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Terri Cycling All The Way To Australia

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Friends

I'm writing this letter on the hottest day of the year, yet am already looking forward to the new Autumn/Winter collections arriving in September.



Although I enjoy knitting small fun projects such as pretty shawlettes during the summer, as a true yarn addict I can't wait for the arrival of the sumptuous new Autumn/ Winter yarns and especially I can't wait for the arrival of Rowan Magazine 62.

Everyone will be delighted to learn that Rowan Yarns are bringing out a new 4 ply tweed yarn called Valley Tweed. This has been spun and dyed in the heart of Yorkshire, home of Rowan.

Also, Martin Storey is bringing out a long-awaited new collection of Men's patterns.

Other news that I find exciting is that another favourite designer, Kim Hargreaves has designed 5 new pastel colours for Brushed Fleece, a super soft blend of extra-fine merino and baby alpaca.

Debbie Bliss won't be left out of course and has designed a stunning collection for her new yarn Sita, a luxury blend of Mulberry Silk and Mako cotton that flows off the needles. Meanwhile Sirdar has an exciting Super Chunky called Tundra and they are bringing out a new affordable baby yarn called No1 in designer shades and 100g balls.

Newcomers West Yorkshire Spinners are becoming more and more popular with customers looking for British yarns. Their 52% wool baby yarn Bo- peep has proved to be an instant success, as has their new Exquisite Lace yarn. However, now that my beautiful Wensleydale sheep, Winston has passed away, I confess to a soft spot for their Wensleydale Gems DK, in a stunning array of clear bright colours.

ROWAN - MARTIN STOREY



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

FASHION SHOW

The latest Martin Storey fashion show at the beautiful Devon Guild was a tremendous success. Martin is such a talented designer and such a lovely person, it was a pleasure to host a collection of Rowan designs at the Guild.

Martin Storey is still a firm favourite with our customers and one of his latest books "More Easy Fairisle Knits" features modern fairisle projects knitted in Felted Tweed from phone covers to scarves and cushions.

WORKSHOPS

As usual we have lots of exciting new workshops coming, including a new SCANDINAVIAN FAIR ISLE YOKE SWEATER and two BRIOCHE Knitting workshops one with Claire and the other with Alison Crowther Smith

BRITISH KNITTING AWARDS 2017

Now thanks to all our customers we are hoping to win an award for the best yarn shop in the South West in the Lets Knit competition. We have received second place for the last three years and would really like to win this year. You can vote online at www. letsknit.co.uk/awards, or by sending off the form in Lets Knit magazine. We also have the form available in the shop.

FINALLY AND SADLY

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I have decided to retire next year and I am looking for someone to take over my "baby". If you are interested in buying the business, just ring me at the shop to discuss. I just feel the need to spend more time travelling to different places with my husband while I can. I'll still be knitting all the way!

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY SALE

We celebrate 11 successful years on 4 July 2017 with our ANNUAL BIRTHDAY SALE. 10% discount off all yarns and accessories and 20% off for Loyalty card holders. You won't receive this programme until after the beginning of our birthday sale on 4 July so we've decided to extend our sale until the end of July!

Best wishes from

Joyce, Ali, Patsy, Esther, Jane, Diane, Gill, Terri & Lizzie xxxxxxxxx



CLAIRE CROMPTON WORKSHOPS

Claire Crompton is an international cross stitch & knitwear designer and author of numerous books, the most famous of which is "The Knitters Bible"

PROFESSIONAL FINISHING **TECHNIQUES**

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 unfnished projects using mattress stitch. Topics include: How to sew up various styles of garment, mattress stitch, blocking and pressing pieces, shaping to make sewing up easier, picking up stitches, buttonholes and more.

You will need: make four identical samples of stocking stitch to measure 10cm x 10cm (4in x 4in), using a light-coloured, smooth aran or chunky yarn.

If you usually work the edge stitches differently (slipping or knitting on every row), please work them the same as the rest of the row. Don't press or steam any of the samples and don't sew in the yarn ends. Bring plenty of your yarn for knitting and sewing up. Bring along an un nished project for help and advice.

Dates: Friday 15 September 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

WORKSHOPS SELL OUT VERY FAST!

workshops receive a voucher entitling them to 10% or 15% discount on all varns and accessories.

