

SPRING 2022 WORKSHOPS



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SPIN A YARN

Knitting Heaven in the Heart of Devon

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Don't forget! All workshop attendees receive a discount voucher on the day, valid for one month from the date of the workshop on yarn and accessories.

GREETINGS FROM TRISH

Welcome to our **Spring 2022 Workshop Brochure**. A bit later than normal but we decided to delay in case the winter had some more nasty surprises in store for us.

We have managed to introduce a couple of new workshops, Brioche with Anniken and Filet Crochet with Di, alongside all our favourites. We would also like to welcome Lynne Dewberry of *So to Felt* who will be hosting needle felting workshops in April and June.

Last Autumn I wrote that we had weathered the worst of the storm but we are far from a safe harbour yet. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the shop. Can I take this opportunity to urge you all to continue to shop local and support your high street so we don't lose it.

We are still awaiting the launch of the Rowan Spring/Summer 22 collection, now due 1st March. I'm hastily crocheting and knitting samples to support both the magazine and a new book from Martin Storey.

I've had a sneaky peak at the Spring collection from *Kosy Kitchen Fibres*, I love it and I'm sure you will too. I'll let you into a little secret, Fiona from *Kosy Kitchen Fibres* is currently working on colourways exclusive to Spin a Yarn. We're in the early stages so it may be a while before it is in the shop. We will most definitely let you know when it does arrive.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Trish and the Team.

BEGINNER'S CROCHET

with Di Stewart

£59

Wednesdays 2nd AND 9th March 10am – 1pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

This two-session workshop is for absolute beginners and for anyone who feels the need to go back to basics!

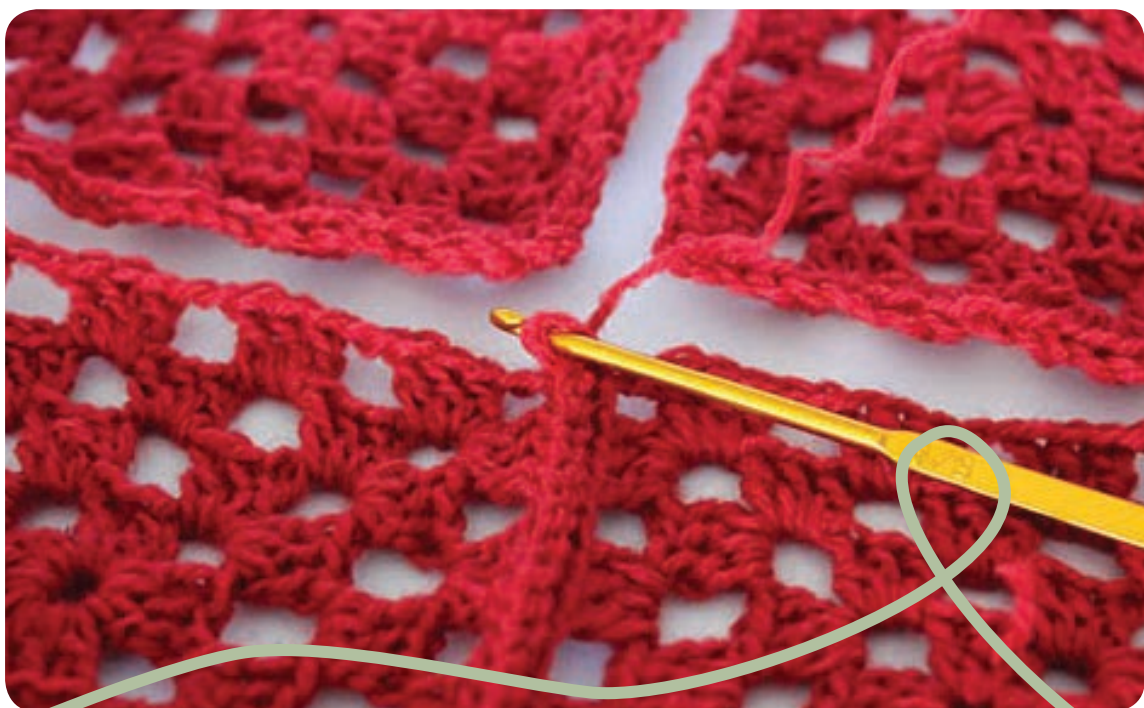
In the first session you will **learn the basic crochet techniques**: how to hold the hook and yarn and make a chain and basic stitches, double crochet and treble.

