. "Looking for something special?" Fiona asked, adjusting her tiny glasses.

Luna smiled. "Cinnamon needs a project."

Together, they explored the shop, feeling the silks, velvets, and cottons and tulle. Then Cinnamon's whiskers twitched. Her paw lingered over a bolt of soft Liberty print fabric, its delicate blue flowers whispering of something familiar.

"That looks like Clementine's dress," Cinnamon said, glancing at her aunt, who smiled and gave a little twirl. "My Dreamy Dress!" Clementine beamed. "We could make one just for you."

So they did.

Back in Luna's sewing room, the three of them settled around the table, snipping, pinning, and stitching. The soft click of scissors and the gentle hum of the sewing machine filled the space as Cinnamon's paws moved carefully, learning to guide the needle through the fabric. At first, her stitches were uneven, but Luna showed her how to take her time, how to breathe through each step, and soon, her confidence grew.

As she worked, the words began to spill out.

She told them about the dresses her mum used to make for her, about the way she would hum as she sewed, about the tiny embroidered hearts she always stitched into the hem.





She remembered how, when she was little, she would sit on the floor of her mother's sewing room, playing with fabric scraps while her mum worked late into the evening. She talked about the smell of her mum's perfume, the way she always found the last ripe blackberry on a bramble bush, and the bedtime stories she used to tell. She talked, and talked, and with every stitch, something heavy inside her began to lift.

By the time the dress was finished, it was as lovely as Clementine's—layers and layers of soft tulle, a velvet bow at the waist, and a tiny embroidered heart, stitched in secret by Luna.

Cinnamon slipped it on and twirled. For the first time in days, she smiled. The dress swirled around her, light as air. Her whiskers twitching as a smile crept on to her face.

"Your mum will love to hear about this when she's better," Clementine said gently.

Cinnamon nodded. "Maybe I can make something for her too," she said, the idea lighting a tiny spark inside her. "A scarf, or a little bag... something special."

Luna's eyes twinkled. "I think she would love that."

And for the first time in a long time her mind felt comfortable and still.

Introducing Cinnamon the Siamese— Supporting The Cinnamon Trust

We're so excited to reveal Luna's latest friend — Cinnamon the Siamese! Made from 100% wool, Cinnamon is a reimagining of Clementine the Cat from Luna Lapin and Friends (Book Two). She has a smaller head, beautiful new markings on her face and limbs, and a character all her own. We love her and hope you do too.

Even better, with every Cinnamon the Siamese kit sold, £2 will be donated to The Cinnamon Trust, a fantastic charity that helps elderly and terminally ill people care for their beloved pets.

Cinnamon will be for sale on March 27th and the wonderful people at the Cinnamon Trust will be hosting a Q&A session in Luna Lapin's Little World On Facebook on release day!



The Cinnamon Trust - 40 Years of Love and Care

The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity dedicated to supporting older people and the terminally ill with their pets. Whether it's walking dogs, cleaning litter trays, or arranging vet visits, our nationwide network of volunteers provides practical help when daily pet care becomes difficult.

How They Began

Founded in 1985 by Mrs. Averil Jarvis MBE, The Trust was inspired by the heartbreak of owners having to part with beloved pets due to frailty or illness. Named after her cherished corgi, Cinnamon, the charity has spent four decades ensuring no one faces that pain alone.

The Work

Every day, thousands of volunteers across the UK lend a hand to keep pets and owners together. When owners face a hospital stay, volunteers offer temporary foster care in a loving home environment. For those planning ahead, our Pet Profiling Service ensures we understand each pet's unique needs, offering peace of mind that they'll be cared for if their owner can no longer do so. Pets entrusted to The Trust either find forever homes with carefully matched fosterers or are welcomed into our peaceful sanctuaries.

What Sets Them Apart

The Cinnamon Trust believe pets deserve love and comfort, never kennels or catteries. Each pet's wellbeing is our priority, with all costs covered, from vet bills to specialist diets. Their motto is simple: "You love them, so will we."

