

Spin A Yarn Spring/Summer 2018 Workshops

Our workshops are very popular and sell out fast. **Don't forget to ring as soon as you receive this new digital schedule!**

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

These discount vouchers can be used on the workshop day and during the month after the workshop.

We have all the yarn and needles in stock that you need for your workshops!

CLAIRE CROMPTON WORKSHOPS

PROFESSIONAL FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Have you ever worked for hours creating a beautifully knitted garment, only to feel let down at the end by your sewing-up skills? Do you wonder why a garment knitted to the right size looks lumpy or uneven?

Learning how to finish a garment properly can **make the difference between a garment you wear at every opportunity** and one which takes up residence at the bottom of the wardrobe!

This workshop equips you with all the skills you need to sew up all your unfinished projects to a professional standard.

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 unfinished project for help and advice.

Dates: Friday, 13 April 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



BRIOCHE KNITTING

Take a look at any of the recent collections by knitting designers and you'll see that **brioche knitting is one of the most exciting new trends!** It creates a thick, reversible ribbed fabric, ideal for cosy garments and accessories. It can be used with colour-shifting yarns to create dazzling colourways.

This workshop will teach you **all the basics of brioche knitting**. You will begin with a sample of the basic one-colour stitch and explore how increases and decreases can be decorative as well as functional. Progress onto two-colour brioche for which you will use double-pointed or circular needles. **Add more colours or use a colour change yarn 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, 18 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

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CLAIRE CROMPTON WORKSHOPS cont.

KNITTING WITH MAGIC BALL YARN

Make your own **unique, multi-coloured, multi-textured ball of yarn**. Use it to knit either a spacious market bag in linen stitch, or a bias scarf or shawl, decorating with beads or buttons, or a multi-stitch cowl in waves of colour.

The magic ball yarn is also a **great way to use up oddments of yarn**, no matter how short, and can also be used for any type of Fair Isle, intarsia or modular knitting, **leaving the yarn to make the colour decisions for you**.

During the workshop, you will make up a small magic ball and work a sample of linen stitch, bias knitting or wave stitch. You will then begin a project to continue at home.

Topics include: combining colours, shading colours from dark to light, combining different thicknesses of yarn together, appropriate stitches, ways to join yarn including Russian join and no ends knot.

You will need: many stash yarns, bringing every colour you have or choosing a palette; bring all thicknesses and textures, a range of knitting needles (straight and circular) to suit the yarns. If you struggle with finding yarns, Spin A Yarn have plenty!

Dates: Friday, 25 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



ANNIKEN ALLIS WORKSHOPS

Anniken is one of the UK's leading lace designers. Born in Norway she moved to Cornwall in 1990. Anniken's skills with lace are legendary and her designs have been published in magazines including Vogue Knitting, Interweave Knits and The Knitter. Recently one of her patterns featured on the front of US Vogue Knitting Magazine!



FAIR ISLE AND STEEKING

Have you fallen in love with all the **Scandinavian-style colourwork jumpers and cardis** around at the moment? This workshop will teach you the skills you need to make your very own collection.

Fair Isle knitting is the art of using **several different colours of yarn at the same time to knit patterns** and even small pictures into your knitting.

Steeking is a shortcut used to **knit garments such as sweaters in the round without interruptions** for openings or sleeves until the end. The steek itself is a bridge of extra stitches, in which the cut is made. **The technique was developed in Scandinavia and the Shetland Islands** and is especially useful for making Fair Isle sweaters.

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 re-enforce the 'steek', how to cut the fabric and pick up for edgings.

Suitable for competent, intermediate knitters.

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NORWEGIAN 'SELBU' MITTENS

Traditional Norwegian 'Selbu' mittens are popular with knitters around the world for their warmth and eye-catching patterns. Once the basic skills have been mastered, there are hundreds of different fair-isle designs which you can combine with different colour combinations – from traditional black and white to fun, modern colours.

This workshop will teach you how to knit fair isle, how to knit in the round with double pointed needles and a circular needle using the magic loop technique and how to shape your mittens.

