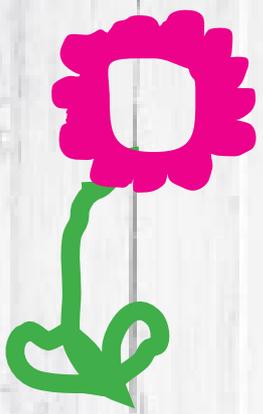
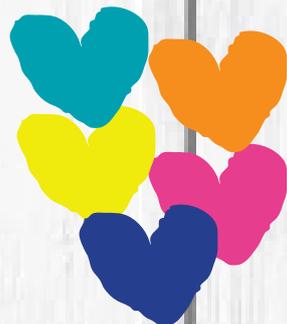




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# 2017 Event Guide



Last year, thanks to your help, Craft-tea raised an amazing £20'000  
Together we can make 2017 even better!



# Craft-tea 2017

You can help us raise funds for your local children's hospice

## What is Craft-Tea?

Craft-Tea is a fundraising initiative created by **Hobbycraft in partnership with Together for Short Lives**. 2017 will be Craft-Tea's 3rd birthday and the event is going from strength to strength!

This flagship fundraising event encourages the UK to **get crafting together**, and show their support for their local children's hospices.

The school holidays, and long summer days are the perfect opportunity to bring together friends and family. This pack is full of ideas and inspiration that will entertain your Craft-Tea crew for hours on end!

"After five years in partnership with Together for Short Lives, Hobbycraft colleagues never cease to amaze us with their generosity, enthusiasm and creativity. Since 2012, Hobbycraft and their customers have raised an astonishing £650,000 to support the work of local children's hospices across the UK.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported this partnership so far, and we can't wait to see what we can achieve through Craft-Tea 2017, and all the other fun store activities taking place throughout the year".

Katherine Scott, Together for Short Lives

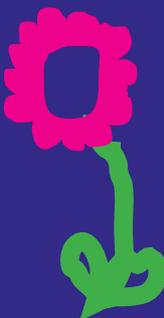
## What can you do?

Craft-Tea 2017 will be taking place in Hobbycraft stores across the nation. Our focal Hobbycraft store event will take place on **July 29** so check instore for details.

Your homemade Craft-Tea Party can take place anytime this summer - whenever is convenient for you!

**Please support your local children's hospice** by organising your own Craft-Tea party and bringing together your friends, family and colleagues.

**Let's get Craft-Tea Together for Short Lives!**



49,000 children and young people are living in the UK with health conditions that are life-shortening or life-threatening—and the number is rising. That's one in every 270 children—the equivalent of one in every school.



**Working with our members, we help families make the most of their precious time together by:**

Supporting and raising money for children's hospice services and other voluntary organisations to help sustain the vital work they do.



Giving a voice to children, young people, families and the organisations that support them, ensuring their views are heard.

Supporting professionals and services to understand and meet the needs of more children and families so seriously ill children receive the best possible quality care.



Championing change for a secure and sustainable future for children and families and the services they rely on.

Producing resources and information to enable every child and their family to make choices about the care they receive.

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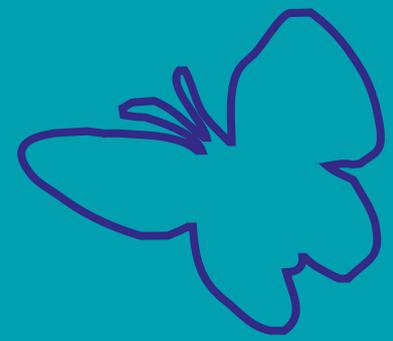
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# Fundraising tips for your Craft-Tea crew



## Craft-Tea Cake Sale Bake Off

If you are hosting your Craft-Tea Cake Sale at work why not add a little element of competition? The cream of the crop could be awarded a small prize or novelty certificate. You might even want to include a few categories to encourage more people to enter!

## Cookie Jars

These are a great option for fundraising and are so easy to make. Simply collect old glass jars and layer all the ingredients for delicious cookies. Add a label to make them look pretty and ask for a donation for each one. Your Craft-Tea guests can take them home and make delicious cookies after the event.

## Recipe Cards

Are you happy to share the recipe of your famous flapjacks? Why not design a recipe card and ask people to make a donation for each one.