A Future Built on Kindness

For 40 years, The Cinnamon Trust has honoured the unbreakable bond between people and their pets. Their work is entirely funded by legacies and donations, ensuring they can continue this circle of care and compassion.

To learn more, volunteer, or support our mission, visit: www.cinnamon.org.uk.



Cinnamon is Coming – March 27th!

We're so excited to announce that Cinnamon the Siamese will be available from March 27th as both a Make Me Kit and a Remake Kit. If you've already made Clementine before or have a copy of Luna Lapin and Friends, there's no need to buy the full Make Me Kit – the Remake Kit is perfect for you.

Cinnamon will be on general sale immediately, so there's no need to worry about pre-order rules. However, depending on the volume of orders, we might be a little slower than usual getting everything packed and shipped – thank you in advance for your patience!

Heading to **Craft for Crafters at Westpoint Arena in Exeter**? If you'd like to pick up Cinnamon or our gorgeous new rust-coloured lion in person, just drop us a quick email at **info@coolcrafting.co.uk** and we'll pack them up especially for you.



Martha Knitting Set

Make Me £17.00
Pattern £4.50



White Bramble in
Flora's Pink Cord Coat

Make Me Bramble £25.00
Make Me Car Coat £28.00



Erik and his
Svalbardian Outfit

Make Me Erik £27.00
Make Me Outfit £28.00



Handwarmer Bunnies

Make Me £17.00
Remake £12.00

Best in show - Luna & Friends

What a whirlwind time we had at the Sewing for Pleasure shows! Our stand was buzzing with creativity, conversation, and of course — a few star products that absolutely stole the show. Whether you were there in person or are just curious to see what everyone loved, here's a little round-up of our best sellers. It's no surprise that the **Martha Knitting Set** flew off the shelves. This little set is a perfect project for knitters who love working with fine details. Our **Beach Donkey Kits** — trotted into the spotlight once again. These two are packed with character, from their fluffy manes to their boucle hoofs. **Erik** is always a favourite, but at this show, it was his **Svalbardian Outfit** that captured hearts. Our bigger bear **Bramble** made a first outing in **Flora's Pink Cord Car Coat and Dress** and was a complete sell out but we have plenty of other colours in stock! This chilly explorer's wardrobe is the definition of cool. Who knew bunnies could keep your hands toasty? Our **Handwarmer Bunnies** had a real moment at the show, perfect for chilly days or easter egg hunts. Our little bunnies are a great little project to get your sewjo back.

Lovely in Liberty

The Dreamy Dress has a new look– Now in Liberty Tana Lawn!

One of our most beloved patterns, the Dreamy Dress, is back– with a new twist. We've switched to exquisite Liberty Tana Lawn fabrics, now available in two deliciously named colourways: Sherry Trifle and Blueberry Pie.

Liberty London, celebrating its 150th anniversary, has long been at the heart of British textile history. Founded in 1875, the store began as a haven for beautiful, handcrafted goods, later becoming synonymous with the finest printed fabrics in the world. Their Tana Lawn is known for its softness, intricate patterns, and timeless quality—just perfect for a Dreamy Dress.

Which colour will you choose?





Sewing Friendships Stitched with Kindness

The Luna Lapin community is more than just a gathering of crafters—it's a tapestry of shared kindness. Take this wonderful story as proof:

"Late last year, I posted on the group about not being able to get the fur for the collar of Luna's skating coat. The lovely Arlette Amies saw my post and contacted Sarah to see if she could send me a spare piece from her stash. Sarah kindly forwarded it on, and when I messaged Arlette to thank her, we discovered that we live in neighbouring villages!

This morning we met up, had a hot chocolate, and visited The Two Knits, a lovely local craft shop where, to our delight, we found a Luna on display! We had the most wonderful time, and it feels like we've known each other for ages. Luna really does bring people together!"

Stories like these remind us that sewing is more than fabric and stitches—it's about the connections we make along the way. Who knows? Your next project might introduce you to a lifelong friend.