These discount vouchers can be used month after the workshop.

MODULAR OR PATCHWORK **KNITTING** (from squares to shells)

This workshop is suitable for beginners, as well as knitters who have tried modular knitting before.

Modular knitting (aka mitred squares or domino knitting) is a great patchwork technique, and easy to learn. Shapes are joined together as you knit so no seams to sew and stunning colour effects can be created. Progress from a basic square to shells, strips, triangles, hexagons and more. Experiment with colour, join the shapes together to construct accessories and garments.

Topics include: knitting the shapes, joining techniques, designing with modular knitting. You will need: plenty of varn in different thicknesses with suitable needles. You can also bring along an unfinished project for help and advice.

Date: Friday 29 September 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00



BRIOCHE KNITTING

NEW! Learn the basics of brioche knitting to create a thick, reversible ribbed fabric, ideal for cosy garments and accessories. You will begin with a sample of the basic onecolour stitch and explore how increases and decreases can be decorative as well as functional. Progress onto two-colour brioche for which vou will use doublepointed or circular needles. Add more colours or use a colour change varn for shading effects. Learn the best cast on and off methods, how to count stitches and rows, read a pattern and interpret abbreviations. Using the samples, you can begin a scarf or cowl, or a more advanced slouchy beret or pull-on hat.

Topics include: basic brioche, increasing, decreasing, fixing mistakes and dropped stitches.

You will need: yarns for working samples (DK or thicker) in at least two colours, needles to match plus circular or double pointed needles for two-colour brioche. You can also bring along any brioche pattern to try.

Dates: Friday 20th October 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)





IRISH CROCHET

The original freeform crochet, Irish crochet is a collection of motifs joined with a background of chain and picot mesh. We will explore flowers, leaves, sprigs, stems and learn how to combine them to make a shawl or scarf. You can work in thin lace or 4ply yarn to create a soft romantic effect or go big and use bolder yarns for a modern update. Use one colour or several; ideal for using up stash yarns. During the workshop you will crochet samples, exploring different combinations of motifs and colours so you can continue your project at home.

Topics include: motifs, background connecting stitches, arranging motifs into a shawl or scarf.

You will need: stash yarns for sampling plus hooks to match the yarn.

Date: Friday 27th October 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

CFITIC CABIFS

This is a workshop for anyone who enjoys working cables and wants to add a new twist to traditional methods. Closed-ring cables use special increases and decreases to bring the cable ribs together to form a ring. Cables can be worked to create intricate Celtic knots and interesting spirals too. In the workshop, you will work samples to create the basic closed ring and then go on to work different cables, individual Celtic knots and spirals. You will use the samples to design a panel to knit into an aran-weight sweater pattern, supplied by me or add to a throw, bag, scarf or other accessories.

Topics include: reading cable charts, closed ring increases and decreases, combining several cables into a panel, adapting the sweater pattern.

You will need: aran weight yarns in a light colour for working the samples, needles to match, cable needle.

Date: Friday 10th November 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)





SWEATER REFASHIONING

A workshop for anyone who has knitted a garment that doesn't quite fit; maybe it's too loose or too tight, too short or sleeves too long. Bring along those garments that you love but aren't guite right. Learn how to make them fit, by altering the length, adding waist shaping, changing the neckline, adding sleeves, shortening sleeves, adding ribs, removing ribs etc. Also, how to alter a pattern so you knit exactly what you want. Learn how to extend the life of a garment by refashioning it; change it from a sweater to a cardigan, add embellishments, borders and more.

Topics include: lengthening, shortening, adding or reducing width, altering the neck, fixing mistakes.

You will need: existing garment(s) to alter, a pattern to alter. Bring yarn needles and scissors.

Date: Friday 24 November 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

ANNIKEN ALLISWORKSHOPS

Anniken is one of the UK's leading lace designers. Born in Norway she moved to Cornwall in 1990.

TOE-UP SOCKS ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES USING MAGIC LOOP

Many knitters prefer to knit socks from the toe up as this makes it easier to calculate yarn usage. 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 the magic loop method. You can also practice knitting two socks at a time.

All materials supplied.

Suitable for confident novice and intermediate knitters who have knitted at least one pair of basic socks from the top down.