## Here's one I made earlier

Do you have a much coveted craft creation? A darling design or a marvellous make? Why not produce a few copies for your guests and ask them to make a donation to take the pattern away and give it a try for themselves.

## Going for gold

Place a gold star under one of your cookies or cupcakes, makes or bakes: whoever picks that treat will win a prize.

## Take away treats

Everyone loves cake (we know we do), and sometimes one isn't enough! Why not have some paper bags or cake boxes handy so guests can make a donation and take away a treat to enjoy later.



# The therapeutic power of art and crafting

For many seriously ill children and their siblings the art room at their local children's hospice is not only great fun, but can be incredibly therapeutic.

Art and crafting is a wonderful way for children and siblings to express themselves. Some children might have a hard time finding the right words while some are unable to speak because of their illness.

Each children's hospice has an arts and crafts room which provides a safe place for children to get creative, explore and let paint fly.



**“Arts and crafts give the children and young people in our care a chance to get messy, express themselves, tell us how they are feeling and create treasured keepsakes for mums, dads and the wider family. Its importance should never be underestimated.”**

**Naomi House and Jacksplace**



## Malteser Fridge-Cake

### You Will Need

- 200g milk chocolate
- 100g butter
- 3 tablespoon golden syrup
- 225g digestive biscuits
- 225g Maltesers

### How to Make

1. Crush your digestives and Maltesers altogether
2. Melt the chocolate, butter and golden syrup together
3. Add in the crushed ingredients and mix well
4. Spoon the mixture onto a baking tray and refrigerate
5. Portion and enjoy!

**Top Tip:** Pop the biscuits and Maltesers in a large zip-lock bag and use a rolling pin to crush them - this no mess approach makes them easy to add to the mixture!

This recipe was kindly donated by Karen Abbott at Together for Short Lives



## Little Makers



## Craft-Tea Bunting

### You Will Need

- Coloured card
- Felt tip pens
- Glue
- Glitter/stickers/ribbon
- String

### How to Make

1. Prepare card templates in a shape of your choice (see our Top Tip)
2. Ask everyone to design their own Craft-Teapot or butterfly
3. Using your other materials decorate the cards however you want
4. String the finished cards to complete your bunting

**Did you know:** Bunting is a familiar sight in Britain, as far back as the 17th century it has been used on ships and during national celebrations

**Top Tip:** Why not use one of our downloadable Craft-Tea or Together for Short Lives butterfly templates for your beautiful bunting?

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## Stenciled Bugs Tote Bag

### You Will Need

- Plain tote bag
- Paint
- Stencils
- Pipe cleaners
- Pom poms
- Tacky glue
- Flower embellishments

### How to Make

1. Start by placing the scrap piece of card inside the bag so that when you use the paint it doesn't go through onto the back of the bag.
2. Place the stencil on the bag and then using a paint brush apply the paint using a 'dabbing' up and down motion.
3. Carefully remove the stencil and move onto your next one!
4. Using the tacky glue apply the flower embellishments and pom poms along the bottom of the bag to create flowers. I've used pretty paper flower, but you could always cut the flowers from felt or foam sheets and add a button in the centre. Leave to dry.

5. Use different coloured green felt tip pens to draw the stem and leaves.

6. I then used pink and white pipe cleaners to make a butterfly to stick onto my bag for an extra three dimensional element. I started by creating two wing shapes out of one pipe cleaner, and then repeating this process with one other. I then folded a white pipe cleaner in half and twisted both 'strands' together, stopping a centimetre or so before the end. Glue both pairs of wings down and then add the central body section.

**Top Tip:** To keep your stencil nice and secure and free up your other hand you could use masking tape to temporarily secure the stencil to the bag.

Thanks to Together for Short Lives' Emma Dixon for this swashbuckling idea!



## You Will Need

- A teabag
- White paper
- A small plastic bowl of cold water
- Felt tip pens
- Glitter
- Glue stick or PVA
- Colourful ribbon (string will do)

## How to Make

1. Dip your teabag into the water and smear it on both sides of your white paper until it's tinged brown
2. Put aside the paper somewhere warm where it will dry fully. As it dries, the paper will go crinkly and start looking like a real ancient document
3. When your paper is completely dry, draw your map using felt tip pens & use a little glitter to show where the treasure is! It could be an imaginary map, or you could hide some treasure in your own house and help someone find it!