The Heart of Luna Lapin's Little World

Our Makers

In the spirit of kindness and creativity that binds the Luna Lapin community, I recently asked our members to nominate someone whose warmth, generosity, and talent have left a lasting impression. The response was overwhelming, and every name shared is a testament to the heart of this group — a place where stitches hold stories, and every make is threaded with love.

A Community Woven with Kindness

Abby Harris and Jennie Parkin were celebrated for their impeccable sewing and knitting skills, with many praising their willingness to share advice and support. Jennie was described as a guiding light, always ready to help, while Abby's creations inspire awe, each animal impeccably crafted and lovingly dressed. (if you want to take a class with Abby you can find her regularly teaching at Dorset based Magpie and Hook, or if you are really lucky snap up one of the few remaining places on our Learn to Make Erik the Polar Bear Class taking place at CoolCrafting on the 31st May.

Friends Who Share the Magic

The nominations highlighted deep friendships formed through a shared passion for Luna and her friends. Victoria Richardson spoke of Rosie Brunt, who not only shares spare fabrics but has lovingly crafted jumpers, hats, and capes for her. Judith Cain and Alison Marshall's sisterly bond blossomed over Luna — bridging childhood differences in music taste (Donny Osmond vs. Led Zeppelin!) with a shared love of making.

Inspiration and Encouragement

Names like Ruth Bartholomew, Hilary Flatman, and Lourika Van Rooyen stood out for their uplifting presence in the community, always ready with kind words and creative inspiration. Lourika, in particular, amazed with her imaginative use of socks for clothing and a stunning padded coat for Ottoline.





Lorraine Bennett and her ever-mischievous Bob Cat never fail to bring a smile, while Paula Crosier's signature style makes her creations instantly recognizable and endlessly admired. Tina-Anne Laity's beautiful makes have touched the hearts of many, each piece radiating love and care.

Kindness Behind the Scenes

Of course, none of this magic would be possible without the quiet heroes who keep the community running. Zoe, our wonderful admin, is always ready to answer questions, working hard behind the scenes to make this group a welcoming place for everyone. A personal heartfelt thank you also goes to my dear friend Sue Grose, who has been endlessly generous with her time and knowledge, always offering a guiding hand to those who need it.



Kindness Ripples Outward

Some nominations spoke of quiet yet profound acts of kindness. Joy Bowen credited Jennie Parkin for introducing her to Luna and Friends at a time when she needed it most. Michelle Rogers shared her gratitude for her patchwork and quilting class, where friends sparked her love for Luna, creating memories her grandchildren now cherish.

A Stitch in Time

Every nomination was a reminder that this community is more than sewing patterns — it's a tapestry of kindness, where makers lift each other up, celebrate creativity, and offer comfort through craft. Whether teaching others, gifting creations, or simply offering a kind word, these remarkable members embody the heart of Luna's Little World.

To everyone who took part — thank you. Your stories remind us why we create: to connect, to share, and to spread kindness, one stitch at a time



Join our dressmaking Facebook Group
A Year In My Handmade Wardrobe



Yvette Dress
from Style Arc

£19.50

European Textured Denim

£18 pm



Irregular Daisy
Viscose Twill

£16 pm



Harry Top and Dress
from Style Arc

£16

Best in show - Dressmaking

If you're looking to refresh your wardrobe with some show-stopping me-mades, our dressmaking favourites from Sewing for Pleasure are sure to inspire. People fell head over heels for the **Yvette Dress from Style Arc** — a gorgeous, fashion-forward midi with sleek lines and effortless elegance. Sarah stitched it up in **two stunning European textured denims**, and let's just say... it turned heads! The **Harry Top from Style Arc** was another crowd-pleaser — an easy-to-wear gem featuring dolman sleeves and an interesting elasticated waist detail that makes it both comfy and chic. Sarah's version in a big, bold **Irregular Daisy viscose twill** stole the show, with its soft drape and vibrant pattern making it a real winner for us.



A Note About Luna's Mystery Friend...

While we think Cinnamon is pretty special – we've noticed a little confusion! Some of you have wondered if Cinnamon is the mystery new friend in our upcoming book, *Luna Lapin: Stitched with Kindness*. We can confirm that the new friend in the book is not Cinnamon. They are much requested, very different, and someone you haven't met before.