In session two you will **build on the skills already gained**: using basic stitches we will be making Granny squares. We'll also continue working straight and learning how to increase/decrease stitches

Working from the Granny Square pattern you will start to build simple pattern reading skills.

Please bring DK yarn to practice with (not too dark or textured). Hooks will be available to borrow or buy on the day.

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.



SCANDI COLOURWORK AND STEEKING

with Anniken Allis

£59

Thursday 17th March, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Learn how to knit stranded colour work/fair isle with one colour in each hand or both colours in the right hand Continental style, **how to achieve perfect floats**, how to **knit in the round**, how to **read a fair isle chart**, as well as how to **reinforce and cut the steek**, **pick up stitches for a button band** and how to **work a button band** to cover the cut edge.

Steeking enables you to **knit a garment in the round** then **cut a slit for the sleeves or cut a sweater down the centre front to turn it into a cardigan**. Techniques taught in this class can also be used to alter garments.

After this class you will get Anniken's **online Scandinavian Stranded Colour Work & Steeking course for free**.

Please bring: 4ply yarn (preferably wool or wool blend), 3.5mm circular needles (80cm long), 3mm or 3.5mm crochet hook. Spare yarn, needles and crochet hooks will be available if you don't have anything suitable.

Skills needed: Knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



LEARN HOW TO SPIN YARN

with Terri Holman

£59

Friday 18th March **OR** Friday 6th May, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Join us for a workshop from expert and enthusiastic local spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own flock of Jacob sheep.

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. Please call beforehand if you are unsure. Fibre and hand carders for spinning will be provided.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM FOR THIS WORKSHOP!



CREATE YOUR OWN CROCHET BLANKET

with Di Stewart

£59

Wednesday 23rd March, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

This workshop will give you the skills to make your own crochet blanket, to whatever size and shape you wish, using two different types of squares and rows of crochet.

You will learn how to:

- Make a basic treble square and a raised flower square and learn how to crochet them together.
- Add rows of crochet onto the squares to extend it or change the shape.
- Make a shell edging for the blanket.
- How to work out how many squares you will need to make for your size of blanket, plus how to use colour and harmonise the design.

The sample you make can be used as the start of a blanket. Instruction sheets and patterns for the squares are included in this workshop.

This workshop is suitable for: crocheters who are familiar with the basic stitches of chain, double crochet and trebles.

Please bring a 4mm hook and 4 contrasting colours of smooth DK yarn to practice with (not cotton). Yarn is also available to buy in the shop, and hooks will be available to borrow or buy on the day.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



PROFESSIONAL FINISHING

with Anniken Allis

£59

Thursday 31st March, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

After spending hours, weeks or months knitting a beautiful garment poor finishing can ruin all your hard work.

Learn how to sew in ends neatly, block and press pieces correctly, sew up garments using mattress stitch, shaping to make sewing up easier, picking up stitches for neck bands and button bands, short row shaping and three needle cast off for shoulders.

You will get Anniken's Online Professional Finishing Course for FREE after attending this class.

Please bring: smooth dk or aran weight yarns and suitable needles, a blunt sewing needle and two 15 x 15cm stocking stitch swatches in a smooth yarn. Do not cast off your swatches but leave them on a piece of waste yarn. Bring a third swatch in stocking stitch (approx 15x15cm) – this swatch can be cast off.

Skills needed: Knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



TUNISIAN CROCHET

with Di Stewart

£59

Wednesday 6th April, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Tunisian crochet is sometimes described as being a cross between knitting and crochet as its done in rows on a long hook and makes a firmer, more compact fabric.

Rows are made working back and forth in a repetitive and rhythmical way, picking up and discarding loops. **It's a simple technique to learn, although you do need to know the basic techniques of crochet to do this workshop.**

There are a huge variety of stitches and techniques in Tunisian crochet and in this workshop the basic stitches, Tunisian simple stitch, Tunisian knit and purl, Tunisian bobbles and also increasing and decreasing will be taught.

