

Hat Works Press Release

IT'S NOT ALL BLACK AND WHITE

Stockport's Hat Works museum is set to unveil the latest in its series of 'What's Hot' exhibitions.

These displays explore the best in contemporary millinery, ranging from Haute Couture designers to millinery students.

This latest showcase features work by Milliner Gill Ormond and Textile Artist Pauline Coddington. They have worked together to produce the beautiful hats, bags and scarves in a black and white colour theme.

Both artists are highly experienced in working with felt and have enjoyed the opportunity to show off the versatility and beauty of this ancient material.

Pauline Coddington, said, "Felt is an exciting fabric to design for and to make. It's possible to create a variety of surfaces, from the finest cobweb to pieces sturdy enough to be used for bags and furnishings."

Hats are the lead articles in Gill Ormond's design range. She said: "They just bounce back into shape hence revealing one of the ancient mysteries of felt i.e. that it has a memory and will retain its shape once thoroughly blocked."

The exhibition is installed on the Gallery Floor of Hat Works and runs from Monday 25th September 2006 to Sunday 7th January 2007. The exhibition is free.

For more information call Hat Works on 0845 833 0975 or email bookings.hatworks@stockport.gov.uk

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(a) Felted bag by designer Pauline Coddington.

(b) Felted hat by designer Gill Ormond.

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