For now, we'll keep the secret safe... but until then, we hope you'll enjoy making Cinnamon and welcoming her into your Luna Lapin family

NEW BOOK ALERT

Luna Lapin: Stitched With Kindness

We're thrilled to announce that Luna Lapin's 5th book will be released in November 2025! This eagerly anticipated addition features some favourites, including Gracie Grenouille, Sol and Sidney the Beach Donkeys, Erik the Polar Bear, and, of course, Luna herself—all with their complete wardrobes. Plus, this book introduces a brand-new friend to Luna's world and delightful new clothing patterns to expand your sewing adventures.

As with all our previous books, this release is brimming with enchanting stories and projects that can be both hand and machine-sewn, making it perfect for stitchers of all kinds. Pre-orders will open in the next couple of months!

Coming November 2025





What to Sow in March

March is the moment for gardeners to prepare the ground for a season of growth. Here's what to sow this month:

- *Salad leaves* – Quick and rewarding, perfect for cut-and-come-again harvesting.
- *Spring onions & radishes* – Hardy and fast-growing, great for early crops.
- *Slow-growing beetroot* – Sown now for sweet summer roots.
- *Carrots in tubs* – A great way to deter carrot fly!
- *Broad beans* – Sturdy and full of early promise.
- *Parsley & summer sprouting broccoli* – Herbs and brassicas for the patient gardener.

Tip: Start seeds indoors or under cloches if frosts persist, and keep an eye out for hungry slugs waking from their winter slumber!

Coming Soon



A Note About Levi's Outfit

We know many of you have been eagerly awaiting Levi's outfit, and we promise it's worth the wait. We've finally found the perfect fabric – rich, luxurious, and worthy of Levi's big, Chanel-inspired dreams. Now, we're in the process of negotiating the quantity we need to bring this vision to life. Sometimes, the grandest ideas take a little extra time, but we're confident the final result will be something truly special.

In the meantime, we thought Levi might enjoy a new friend. Many of you have asked for a darker, gingery lion, and we're thrilled to introduce him! With his warm, autumnal tones and soft, majestic mane, he's ready to prowl into your hearts while Levi patiently waits for his couture debut. Available to order 27th March - via the CoolCrafting Website

NEW GIFT VOUCHERS

We have given our gift cards a 2025 makeover! Our posted gift cards Three beautiful designs, including one featuring Luna and a selection of her friends, will make them a truly special gift for any maker. These will soon be followed by designs tailored for knitters and stitching enthusiasts.

Our Luna Gift Cards should arrive just in time for Mother's Day and are the perfect present for someone who likes to choose themselves.

Whether you're treating a loved one or giving a little nudge towards a new creative project, these vouchers are sure to bring joy.



All three designs of our new posted gift vouchers, image features a copy of Luna Lapin and Friends, A Year of making.



THE BIG WALK - 5TH MAY CINNAMON TRUST

Join The Big Walk on Bank Holiday Monday, May 5, and help us celebrate 40 years of The Cinnamon Trust! This nationwide event brings together volunteers, their dogs, and supporters to walk, connect, and spread the word about our work. Whether you join an existing walk or host your own, every step makes a difference for people and pets in your community.

Register to receive a special goody bag and be part of something truly meaningful. To learn more or sign up, visit: [The Big Walk](#).

The Big Walk

Share Your Good News with Luna's Community!

We love hearing from you, and there's nothing better than sharing a little joy! Whether it's a big milestone—like becoming a first-time parent or grandparent—or something small but mighty, like conquering a hill for the first time, rescuing a runaway pet, or finally perfecting that elusive soufflé, we want to celebrate with you.

Send your good news to grace@coolcrafting.co.uk with the subject line Good News or share it in the comments of the post on Luna Lapin's Little World. Remember, your stories will be shared with the whole community, so only send or post if you're comfortable with that.

While we won't be able to publish all the news (there's only so much space!), we'll try to include as many as we can. Let's continue 2025 by spreading kindness and celebrating each other's wonderful moments!