Date: Tuesday 19 September 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)



NEW

LACE IMPROVERS

Knitted lace shawls and garments are very popular, and this workshop will teach you the techniques you need to knit a complicated lace shawl with an applied edging. You will learn how to read more difficult charts, work the various stitches and decreases needed for lace knitting, add beads to your lace using the crochet hook method and work an applied edging, provisional cast on and suitable cast/bind offs.

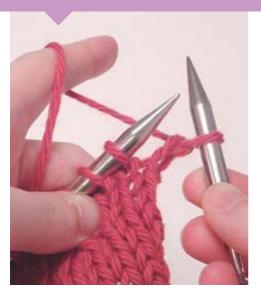
In the morning we'll practice the various techniques needed to knit an intermediate lace shawl with an applied edging, and in the afternoon you will be able to start working on a shawl. You will be given a choice of patterns, which will all require 800m/100gr lace yarn and 3.5mm circular needles (80cm).

All materials for the morning will be supplied but please bring materials as above for the afternoon project (this can be purchased in the shop on day of workshop if preferred). Following this workshop you should be confident to tackle a more complicated lace shawl with an applied (knitted on) border. Suitable for intermediate and advanced knitters who are familiar with easy lace patterns.

Date: Friday, 13 October 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00



CONTINENTAL KNITTING -INCLUDING NORWEGIAN PURI

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 continental style, as well as the continental long-tail cast on and the Norwegian purl. For the Norwegian purl the yarn stays at the back of the work which makes it much quicker than the standard continental purl when working combined knit/purl stitch patterns such as ribs or moss stitch.

All materials supplied.

This workshop is suitable for all knitters. apart from complete beginners.

Date: Tuesday, 17 October 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

TOP-DOWN RAGI AN **SWEATER**



Top down sweaters are increasingly popular. You can try the sweater on as you knit it and this makes it easier to get a perfect fit.

In this class you will learn raglan sweater construction, how to work in the round, how to shape the voke and neckline, how to divide for the sleeves and work the sleeves and lower body. You will also learn how to calculate your own numbers so you can knit a custom sweater.

All materials for practice will be supplied. If you'd like to work on specific numbers for your own sweater, please knit a swatch and block/press it before the class. The swatch should measure a minimum of 15x15cm and should be worked in stocking stitch, unless you wish to work your sweater in a different stitch pattern. Please bring some of the yarn and needles you'll be using for your sweater.

Date: Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

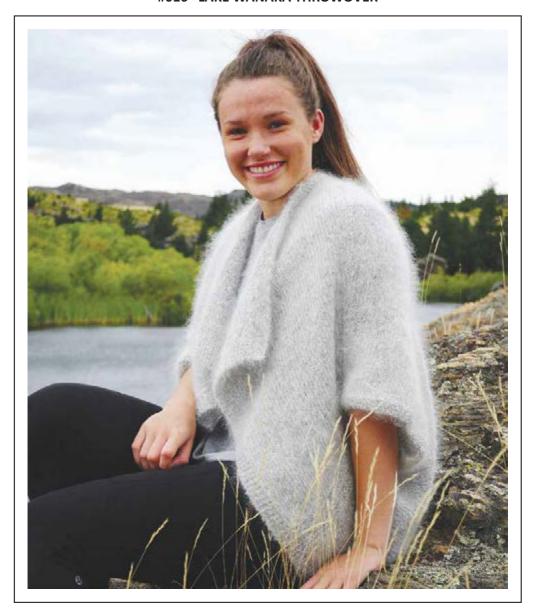




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SHETLAND SHAWL

Shetland is known for delicate lace shawls knitted in very fine yarn. In this workshops, we'll look briefly at the history of Shetland lace shawls and you'll practice working Shetland lace stitches, reading lace charts, and construction methods of traditional Shetland lace shawls

This class is suitable for confident knitters. Experience in lace knitting is not essential as there will be a choice of lace patterns to suit various experience levels.

All materials will be supplied.

Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

FAIR ISLE AND STEEKING

Learn how to work with two colours at a time, how to strand the yarn, how to knit in the round and how to read a fair isle chart.

In the afternoon, you'll learn how to reenforce the 'steek', how to cut the fabric and pick up for edgings.