Techniques taught in this class can also be used to knit traditional Latvian and Estonian mittens. You will get a Selbu-inspired mitten pattern to take home.

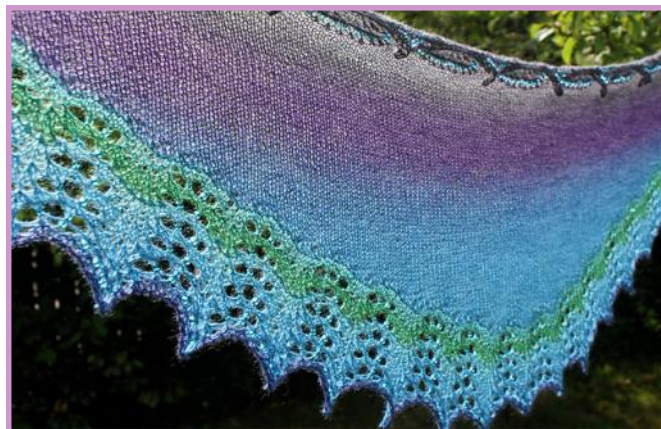
All materials will be supplied but extra yarn can be bought from Spin A Yarn with your workshop discount on the day. This workshop is suitable for intermediate knitters or confident beginners.

Dates: Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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EASY LACE KNITTING

Lace knitting is the art of creating airy, elegant patterns out of fine yarn – the final product is a garment or accessory which looks delicate but is surprisingly warm. Lace knitting is extremely popular at the moment and is not just for shawls and scarves – there are many patterns for tops, socks and dresses out there which use lace knitting skills.

This workshop will teach you how to read lace charts, work the stitches and decreases required for lace knitting, add beads using a crochet hook and how to shape within a lace pattern.

In the morning, we'll practice various lace stitches working from a lace chart and in the afternoon you will be able to start working on a beautiful shawl. You will be given a choice of patterns, which all require 400m/100gr sock yarn (4 ply/fingering weight yarn and 4mm circular needles (80cms)

Following this workshop you should be able to work simple lace patterns used in garments, shawls or accessories.

All materials will be supplied for the morning but please bring above materials for the afternoon project. (These can be purchased in the shop on the day with your discount, if preferred).

Suitable for adventurous novice & intermediate knitters.

Dates: Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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TOP-DOWN RAGLAN SWEATER

Top down sweaters are increasingly popular as you can **try the sweater on as you knit it** which makes it easier to get a **perfect fit**. Many **Scandinavian style colourwork sweaters** are also knitted top-down so it's a **really useful skill to learn**.

In this class you will **learn raglan sweater construction**, how to work in the round, **how to shape the yoke 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.

However, if you'd like to work on a specific size for your own sweater, please knit a swatch and block/press it before the class.

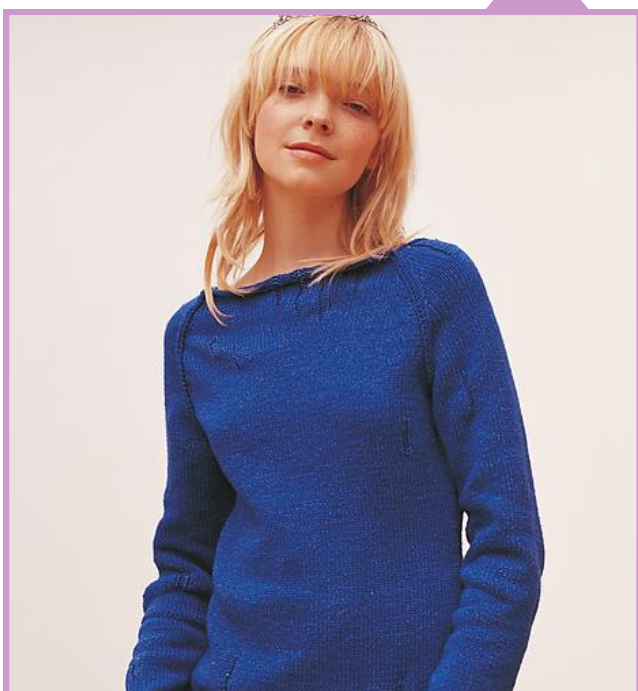
The swatch should measure a minimum of 15 x 15cm and should be worked in stocking stitch, unless you wish to work your sweater in a different stitch pattern. Please bring some of the yarn and needles you'll be using for your sweater.

