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BEGINNERS KNITTING WITH LESLIE CHURCHILL – 4 Wednesday afternoons

This is a 4 week course for complete beginners to get you started. Lesley is a very patient teacher and has a high success rate with beginners.

You will learn how to cast on & cast off, knit, purl and how to combine these 2 stitches to form stocking stitch or moss stitch

You will also be introduced to cabling and a simple lace stitch.

You will be given a pattern to knit a simple bag or similar project.

There is no need to bring along any yarn or needles. They are all provided

Dates: Wednesdays 10, 17, 24 November and 1 December 2010

Time: 2 – 4.00pm

Price: £25.00 for 4 sessions

KNITTING CLUB DATES – JUST COME ALONG!!

Morning Club 1st Tuesday of every month 10.30am – 1.00pm
7, September, 5, October, 2, November and 7 December 2010

Last Wednesday of every month 6.30pm – 9.00pm
29 September, 27 October, 24 November 2010
22 December 2010

(this date is early because Spin A Yarn is closed between Christmas and New Year)

There is a nominal charge of £2.50 to cover all drinks, sandwiches & cakes etc.

Look forward to seeing everyone at
Spin A Yarn!!

Joyce, Ali, Sue, Yvonne & Patsy

AUTUMN WORKSHOPS 2010

Popular workshops sell out fast. Don't forget to book as soon as you receive your schedule. At workshops you receive 10% off all yarns and accessories and loyalty card holders receive 15% off!

PROFESSIONAL FINISHING TECHNIQUES WITH CLAIRE CROMPTON – 3 dates.

It is often the finishing details that make the difference to a garment and this workshop will show you techniques to make sure your garment has a professional finish. You will learn how easy it is to sew up all your unfinished projects using mattress stitch.

Topics include: How to sew in ends neatly, blocking and pressing pieces, shaping that makes sewing up easier to do, picking up stitches evenly for a neckband or button band, making neat buttonholes, sewing on borders, and setting in sleeves.

You will need: make four identical samples of stocking stitch to measure 10cm x 10cm (4in x 4in). using a smooth DK or Aran-weight yarn. If you usually work the edge stitches differently (slipping or knitting on every row), please knit or purl them the same as the rest of the row. Do not press or steam any of the samples as we will be doing that in the workshop.

Bring plenty of your yarn for knitting and sewing up.

Bring along an unfinished project for help and advice.

Dates: Fridays 17 September, 22 October, 19 November 2010

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £45.00 (includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

ESSENTIAL TECHNIQUES FOR NOVICE KNITTERS WITH CLAIRE CROMPTON

In this workshop you will learn some of the essential techniques every knitter needs to know to progress from scarves to garments. Work two samples trying different techniques and sew together to make a useful drawstring bag.

Topics include: how to knit and measure a tension square, basic pattern reading, different increases and decreases to shape your knitting, finishing techniques such as picking up stitches, blocking, and mattress stitch for sewing up your garment.

You will need: a ball of some smooth (not textured or fancy) DK or aran yarn and needles.

Date: Friday 1 October 2010

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

ENTRELAC KNITTING WITH CLAIRE CROMPTON

Entrelac is a fascinating patchwork technique, making a fabric that resembles woven knitted strips. This effect is created by working rows of blocks that lean either to the right or to the left. All joined as you knit so no sewing up to do. It looks complicated but the basic steps are easily learnt. In the workshop you will knit a sample of all the steps so you are ready to start either a scarf or a bag.

Topics include: how to knit base triangles, side triangles and rectangular blocks, picking up stitches, short rows, working two colours, and ideas for projects using stocking stitch and other stitches.

Date: Friday, 5 November 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

KNITTED BAG DESIGN WITH CLAIRE CROMPTON

Knitted bags are a great way to try out new yarns and stitches. Learn how to design your perfect bag, ranging from simple rectangles to more shaped pieces. In the workshop, we will write a pattern for a bag in any thickness of yarn to begin knitting on the day. Topics include: Making different handles and straps, how to attach bought handles, adding a lining and sewing in a zip or attaching magnetic closures.

You will need: Bring some yarn (any texture or thickness) that you want to knit into a bag.

Date: Friday, 3 December 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

MODULAR (MITRED SQUARES) KNITTING WITH CLAIRE CROMPTON

Modular knitting (aka mitred squares or domino knitting) is a great patchwork technique, and easy to learn. Squares are joined together as you knit so no seams to sew and stunning colour effects can be created using one yarn at a time. You will knit a sample using the basic square and be able to use this as the base for a bigger project.

Topics include: How to pick up stitches and join shapes together, building on the basic square to make other shapes, and ideas for throws, rugs, bags, scarves and sweaters.

You will need: Bring along plenty of yarn (DK or thicker) in different colours, especially multi-coloured like Noro or hand-dyed yarn.