You will go home with a sampler of stitches learnt and a pattern for Tunisian hand warmers which includes all the stitches learnt.

Please bring: 2 colours of DK yarn to practice with (not too dark or textured). Hooks will be available to borrow or buy on the day.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



KNIT THE CLOUDBERRY COWL

with Anniken Allis

£59

Thursday 7th April, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Do you want to learn how to knit stranded colour work (fair isle) or do you already know the technique but need more practice? This class is perfect for you.

You will learn to **knit with one colour in each hand**, how to **strand the colours correctly**, **achieve perfect floats**, **how to read a chart** and other tricks and tips. In the morning we will practice on a swatch, and in the afternoon you will cast on for your cowl. You will get two patterns to choose from.

Please bring: small amounts of two colours 4ply yarn to practice, 3.25mm 60–80cm long circular knitting needles and knitting notions. To knit the cowl pattern you will need 100g/400m each of two colours 4ply yarn, 3.25mm 60–80cm long circular knitting needles and a stitch marker.

Skills needed: confident basic knitting skills: knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



CREATE A NEEDLEFELTED BUG

with Lynne Dewberry

£35

Tuesday 12th April, 10.30am - 1pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

In this half-day workshop, experienced needlefelting teacher Lynne of *So To Felt* will guide you through creating a cute felted bee or ladybird.

They make **eye-catching decorations**, or if you make more of them, they make a wonderful mobile for a nursery!

Lynne is passionate about promoting the art of felt making, endeavoring to provide **practical advice & encouragement** to participants so that they can use their own ideas in creating their work. Previous workshop attendees have reflected on how they **found the process of felting therapeutic**, and as a former Play Therapist, Lynne understands the power and importance of creativity as a therapeutic process.

All materials needed will be provided on the day (other than a small charge of £1 for any needlefelting tools which get broken).

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



HEART AND DIAMOND CROCHET COWL

with Di Stewart

£59

Wednesday 27th April, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

In this workshop you will look at how to use basic crochet stitches to make bobbles and raised stitches to create texture and patterns.

Working with **trebles and double crochet stitches**, you will make:-

- Bobbles, learning to read from a chart to make a pattern with the bobbles on a double crochet background.
- Raised trebles and learn how to create a diamond pattern, with a ridged border.

You will be making a sample with all of these techniques and instruction sheets, chart for the heart and pattern for the cowl are included in this workshop.

This workshop is suitable for: crocheters who are familiar with the basic stitches of chain, double crochet and trebles.

You will need: a 5mm hook and aran yarn to practice with. Hooks will be available to borrow or buy on the day.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



FILET CROCHET

Di Stewart

£59

Wednesday 11th May, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Filet crochet is a technique using trebles and chains to make “full” and “empty” boxes, which can then be used to make a picture or pattern.

Traditionally it has been **used to make pictures, such as flowers, hearts or animals** in very fine crochet cotton, to make table runners or edge fabric tablecloths. Contemporary Filet Crochet is used more to make blankets and shawls, using 4ply or DK yarn, with simple repeating patterns.

It is a **relatively easy technique** to learn, as it uses chain and trebles in a straightforward way and we will be working with DK yarn and 4mm hooks.

This workshop teaches the basic techniques of Filet Crochet, including how to make “full” and “empty” boxes from chain and trebles, how to follow Filet Crochet charts, and how to make a Filet Heart Square and border pattern. This workshop is suitable for crocheters who are familiar with the basic stitches of chain and trebles.

Please bring a 4mm hook and smooth DK yarn to practice with. Yarn is also available to buy in the shop and hooks will be available to borrow or buy.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



KNIT A MITRED SQUARE BAG

with Anniken Allis

£59

Tuesday 17th May, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

In this workshop you will learn how to knit my Squares bag and also how to use mitred squares to knit cushions and blankets or other items.

Learn how to **knit single mitred squares** and how to **add mitred squares to an existing square** (including how to pick up stitches and cast on stitches at the beginning of a row) as well as **how to assemble the Squares bag**. You will be given the Squares pattern to take home.