This workshop combines the topics taught in the 'Steeking' and Fair Isle classes for an intensive high-paced one day course.

Suitable for competent, intermediate knitters.

Date: Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00



NEW



SCANDINAVIAN FAIR ISLE YOKE SWEATER

Scandinavian sweaters with beautiful yokes are one of the most popular items to knit at present. In this class we'll particularly look at using Fairisle patterns on the yoke.

We will be working a sweater from the bottom up in the round during the class. But if preferred the sweater could also be worked from the top down.

In this workshop, you will learn how a circular voke is constructed and in particular how to include a fair isle pattern. You will learn how to work the circular shaping and how to adapt it to suit your Fairisle pattern. You will also learn how to calculate the numbers for your own sweater and given tips on choosing Fair isle patterns to work on the voke.

All materials will be supplied for practice in the class but please bring a notebook, pen and calculator

Further details will be sent out with your booking confirmation.

Date: Friday, 17 November 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

CHRISTMAS BAUBI FS FOR THE TREE

This workshop is designed to suit a Christmas theme and will teach a variety of techniques while creating fun Christmas balls which can be used for decoration.

Techniques include: knitting in the round on double pointed needles or circular needles using the magic loop technique, fair isle/ stranded colour work, adding beads using the crochet hook technique.

There will be a choice of patterns to knit during the class. They will include fair isle/ stranded colour work patterns, beaded patterns and stripes.

All materials will be supplied but there is plenty to purchase in Spin A Yarn with your workshop discount.

This workshop is suitable for confident novice and intermediate knitters.

Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00



ST AUBIN'S SHAWI

St Aubin's Bay is an elegant crescent shaped shawl worked from the top down with an eyelet garter stitch pattern. Two short row wedges and a beaded picot cast/bind off add interest to a fun accessory.

In the morning we'll practice the techniques used to knit this shawl including short rows, adding beads using a crochet hook, picot cast-off and how to shape the shawl.

In the afternoon you will start your own St Aubin's Bay shawl. You will need two skeins of 100gr/400m sock yarn (4ply/fingering weight yarn), 4mm circular needles (80cm long), 67 6mm miracle beads (or alternatively seed beads can be used) and 0.75mm crochet hook. Pattern will be provided.

All materials for the morning will be supplied but please bring materials as above for the afternoon project. These can be purchased in the shop on day of workshop using your discount if preferred.

Suitable for confident novice and intermediate knitters.

Date: Friday, 1 Dec 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00



ALISON CROWTHER SMITH WORKSHOPS

KNIT A BRIOCHE COWL IN THE ROUND NEW

Learn to knit Brioche in the round at this new, exciting workshop from Alison. Brioche is HUGE now and this course has 'Anglicised' all the terms for you so it fully UK-friendly! Brioche in the round is a great technique to have - easier, faster and much more memorable than flat-knitted Brioche, and Alison will teach you this on a single circular needle for even faster Brioche knitting.

By choosing yarns with great colour contrast, you achieve a chic and reversible ribbed effect. This cowl is a real headturner.

Three cowls have been designed for the workshop, in chunky, aran and DK yarns, plus a Kidsilk Haze option. Brioche creates a beautiful totally reversible fabric that is warm, light and incredibly stylish. It looks hard - but this course will show you how easy this is. The cowls also make fast and economical Christmas gifts. Once you have learned this skill, you can also use it for other projects such as hats and mitts! Everyone will receive all three patterns, from which you can choose one to start on the day.

Skill level: Easy! You just need to be able to cast on and off, knit and purl.

Details of yarn and needle requirements will be sent out to you with your booking confirmation.

Date: Thursday, 19 October 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00





KNIT A REVERSIBLE/LINED FAIRISLE COWL

This special workshop will teach you to knit a unique, fully lined Fairisle Cowl. Knitted in the round, you can knit Fairisle much more quickly than when knitted flat – no purling! The special design also means that there is no sewing up as the cowl and its lining is knitted in one piece! There are 2 options.



First, a cowl knitted in Rowan Felted Tweed (or any DK wool of your choice) with a reversed colourway for the lining.

Second, a Fairisle Cowl which is then lined with a simple stocking stitch lining in a vividly contrasting yarn. I used a silk-wool blend as this is probably the side that will next to your skin. Both cowls are fully reversible.