Dates: Wednesday, 23 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



HEELS & TOES—SPECIAL SOCK WORKSHOP

Are you a sock knitter? Getting bored with your standard sock pattern? **Take your skills to the next level** and learn to knit some **different heels and toes** which can be used with any toe up or top down sock pattern.

You will learn **how to insert an after-thought heel**, how to calculate any maths required for your chosen heel/toe, how to work perfect, gap-free short rows and **at least 2 different heels and toes**.

All materials will be provided, and we stock plenty of top-quality sock yarn in the shop if you wish to buy more with your discount voucher on the day.

Suitable for sock knitters who have knitted at least a couple of pairs of socks toe up or top down.

Dates: Wednesday, 30 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

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KNIT THE CARLYON BAY SHAWL

Carlyon Bay is a **big, cozy shawl perfect for chilly days**. The shawl starts as a crescent shape then for part 2 the shaping is changed as a lace pattern is added. It's **the perfect shawl to boost your shawl-making and lace knitting skills!**

Choose from our wide range of 4-ply yarns – **it looks great with both contrasting colours or tonal shades.**

In the morning we'll practice the techniques used in this shawl. In the afternoon you'll start your own Carlyon Bay Shawl.

You'll need:

Colour 1 - 200m/50g 4ply yarn

Colour 2 - 400m/100g 4ply yarn

Colour 3 - 400m/100g 4ply yarn.

4mm circular needles (80cm long)

NEW!

All materials for the morning will be supplied but please bring along yarn and needles as above for the afternoon. Don't forget, these can be purchased in the shop on the day of the workshop using your discount if you prefer.

Suitable for confident novice and intermediate knitters.

Dates: Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



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ALISON CROWTHER SMITH WORKSHOPS

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!** The finished cowl is a **gorgeous modern take on a classic Fairisle look**. The tailoring and clever construction really are 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.**

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 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.

Alison will also show you how she 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.

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

Dates: Thursday, 29 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



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ALISON CROWTHER SMITH WORKSHOPS

KNIT THE MOONS AND STARS COWL

Learn to knit this magical Fairisle cowl with a choice of either a starry outer-side or a crescent moon. Both are beaded. The cowl is fully lined with a double knit lining in stocking stitch.

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.** The tailoring and clever construction really are the trademark features of this unique workshop. The skills taught on this workshop are very similar to those taught on Alison's Fairisle Cowl workshop, so if you don't manage to get a spot on that one, try this.

You will learn the Moon and Stars cowl design, **how to knit neat and even Fairisle in the round**, how to knit beads into Fairisle and how to construct and complete the cowl.

You will be **shown how to pick up and knit stitches**, which is used in this design, To practice this on the day please bring along a small cast off piece of stocking stitch in double knitting wool, 20 stitches wide and 10 rows long.

This course is not suitable for beginners but is fine for knitters who are reasonably confident with knitting and pattern reading. There is a companion piece to the cowl, a throw which I will bring but this is not being taught on the day.

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

Dates: Thursday, 10 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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NEW!



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ALISON CROWTHER SMITH WORKSHOPS cont.

SARA MITTS (COLOURWASHED KIDSILK HAZE MITTS)

These mitts - **simple but tailored and beautifully colour washed in kid mohair and silk yarns**, are an ideal introduction to knitting mittens in the round on double pointed needles.

Use 2 x 25g balls of Rowan Kidsilk Haze (or equivalent such as Adriafile KidSeta) in **TWO shades that will blend well together and also have some contrast**. For example, I used shades Jelly and Trance. The yarns are held together for the main part of the mittens and then each shade is used alone at the frilly edge.