Date: Friday, 10 December 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

PEG LOOMING WITH VAL GRAINGER

Val farms in the Blackdown Hills. She produces beautiful hand dyed yarn from her own Dorset Down & Wensleydale sheep. Val is teaching us how to use a simple peg loom using natural fleece to produce some beautiful & textured warm comfortable rugs, cushions or wall hangings. Val uses different techniques from most peg loomers and shows how to incorporate beautiful unusual yarns and silks with the fleece.

Date: Wednesdays, 3 November 2010
Time: 10am-4pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home cooked lunch and tea time treats)

CROCHET WORKSHOPS

BEGINNERS CROCHET WITH CELIA BATORJYS – 4 Thursday afternoons

Many exciting new patterns combine crochet with knitting, and crochet is itself becoming more and more popular.

This is a 4 week course for complete beginners to get you started.

Celia will teach you different crochet stitches during the 4 weeks to give you the confidence to tackle most crochet patterns. You will learn how to make flowers and small items suitable for making a corsage for a dress or bag.

You don't need to bring any yarn or hooks along. They are all provided.

Dates: Thursdays, 14, 21 & 28 October and 4 November 2010
Time: 2.00- 4.00pm
Price: £40.00 for the 4 week course (includes tea-time treats)

INTERMEDIATE CROCHET WITH CELIA BATORJYS

Once the basic stitches have been mastered crochet can be used in all sorts of ways. This workshop covers some of the more advanced stitches to create interesting textures and fabrics for use in a number of projects.

Date: Thursday, 25 November 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

CROCHET SHAPES WITH ANNIKEN ALLIS

Shapes like circles, squares and hexagons are fun and easy to crochet and can be used for a variety of designs. Learn how to do an 'adjustable ring' cast on, read crochet charts and crochet various shapes. You will be able to discuss with Anniken how these shapes can be used. For instance a blanket can be made up of squares while a shawl can be formed by using hexagons.

Date: Tuesday, 14 December 2010
Time: 10.00 -4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and te-time treats)

INTRODUCTION TO NEEDLE POINT FELTING WITH CAROL TIMMS

With Carol's expert help you will be taught how to make a small 3d sculpture such as an animal shape or a raised and textured shape on a felted wallhanging or bag. You will learn basic Needlepunch techniques which include how to wind sheeps' fleece (with or without pipe-cleaners) to add fine detail with a barbed needle. You can then leave it "wispy"(making several small ones for a mobile perhaps), or give it a warm, soapy massage and make a cuddly toy which will survive rough play! If there is enough time during the afternoon you will also be shown how to make felted flowers. These can be sewn onto a brooch back

Date: Thursday, 7 October 2010
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home cooked lunch & tea-time treats)

INTRODUCTION TO SPINNING WITH MARY MALLET – 2 DAY COURSES

Mary is a long time member of the Devon Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers. She is an experienced & talented teacher who will introduce you to the mysteries of spinning over a 2 day course. You will learn how to prepare the fleece for spinning, how to card the fleece and how to ply & skein your newly spun yarn. All materials are included. If you have your own wheel, then bring it along. If you don't, we will be able to lend you one for the course.

Dates: Monday, 25 October 2010
Monday, 1 November 2010
Time: 10am – 4pm
Price: £60.00 (including lunch & tea time treats)

WILLOW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WITH JAN BAKER

Jan will teach you how to make beautiful willow Christmas decorations using local willow and unusual yarns. Choose from buff and white willow from the Somerset levels or locally grown willow from Manton and hand dyed cane, adding beautiful yarns if you like.

Date: Thursday, 11 November 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

WILLOW BASKET WEAVING WITH JAN BAKER

At the workshop Jan will help you create small willow baskets using a mixture of different materials. Choose from buff and white willow from the Somerset Levels, locally grown willow from Manaton and hand dyed cane. Add beautiful yarns and any other natural material that you like- to create your own individual pieces.

Date: Wednesdays, 8 December 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (including home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats).

BASIC SOCK KNITTING WITH ANNIKEN ALLIS – 2 HALF DAY WORKSHOPS

Sock knitting is incredibly popular and there is something magic about turning your first heel. Discover how to knit a sock from the top down, knitting in the round on double-pointed needles, how to knit a heel flap, turn the heel and work a toe. We'll be knitting a mini-sock in this workshop to practice all the techniques involved in making a sock. You will be given an adult size sock pattern to take home.
WARNING – socks are very addictive.

Dates: Tuesdays 9 & 16 November 2010
Time: 10.00 -1.00pm on both days
Price: £45.00 (includes lunch-time snacks and tea-time treats)

TOE UP SOCKS ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES WITH ANNIKEN ALLIS

Working socks from the toe up is fun and it's easier to make sure you use all your available yarn without wasting any. This workshop will teach you how to work a closed cast on, knit the toe, increase for the gusset, turn the heel and work the heel flap, and how to do a stretchy cast off. In addition you'll learn how to knit socks on circular needles using magic loop method or two circular needles. You can practice knitting two socks at a time

Date: Tuesday, 12 October 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

EASY LACE KNITTING WITH ANNIKEN ALLIS

Lace knitting is extremely popular at the moment and is used in shawls, garments, socks and accessories. This workshop will teach you how to read charts, work the stitches and decreases required for lace knitting, add beads using a crochet hook and how to work shaping within a lace pattern. We'll practice working several swatches from various lace charts. Following this workshop you should be able to work simple lace patterns used in garments, shawls or accessories.