The finished cowl is a gorgeous modern take on a classic Fairisle look. The tailoring and clever construction are really the trademark features of this unique workshop. If you want to knit and wear something that you could never buy on the High Street, this is for you.

The cowl is knitted in the round on a single circular needle. The design is fully charted with simple but effective and memorable designs. The workshop will also cover how to knit perfect Fairisle in the round.

I will also show you how I created the same design as a colourwashed Kidsilk Haze cowl and this pattern, whilst not being taught, will be included for all participants. Everyone will receive three versions of the cowl pattern.

Skill level: you need to be able to knit and read patterns with confidence; some experience of Fairisle knitting would be beneficial.

You will need: Details of yarn and needle requirements will be sent out to you with your booking confirmation.

Date: Thursday, 9 November 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

ESTONIAN LACE WITH ETHEL HILLIER

This workshop taught by Ethel Hillier who is an expert on Estonian Lace.

Aim of the workshop is to teach Estonian lace knitting skills so you are prepared to knit an Estonian piece of lace at home with confidence.

Included: A short history of lace knitting around the northern hemisphere

In the morning you will be taught the basic principles of Estonian lace including reading patterns from a chart and practicing special stitches for the open work, such as nupps and stars flowers

In the afternoon you will be able to practice your lace knitting and Ethel will show you how to "read your lace" to make it easier to follow the patterns.

She will help you with resource material and show you where to find it. Also, you will be shown what to do with what you have learnt!

Please bring with you some 2 ply Lace weight or light fingering yarn, plus 3.25mm, 3.5mm, 3.75mm, 4mm needles straight or circular, also, a small crotchet hook (about 1mm) for dropped stitches.

Note: all these materials can be purchased at Spin A Yarn on the workshop day with your special workshop discount.

Date: Tuesday, 28 November 2017

Time: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

BEGINNERS KNITTING WITH LIZZIE SCALLI

Classes with Lizzie are available throughout the Autumn term. Just ring or pop in and ask us.

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.

Practice yarn and needles are available and you will be given a pattern to knit a simple bag or similar project.

Dates: To be decided. Please ring the shop with your preferred dates.

Time: To be decided. Do you prefer morning or afternoon

Price: £10.00 per 2 hour session.







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LEARN TO KNIT IN THE ROUND / MAGIC LOOP

NEW!

Learn the magical magic loop technique and never sew up a seam again! You will learn how to knit in the round to make a hat or cowl with no seams, plus how you would use the techniques you learn to make a whole garment with no seams. You will also be shown how to translate straight knitting patterns into circular, and any other techniques you may wish to learn!

Basic knitting skills needed

Date: Saturday, 12 August 2017

Time: 10.00 – 1.00pm

Price: £30.00

(includes tea-time treats)

BASIC CROCHET TECHNIQUES

You will learn a variety of different crochet stitches and some of the many ways in which you can use these versatile techniques.

You will learn how to read crochet patterns step by step, and there will also be the opportunity to learn how to crochet amigurumi to create 3D shapes and work in the round.

Basic Crochet skills useful but not essential

Date: Saturday, 12 August 2017

Time: 1.30- 4.00pm

Price: £25.00

(includes tea-time treats)

GARMENT CONSTRUCTION

You will learn all of the techniques needed to knit and construct a whole garment, including: shaping, picking up stitches and sewing up invisibly.

You will also have the opportunity to learn how to edit parts of a pattern to change the fit or style.

Basic knitting skills needed

Date: Saturday, 9 September 2017

Time: 10.00 - 1.00pm

Price: £30.00

(includes tea-time treats)

FINISHING TECHNIQUES

In this class you will learn techniques that will help you enjoy finishing off your knitting project! Techniques include sewing up invisibly, sewing in ends as you go, how to wash and block your knitting, and how to resolve any other problems you may face when you finish your projects.

Basic knitting skills needed

Date: Saturday, 9 September 2017

Time: 1.30-4.00pm

Price: £25.00

(includes tea-time treats)



CROCHETWORKSHOPS



BEGINNERS CROCHET WITH DIANE STEWART

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

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

Diane 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 similar small items suitable for making a corsage for a dress or bag.

