

THE MAKER STATION - Pre Covid 19

The Maker Station was created in March 2019. The open-plan riverside space offers a unique opportunity to hot desk, hot workbench, take up permanent space, or hire space by the hour or day to host workshops, classes, talks, networking events and celebrations.

We offer affordable monthly membership plans for professional artisans, crafty makers, commercial creatives, SME's, freelancers and anyone seeking an alternative and inspiring workspace. Allowing businesses to have the space to grow, collaborate and meet like minded creatives.

<https://www.themakerstation.co.uk/>

How we got started making NHS SCRUBS

A member from the Maker Station saw a post on Facebook to help a local group to sew scrubs for the NHS. She wanted to use our big cutting tables as she had no space at home. I could not let her use the Maker Station due to Covid 19 restrictions so I offered to cut them out for her.

Our large cutting tables and the use of an electric cutter allowed us to cut over 20 sets in an hour.





We then parcelled up each set with instructions, labels and waist ties. We left these in a bin outside my house to collect and another house to return.

We sent out messages via social media and to lots of local volunteers. All the parcels were collected within a few hours and returned back within a few days.

Since then we have cut scrubs for different groups in Ealing and Hounslow and some private seamstresses whom had bought their own fabric to help out.

Everyone involved has sent us pictures of the scrubs they have sewn. We've been overwhelmed by the amount of local people offering to sew or embroider size labels. A real community spirit and also the need for people to help out in anyway they can.



We've been sent size labels from the local community through the post.



The embroidered labels then lead on to The Crafty Traveller, whom is a member of the Maker Station. She offered to embroider messages and also encouraged others to give it go. People started to lend embroidery hoops to volunteers.



To save on cutting and fabric people have been using their own fabrics for the pockets.



We Want Scrubs

Sewing for the **NHS**



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Kyla, a costume designer who lives in Feltham, started sewing masks as she saw that there was starting to be a PPE shortage and wanted to help. She made a video tutorial on how to make masks and shared it on social media.

Over the next few weeks she saw that most of the groups being set up to sew scrubs & other items were focussing on hospitals which meant that local GP's & Care Homes were going without.



After a call to her own GP who desperately needed some scrubs, Kyla started crowdfunding amongst her friends, family & colleagues to be able to fund the materials needed. As funding started to grow she realised that she was going to need more people to sew if this idea was going to work. She posted on social media & started out with 5 other like minded people. This started to grow so she created a new group called We Want Scrubs.

The philosophy of the group is the same as the NHS. Free at the point of need. They do not charge anyone for the items they provide, although donations are always welcome.

We Want Scrubs have recruited people from all walks of life. Tailors, accountants, designers, artists, home-makers, retirees are all sewing from home for the NHS.



We Want Scrubs were very happy to join up with The Maker Station when one of their members did not have space to cut fabric at home and approached them for help with cutting fabric. The Maker Station return all of the scrubs to Kyla & they are donated locally.

All scrubs are donated in wash bags so that they can be washed easily without spreading virus particles



We Want Scrubs now has over 100 members & 40 active sewists. They have ordered over a kilometer and a half of fabric and are sending it out all over the country to be sewn into garments. They have, so far, delivered 136 sets of scrubs plus masks, gowns and headbands with buttons to GP's, hot hubs & care homes in the local area.

We Want Scrubs are currently on track to deliver more than another 200 sets of scrubs over the coming weeks.



Even King Henry VIII decided to shoot a fundraising video for them and uploaded it to Youtube

https://youtu.be/e6FDezrA_c8



The end users have all been very happy with the donations they have received and especially like all the special touches.



You can find We Want Scrubs on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/637818003707445>

If you wish to donate in order to help buy more fabric so we can keep sewing for the NHS check out this link

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/sewing-for-the-nhs>