Date: Tuesday 19 October 2010
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home cooked lunch & tea time treats)

CONTINENTAL KNITTING WITH ANNIKEN ALLIS

This workshop proved a huge hit last time around! The Continental way of knitting is faster and more efficient than most English styles. You will learn how to carry your yarn in your left hand and knit and purl continental style, as well as continental long-tail cast on and Norwegian purl.

Dates: Tuesday 30 November 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch & tea-time treats)

LUXURY LITTLE KNITS WITH ALISON CROWTHER SMITH

This workshop introduces knitters to the unique and beautiful speciality yarns such as Rowan kidsilk haze and Alchemy haiku. It will cover all the skills needed to be able to knit most effectively with these luxury yarns including the most suitable cast-on methods, knitting with beads and sequins, simple lace stitches, picking-up-and-knitting for frills and decorative cast-offs.

On the day you will be amazed at the endless charm and applications of these yarns and will depart with a free pattern using one or more of your new skills to complete a beautiful project at home; knit at least 2 samples, including a beaded panel with a decorative frill and a flower corsage.

Date: Friday, 15 October 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch & tea-time treats)

INTRODUCTION TO SHIBORI FELTING WITH ALISON CROWTHER SMITH

This workshop introduces you to the interesting art of Shibori Felting. Learn all you need to know about felting hand-knitted projects in your washing machine. The workshop covers felting basics and the technical information you need to understand the process.

You will knit and felt 2 swatches, using the Shibori techniques, take home a free pattern for a project at home and begin the process of using this skill to design or adapt patterns for yourself.

Date: Friday, 26 November 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch & tea-time treats)

FROM RAGS TO RICHES WITH ROWAN CONSULTANT AVRIL BEST

Ransack your cupboard; get to grips with your stash; reuse and recycle using the traditional craft of rag-work

Learn how to create your own yarn from worn-out clothes and remnants and have fun producing a unique bag in this one day workshop! Harness your individual creativity and get inspiration to customize and rework garments.

Skills needed are basic knitting/crochet & sewing.

Materials needed: 10mm knitting needles/crochet hook

About 5 old shirts or the equivalent in remnants. Good sharp dress-making scissors.

Date: Friday, 12 November 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

WIRE-WORK JEWELLERY WITH KATIE GAYLE

Katie is a talented artist who exhibited at the Bovey Contemporary Craft Show. She will teach you how to make stunning jewellery by working with wire, colourful beads and a crochet hook.

On the day with guidance from Katie you will be able to make a beautiful & unusual bracelet, necklace, tiara or ring. It is not necessary to bring your own materials as Katie is bringing along a selection that you can buy on the day. But if you want you can bring along your own collection of beads and broken jewellery. You will be able to use them to create a completely new & stylish accessory.

Date: Wednesday, 6 October 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch & tea-time treats)

INTRODUCTION TO FELTING WITH GERDA HATTON-ELLIS

Learn the principles of Felt-making and make your own unique piece of felt. Also, Gerda will show you how to make beads and cover a pebble with felt, or you may be inspired to follow your own ideas.

Bring your own carded fleece, or you can buy fleece on the day.

Date: Thursday, 30 September 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats.)

MAKING SEAMLESS FELT WITH GERDA HATTON-ELLIS – 2 dates

Gerda is introducing you to the art of making seamless felt on this day. You will be able to make a small bag, spectacle case or bowl without seams. If you have your own fleece, please bring it. It needs to be carded or combed. Alternatively, you will be able to buy fleece on the day.

Dates: Tuesday, 26 October & Thursday, 2 December 2010
Time: 10.00-4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home-cooked lunch and tea-time treats.)

COBWEB & NUNO FELTING WORKSHOP WITH GERDA HATTON-ELLIS

This is the opportunity to learn all the basics of making fine felt and Nuno felt (applying fleece to silk or cotton fabric).

For this workshop it is an advantage to have some experience of felt –making. These types of felt are particularly suitable for scarves. Although we do not have enough space to make scarves during class, this day will provide you with enough experience and ideas to make one at home. We will make some samples of cobweb felt and nuno felt. In Nuno felting the wool fibres are felted into a piece of woven fabric. The fabric needs to be fine with an open weave such as cheesecloth, silk chiffon or painting silk.

A range of fabrics will be available to purchase on the day, or you can bring your own (approx.15” square) that you want to try.

Date: Thursday, 18 November 2010
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £45.00 (includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)