You don't need to bring any yarn or hooks along. Hooks can be borrowed and practice yarn is provided.

Dates: Thursdays 7, 14, 21 and 28

September 2017

Time: 2.00- 4.00pm

Price: £50.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)

BEYOND THE BASICS WITH DIANE STEWART

This set of four workshops has been introduced by popular demand. You might decide to take a further block of 4 afternoons after the Beginners Crochet or if you have learnt how to crochet in the past and want to improve your skills then this is the place for you.

More complex crochet stitches will be taught and garment knitting introduced.

Dates: Thursdays 5, 12, 26 October

and 2 November 2017

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Price: £50.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)



Tunisian Crochet

TUNISIAN CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS WITH DIANE STEWART

Tunisian crochet is a cross between knitting and crochet using a long hook to gather up and then work off stitches, making a fabric that is more compact than ordinary crochet, suitable for cushions, bags, hand warmers and many other projects.

In this workshop beginners will learn the basic stitches and techniques of Tunisian Crochet, working towards making a pair of unique Tunisian hand warmers. The workshop includes how to make Tunisian Simple, Tunisian Knit, Tunisian Purl and Tunisian Bobble stitches, with written instructions and a free pattern for the hand warmers included.

Improvers will learn longer stitches based on Tunisian trebles to make a Tunisian Wave stitch. Patterns for a "wavy" bag or cushion are included.

Materials are provided or can be borrowed on the day. You can also purchase any other yarns or hooks on the day using your workshop discount.

Date: Thursday 23 November 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)

JUMBO CROCHET BASKETS WITH ALISON WILLCOCKS

Have fun making a useful basket for all those odd bits and pieces, magazines, stashes of yarn and fabric or perhaps the cat! Use multiple strands of yarn and HUGE crochet hooks to create a completely unique basket.

This is an ideal project to use up all those left over balls of yarn taking up valuable space in the cupboard! Let your imagination run wild and bring with you any super chunky yarn, joined strips of fabric, anything really that can be crocheted! You will need between 4 – 10 strands of super chunky yarn, approximately 50m to 120m in length for each basket(depending on the size of the hook used and size of basket made).

If you prefer, choose from the mind boggling selection of super chunky yarns and crochet hooks at Spin a Yarn. Huge hooks are available for you to use on the day and can be purchased to take away with you.

Knowledge of basic crochet skills and double crochet will be needed for this workshop.

Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £50.00







OTHERWORKSHOPS

NEEDLE- PUNCH FELTING WITH CAROL TIMMS

With Carol's expert help you will be taught how to make small fleece items such as a cute small toy animal or you can needle-punch a textured shape on a felted wallhanging or on a fashionable bag.

You will learn basic needlepunch techniques which include how to wind sheep's fleece (with or without pipe-cleaners) and how to add fine detail with a barbed needle. You can then leave it "wispy" (making several small ones for a mobile toy perhaps), or give it a warm, soapy massage and make a cuddly toy which will survive rough play!

Date: Wednesday 22 Nov 2017

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £55.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats)





WILLOW BASKET WEAVING WITH JAN BAKER

Jan has over 20 years of experience as a basket maker and teacher

At the workshop she will help you create a small willow basket using different coloured willows.

Choose from buff willow from the Somerset Levels and locally grown willow from Dartmoor . You will go home with your own hand-made bread basket.

There is a small extra charge for materials.

Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2017

Time: 10.00-4.00pm

Price: £55.00

WILLOW CHRISTMAS **DECORATIONS WITH JAN BAKER**

Jan Baker has over 20 years of experience as a basketmaker and teacher.

During this workshop she will teach you to make beautiful Christmas decorations using local and different coloured willow. Choose from buff and white willow from the Somerset Levels and locally grown willow from Manaton and hand dyed cane.

There is a small extra charge for materials

Dates: Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Time: 10.00-4.00pm

Price: £55.00

(includes home-cooked food and tea-time treats) Only 4 persons.





WILD WEAVING WITH ISABELLE JOURDAN



In this workshop you will discover the joy & freedom of distorted weft or as Isabelle calls it, "Wild Weaving".

This is totally different from the structured frame weaving which Isabelle has taught at Spin A Yarn in the past With Wild Weaving there is no given design or pattern. This allows unlimited creativity without restraints. Using a variety of yarns you are able to create even exciting three dimensional textures.

