

AUTUMN 2023 WORKSHOPS



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SPIN A YARN

Knitting Heaven in the Heart of Devon

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GREETINGS FROM TRISH

Welcome to our Spring 2023 Workshop Brochure.

Today, 14th August 2023, marks the 5th Anniversary of me owning Spin a Yarn. We all exclaim where has the year gone, but just where have those 5 years gone!

Indeed where has the year gone, August already and nearly that festive time of year I refuse to mention yet.

At the beginning of this year I announced that we would be introducing budget-friendly yarn and slowly but surely we have introduced Stylecraft, James C Brett and Hjertegarn.

We have also started to expand our range of King Cole, the launch of their summer yarn Linendale has been successful for us and we're hoping this is replicated in Homespun Prism DK which is new in the shop this week.

Hopefully, we will have something to suit everyone to keep us knitting and sane!

Unlike everything around us which is rising in price, we have managed to keep our Workshop prices the same again this year which we believe to be really good value for money.

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, this is crucial now more than ever.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Trish and the Team.

NEEDLEFELT A HEDGEHOG

with Lynn Dewberry

£35

Wednesday 6th September, 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 very cute felted hedgehog.

These make **eye-catching decorations**, or if you make more of them, they make a wonderful mobile for a woodland-themed 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).

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.



BEGINNER'S CROCHET

with Di Stewart

£35

Wednesday 13th September, 10am – 1pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

In this workshop you will learn the basic techniques of crochet:-

- How to hold the hook and yarn.
- How to make the 3 basic stitches; chain, double crochet and treble.
- You will also learn how to work backwards and forwards in rows to make a straight piece and learn how to keep it straight!

Information sheets are included with the workshop.

Please bring **light coloured DK yarn** to practice with. **Crochet hooks will be available to borrow** at the workshop, but if you have your own hook (4mm), that you would prefer to use, please feel free to bring it along.

Suitable for beginners and returners.

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.



BRIOCHE KNITTING BASICS

with Anniken Allis

£59

Friday 15th September 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

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 **two colour brioche** starting with a basic brioche rib and syncopated brioche, basic increases and decreases, reading brioche patterns and how to fix basic mistakes while knitting Anniken's Kos Hairband. You will also **learn how to read brioche patterns** and **how to fix basic mistakes**.

Please bring: DK yarn (two colours, 50g each), 4mm circular needles (60 or 80cm long) 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.



CROCHET GRANNY SQUARES

with Di Stewart

Wednesday 27th September, 10am – 1pm

£35

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Everyone loves a traditional Granny Square, but not everyone finds them easy to do! Come to this workshop to **learn how to make a granny square**.

Building on basic crochet skills, you will be using the basic stitches to make a granny square and learn to work from a pattern.

Then you will **learn how to crochet 2 granny squares together**.

Pattern sheet is included in the workshop.

Please **bring 2 colours of DK yarn** to practice with. **Crochet hooks will be available to borrow** at the workshop, but if you have your own hook (4mm), that you would prefer to use, please **feel free to bring it along**.

Suitable for those who have **completed the beginner's workshop** and **also improvers** who would like to add to their skills.

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.



CROCHET BASKETS

with Di Stewart

£35

Wednesday 11th October, 10am – 1pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

In this workshop you will learn the basic techniques of working in the round to make a flat circle, working from a pattern. Then you will learn how to create sides from the circle to make a small basket.

Circles are **really useful** to learn how to do, as they are used in all sorts of projects including **coasters, baskets, bags, animals and socks!**

Pattern sheet is included in the workshop.

Please **bring light coloured chunky yarn** to practice with. **Crochet hooks will be available to borrow** at the workshop but if you have your own hook (6mm), that you would prefer to use, please **feel free to bring it along**.

Suitable for those who have **completed the beginner's workshop** and **also improvers** who would like to add to their skills.

Tea-time treats and refreshments will be served.