**Top Tip:** Rub in some cinnamon to the paper's edges for the extra ancient look

Amateur  
Makers

# DIY BFG Dream Jars



## You Will Need

- Mason jar
- Ready mix paint in 3 colours
- Glitter
- Toy stuffing or cotton wool

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**Top Tip:** Check out the Hobbycraft Blog for a step-by-step guide with pictures. Search for BFG Dream Jar!

## How to Make

1. Open your mason jar, and fill a third full with water. Add a small amount of one colour of ready mixed paint.
2. Stir until the paint is mixed in fully.
3. Fluff up your cotton wool or toy stuffing a bit, then put it into the jar.
4. Top up with a little more water so you have about two thirds of the jar full.
5. Shake some glitter into your jar – you will need about a teaspoon or so
6. Top up your jar with another colour of paint – I chose pink.
7. Do not stir – let it swirl around but do not mix the colours.
8. Finally, top up with your third, darkest, colour. Screw the lid on tightly, and you're ready to go!



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## Amateur Bakers

For a full picture, step-by-step guide, visit the Craft-Tea website: [http://www.together-forshortlives.org.uk/get\\_involved/fund-raising\\_events/7897\\_craft-tea](http://www.together-forshortlives.org.uk/get_involved/fund-raising_events/7897_craft-tea)



## Unicorn Cupcakes

### For the cakes you'll need...

- 175g self raising flour
- 175g caster sugar
- 175g butter
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Food colouring (optional to make coloured cupcakes)
- 15 cupcake cases

### Mmm – smell that baking!

- Pre heat oven to 175
- Add all the ingredients into a large bowl and mix well
- Divide between the cupcake cases
- Bake for approx 20 mins until golden
- Allow to cool fully

### For the butter icing make sure you have

- 150g butter
- 300g icing sugar
- Food colouring (2 pastel colours work well)

### Method

- Mix the butter and icing sugar until smooth
- Divide the mixture into 2 bowls
- Add a few drops of food colouring to each, so you have 2 different coloured

### mixtures

- Put the icing into piping bags with 2 different nozzles for effect
- Randomly pipe swirls onto cupcakes

### Now for the magical part

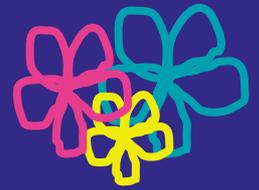
Use ready-made icing, pink food colouring and gold glitter to make the horns and ears

- Take a small ball of icing and roll into a tube, making the middle thicker and tapering out to the ends
- Twist in half
- Now twist all the way to the end
- Repeat this 15 times
- Chill in the fridge then paint with gold edible glitter or edible gold spray – your unicorn horn is ready to rock!
- For the ears - roll out some icing until flat and cut out ear shapes
- Paint the inside with pink food colouring
- Gently curve your ear shapes – the easiest way to do this is to put them over a rolling pin to get the curve just right
- Remember you'll need 30 of these to top your cakes with
- Pop them in the fridge to set

All that's left is to build your unicorns!

# Money Matters

## Online Fundraising



Visit [Justgiving.com](http://Justgiving.com) to set up your own personalised fundraising page. Select Together for Short Lives as your chosen charity, click the personal challenge button and include the words "Craft-tea" in your event name.

All money raised on your Just Giving page will be sent directly to Together for Short Lives. We suggest that for any additional sponsorship money you have raised offline, you make a donation of the equivalent amount into your Just Giving page so that you don't have to send it in the post. This also means your grand total is available for you and your supporters to see!

## Paying in money

### Hobbycraft Stores

Please bank all funds through the till. Please do this as promptly as possible so we can keep a track of how much has been raised by the event.

### Send us a cheque

Please make cheques\* payable to Together for Short Lives and send to:  
Together for Short Lives, New Bond House, Bond Street, Bristol, BS2 9AG

\* Please write your full name and address on the back of the cheque, along with the reference - "Craft-tea 2017"

## Tell us what you're up to

We love seeing your Craft-tea party pictures and hearing how you got on. Stay in touch here... #craft-tea

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