Please bring: You can start the Squares bag in the class or knit a sample to practice the techniques and start the pattern at home. If you wish to knit a sample in the class please bring 4ply yarn and 3.25mm knitting needles as well as knitting notions. For the Squares bag you will need 50g/200m each of two colours, 3.25mm needles, fabric for lining and handles (handles and lining are not required for the workshop).

Skills needed: Knit, cast on and cast off.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



MOSAIC CROCHET

with Di Stewart

£59

Wednesday 25th May, 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Mosaic Crochet is currently a popular crochet technique used in several CALs. This workshop teaches the basic techniques of inset Mosaic Crochet, working with two colours of yarn to make geometric patterns.

The stunning designs of Mosaic Crochet use basic crochet stitches, working rows of double crochet, inset with chain lengths overlaid with trebles to make the contrasting pattern.

You will learn how to read a mosaic crochet chart, changing colour every two rows, how to make the contrasting pattern using chains and how to make mosaic trebles. Instruction sheets and mosaic crochet charts for the samples are included in the workshop.

This workshop is for fluent crocheters who are familiar with the basic crochet stitches, chain, double crochet and treble. Hooks will be available for you to borrow or buy on the day.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



BRIOCHE KNITTING

with Anniken Allis

£59

Tuesday 7th June, 10am – 4pm

Brioche knitting remains very popular. There are so many eye-catching and cosy patterns which use it, however it can seem intimidating to master on your own. Fortunately experienced teacher Anniken is here to guide you!

In this workshop you will **learn single and two colour brioche** starting with a basic brioche rib and moving on to increases and decreases. You will also **learn how to read brioche patterns** and **how to fix basic mistakes**.

Please bring: dk yarn (two colours), 4mm or 4.5mm needles and knitting notions.

Skills needed: Confident basic knitting skills: knit, purl, cast on and cast off.

Please bring your own lunch. There are also many local places to buy lunch nearby. Tea-time treats and refreshments will also be served.



NEEDLEFELT A POSTCARD

with Lynne Dewberry

£35

Saturday 11th June, 10.30am – 1pm

In this half-day workshop, experienced needlefelting teacher Lynne of *So To Felt* will guide you through creating a landscape felted postcard.

These whimsical felted postcards can be inspired by your favourite spot on Dartmoor, a much-loved beach scene, or really wherever your imagination might take you!

Lynne is passionate about promoting the art of felt making, endeavoring to provide **practical advice & encouragement** to participants so that they can use their own ideas in creating their work. Previous workshop attendees have reflected on how they **found the process of felting therapeutic**, and as a former Play Therapist, Lynne understands the power and importance of creativity as a therapeutic process.

All materials needed will be provided on the day (other than a small charge of £1 for any needlefelting tools which get broken).

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KNIT CLUB DATES

We love our free and friendly knit clubs – spread the word and bring a friend!

Wednesday Evenings 5pm-8pm:

30th March, 27th April, 25th May, 29th June, 27th July,
31st August

Tuesday Mornings 10am–1pm:

1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August

Wednesday Mornings 10am–1pm:

16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July,
17th August

Be advised that you will be in close contact with others who when seated won't be wearing masks, if this makes you feel uncomfortable perhaps this isn't for you yet.

And of course, please err on the side of caution and don't attend if you have any covid symptoms and haven't tested yet. Thank you!

BOOKING TERMS & COVID INFORMATION

Booking Terms

- If you have to cancel a booking there must be **at least 7 clear days** before the workshop is to be held for you to receive a refund.
- We reserve the right to retain 50% of the cost of the workshop for cancellations **less than 7 days prior to the workshop** to cover the Tutors fee. We will endeavour to fill your space, if we do we will be in a position to offer you a full refund or you can opt to book another workshop.
- Refreshments will be offered throughout the day but **please bring your own lunch**.
- In the unfortunate event that we have to cancel a workshop **we will rearrange at the earliest convenience**.

Covid Safety

- **Please do not attend if you are unwell, particularly if you have symptoms of Covid (eg fever, loss of taste or smell, cough).**
- **Hand sanitiser** will be available to use on entering the shop and throughout the day.
- In line with current regulations you will **not** be required to wear a face covering.
- **In the event that updated government Covid guidelines mean we have to cancel our workshops, and we are unable to rearrange you will be refunded in full.**