BEGINNERS SPINNING

with Terri Holman

Friday 20th October 10am – 4pm

£59

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.



PROFESSIONAL FINISHING

with Anniken Allis

£59

Tuesday 31st October 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 1st November 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

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

Skills you will learn:-

- The basic techniques and stitches of Tunisian Crochet
- Purl and Tunisian Bobbles
- How to increase and decrease
- How to use different colours to easily make great effects in your projects.

The workshop will include **instruction sheets for the basic stitches** and techniques and a **pattern for hand warmers** which includes all the stitches learnt.

Suitable for: anyone who can make a basic crochet chain-Tunisian crochet is simple and repetitive and easy to pick up!

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.



BRIOCHE COWL

with Anniken Allis

£59

Thursday 9th November 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

This workshop is suitable for knitters who have tried two colour brioche but want to improve their brioche skills and confidence.

You will **learn how to knit brioche in the round** while **knitting a brioche cowl** featuring a **syncopated brioche pattern**.

This is a **brand new workshop** from Anniken for 2023, so if you're a fan of her teaching, be sure to book a space!

Please bring: DK yarn in two colours (50g/135m each 50g ball), 4mm circular needles (60cm long).

Skills needed: Confident basic knitting skills (knit, purl, cast on and cast off). Knowledge of basic 2 colour brioche rib is an advantage but not essential.

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



SPINNING IMPROVERS

with Terri Holman

Friday 10th November 10am – 4pm

£59

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

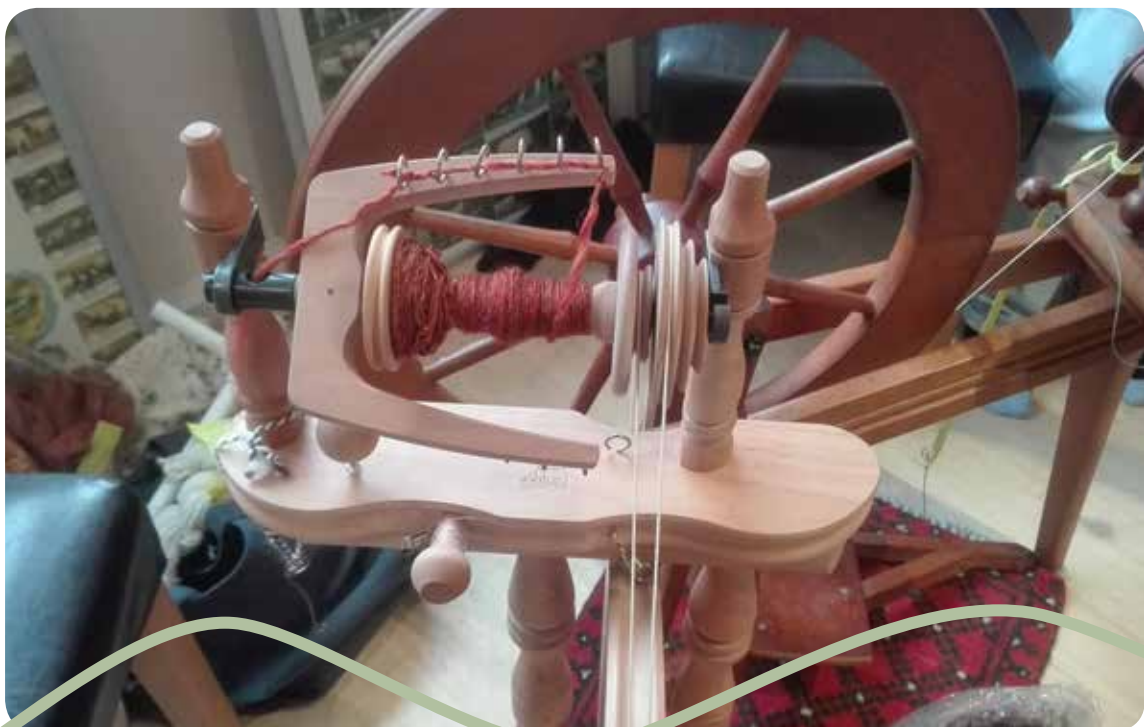
Join us for a workshop from expert and enthusiastic local spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own flock of Jacob sheep.