Please bring your own stash of yarn of all textures or purchase them in the shop on the day with your discount.

Isabelle supplies the warp yarn and frames which can be purchased if desired (£8).

Date: Wednesday, 15 Nov 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Price: £50.00

SPINNING WITH TERRI HOLMAN

Expert and enthusiastic spinner and teacher Terri who has her own flock of Jacob sheep is holding a 1 day Spinning workshop.

The day will introduce you to the basics of fibre preparation, spinning and plying on a drop spindle and a spinning wheel.

In the morning you will be preparing the fleece for spinning using hand carders and then looking at the basic art of spinning using a drop spindle.

After lunch you will apply this knowledge to the spinning wheel and hopefully produce a skein of plied yarn!

We have spare spinning wheels available but do bring your own working wheel if you have one.

Fibre and hand carders for spinning will be provided.

Date: Friday, 6 October 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Price: £55.00



KNITTING CLUBS

Morning Knit Clubs Tuesdays, 10.30am - 1.30pm 5 September, 3 October, 14 November* and 5 December 2017

Evening Knit Clubs Wednesdays 6.30 -9.00pm 27 September, 25 October, 29 November and 20 December 2017

Spinning Clubs Wednesdays 6.30 – 9.00pm 6 September, 4 October, 1 November and 6 December 2017



*don't forget, November's morning knit club is on the 14th!

Simple Shawl Pattern

For Touch Yarns Boucle (New Zealand kid mohair/merino) approx 175m per 100g skein

OR Rare Yarns Boucle (New Zealand alpaca/merino) approx 77m per 50g ball

Available at Spin A Yarn and www.spinayarndevon.co.uk

Materials:

125g Touch Boucle OR 150g Rare Yarns Boucle

Note: before knitting prepare for fringe by cutting 128 lengths of yarn at 10 inches long.

Pattern:

- Cast on 12 stitches
- Next Row and Every Row: Increase at each end of every row until there are 140 stitches on the needle. (If using Rare Boucle continue increasing for another 4 more rows).
- Cast off very loosely.

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Attach evenly the 64 fringes along the 2 bottom edges.





Easy Wrap-Stitch Shawlette

A long shawlette with simple wrap-stitches which showcase the colours within variegated and hand-dyed yarns.

Materials

I skein of Araucania Botany Lace (410m per 100g skein)
OR any skein of 4-ply/sock yarn with equivalent meterage.
Can even be knitted in laceweight - this is a flexible pattern so play around and have fun with your favourite yarns!
Needles - 3.25mm (English size 10)
Two stitch markers

Abbreviations

k = knit

k2tog = knit two stitches together (decreasing one stitch)
s1k1 psso = slip one stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped
stitch over the stitch you have just knitted (decreasing one st)
st/s = stitch/es

ww3 = wrap yarn around needle 3 times when knitting stitch (the extra wool 'wraps' are dropped on the next row, forming an openwork section). When working decreases with ww3, knit through the stitches as per usual K2tog/sIIkI psso but wrap yarn around needle 3 times as above.

If using a row counter place this on the left hand needle when the right side of the work is facing you.



Pattern

Cast on 351 stitches by preferred method.

Work I row moss stitch, placing marker either side of centre 3 sts

Row I - K2tog, purl to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 2 - K2tog, knit to 2 sts before 1st marker, s1k1 psso, k3, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 3 - As row I (purl)

Row 4 - As row 2 (knit)

Row 5 - As row I (purl)

Row 6 - K2tog ww3, ww3 each stitch until 2 stitches before 1st marker, s11k1 psso ww3, k 3 sts, k2tog ww3, ww3 until last 2 sts, K2tog ww3

Repeat rows I-6 letting the yarn wraps drop off the needle on repeat row I.

Depending on the length of the yarn either:

a) repeat until 3 sts remain, sII k2tog, psso and thread yarn through remaining stitch to fasten off

or

b) when you judge there is only sufficient yarn left to work a couple of rows work one row in moss stitch and then cast off in rib.

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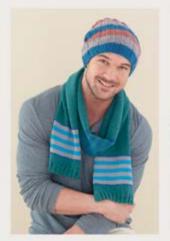
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