You will **learn to knit mitts with a fully fitted thumb**, how to get a neat, even fabric, how to complete the thumb and **how to pick up and knit stitches**. To practice this on the day please bring along a small cast off piece of stocking stitch in double knitting wool, 20 stitches wide and 10 rows long.

You will also need: 1 set of 2.75mm double pointed needles. 3 stitch markers which are different from each other - ideally plain, non-beaded, closed ring markers. A large safety pin.

This course is not suitable for beginners but is fine for knitters who are reasonably confident with knitting and pattern reading.



Dates: Thursday, 14 June 2018
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm
Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

BEGINNER'S KNITTING WITH LIZZIE SCALI



Classes with our **friendly and experienced shop manager Lizzie** are available throughout the year. 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 for 2 hour session

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CROCHET WORKSHOPS WITH DI STEWART

Di Stewart is our crochet teacher. She has all the City and Guild qualifications to ensure that you learn all the correct techniques. We're amazed at how quickly participants become skilled in the art of crochet.

BEGINNERS CROCHET WITH DI 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, 12, 19, 26 April and 3 May 2018

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £55.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)



BEYOND THE BASICS WITH DI 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 crochet garment making introduced.

Dates:

Thursdays 24, 31 May and 7, 21 June 2018

Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £55.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)



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OTHER WORKSHOPS

NEEDLE- PUNCH FELTING WITH CAROL TIMMS

This workshop is a **particularly fun experience!**

Needle-punch felting uses **soft wool fleece to create 3D shapes such as figures, animals and flowers**. 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**. Once you have mastered the skills there is no end to the things you can make!

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 with kids.

Limited to 6 persons only.

Dates: Friday, 11 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



SPINNING FOR BEGINNERS WITH TERRI HOLMAN

Expert and enthusiastic spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own flock of Jacob sheep is holding a **one-day Spinning for Beginners** 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!**

Spare spinning wheels are available but **do bring your own working wheel if you have one**. Fibre and hand carders for spinning will be provided.

Limited to 5 persons only.

Dates: Friday, 6 April 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £64.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)

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OTHER WORKSHOPS

SPINNING – BEYOND THE BASICS WITH TERRI HOLMAN

This workshop is for people who have already **participated in Terri's beginner's workshop** and are ready to **move onto more advanced techniques**.

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

Spare spinning wheels are available but **do bring your own working wheel if you have one**. Fibre and hand carders for spinning will be provided.

Limited to 5 persons only.

Dates: Friday, 20 April 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £64.00

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



NATURAL DYEING WITH JOYCE AT MILL FARM, MANATON

(Note Mill Farm is only a 10min drive from Spin A Yarn and we can organise transport if necessary)

Spend a **peaceful day at home at Mill Farm with Joyce** learning the **basics of Natural Dyeing**.

In the morning we will **learn how to prepare a dye bath**, select **suitable mordants and natural plants and materials** to dye beautiful Angora fleece in a range of bright colours. She will also demonstrate **how to prepare an Indigo dye bath**. There is something magical about watching the stunning shades of blue immerge from the muddy looking indigo dye bath. In the afternoon you will be able to **collect your own plant materials to dye pre-mordanted fleece**.

The day includes a home cooked lunch, drinks and a cream tea.

All materials are included and you will be able to take home the fleece that you have dyed during the day.

Dates: Saturday, 19 May 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £64.00 (includes materials)

(includes home cooked lunch and tea-time treats)



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KNITTING CLUB DATES

1st Tuesday Morning in the month from 10.30am – 1.00pm

Dates: 3 April, 8 May, 5 June 2018

Last Wednesday Evening in the Month from 6.30 – 9.00pm

Dates: 25 April, 30 May, 27 June 2018

SPINNING CLUB DATES

1ST Wednesday Evening in the Month from 6.30 – 9.00pm

Dates: 4 April , 2 May, 6 June 2018