This workshop is for people who have **already participated** in Terri's beginner's workshop. This time you will be **concentrating on using the spinning wheel**.

Applying the basic knowledge learnt from the first workshop, you will be again looking at **fibre preparation, spinning and plying on the spinning wheel**.

We have spare spinning wheels available but do bring your own working wheel if you have one. Please call beforehand if you are unsure. **Please bring an extra £12 in cash** for the larger bag of carded Jacob fleece which Terri will be providing herself for each participant.

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 PROJECT BAG

with Di Stewart

£59

Thursday 16th November 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Building on the basic techniques of Tunisian Crochet, Di will teach you how to make longer stitches based on Tunisian trebles, and how to combine different colours and textures.

You will also learn how to make Tunisian bobbles, different stitches with texture, waves and surface patterns.

You will be combining different colours to highlight the various patterns and creating a vibrant sample which can then be used to make a project bag. The workshop will include instruction sheets for the stitches and techniques.

Suitable for: anyone with basic Tunisian crochet skills

Please bring: 5 contrasting colours of smooth DK yarn (not cotton), for the sample. (it can be made with 3 different colours, if you don't have 5). Tunisian Crochet hooks will be available to borrow at the workshop.

Tea time treats and refreshments will be served.



CUSTOM FIT TOP DOWN HAT

with Anniken Allis

Thursday 23rd November, 10am – 4pm

£59

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Learn how to knit a hat from the top down for a custom fit in any yarn weight with expert teacher and designer Anniken.

In this workshop you will learn how to cast on for a hat worked from the top down, how to knit in the round (starting with magic loop, travelling loop and stitches filling one circular needle), how to add stitch patterns if you want to and how to achieve a good fit. You will get a recipe to use when knitting hats.

Please bring: 50-100g DK or 4ply yarn (ideally DK yarn) and suitable circular needles – 80cm and 40cm long (3.75mm or 4mm for dk yarn, 3mm or 3.25mm for 4ply yarn), stitch marker.

Skills needed: Basic knitting skills, how to 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.



KNIT A FAIR ISLE CUSHION

with Anniken Allis

£59

Tuesday 28th November 10am – 4pm

TO BOOK CALL 01626 836203

Learn how to knit the 'Diamonds are forever' stranded cushion with stranded colourwork expert Anniken.

Friendly and experienced teacher Anniken will teach you how to knit in the round holding one colour in each hand, how to strand the yarn and achieve perfect tension, how to sew up the cushion using mattress stitch, one row button holes and how to assemble the bag.

This class is suitable for knitters new to stranded colour work or knitters who already know how to knit stranded colour work but want to improve their skills.

Please bring: 150g each of two colours dk yarn (more colours can be used), 3.75mm 80cm long circular needles (you may wish to bring 4mm and 3.5mm needles as well, in case you need a different needle size to achieve correct tension), stitch marker, 36x36cm cushion pad (not necessary to bring to the class, 6 buttons (2cm wide) and blunt sewing needle.

Skills needed: How to cast on, cast off, knit and purl.

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



Tuesday Morning Knit Clubs: 10am – 1pm
5th September, 3rd October, 7th November, 5th December

Wednesday Morning Knit Clubs: 10am – 1pm
16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, 13th December

Wednesday Evening Knit Clubs: 5pm – 8pm
30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 29th November, 20th December

Wednesday Evening Spinning Club: 6.30pm – 9pm
6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December



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 your booking fee for cancellations **less than 7 days prior to the workshop** to cover our costs. 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 at your convenience.
- 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.**