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Dear Friends



LET'S KNIT AWARDS!

First I must say "Thank you" to all you wonderful and supportive customers who took the time and trouble to vote us the Best Yarn Shop in The South West. We were overjoyed

to receive the award. I appreciate that I have a wonderful team who do their best to make your shopping experience as enjoyable as possible. All the team, like me, are yarn addicts who truly understand you passionate knitters!

GREATEST HITS WORKSHOPS

We decided to use this Spring workshop programme to repeat some of your favourite knitting workshops with your favourite teachers.



Claire Crompton has been teaching at Spin A Yarn since I started the shop in 2006. I haven't calculated how many people Claire has taught to professionally finish their garments, but many times I have heard participants

exclaim out loud at workshops "Oh, I've been knitting for 40+ years and never knew how to do that!" Customers tell me that they find sewing up garments easy now that Claire has taught them how to do it correctly.

Claire is teaching two Professional Finishing workshops as well as Brioche, Modular and Fair Isle Knitting.

Although **Anniken Allis** is best known for her lace designs she is also an talented



sock designer and an expert at teaching skills such as "knitting in the round" and the scary but exciting technique called "Steeking" which is used particularly in Scandinavian and Fair Isle knitting.

Alison Crowther Smith

is a great favourite at Spin A Yarn. We particularly love her Kidsilk Haze designs. She is teaching her Reversible/Lined Cowl again and a new kidsilk colourwash scarf.



We also have Crochet workshops from **Di Stewart**, a popular team member as well as teacher.

Finally **Terri Holman**, team member, is teaching Beginner Spinning and **Isabelle Jourdan** will show you how to do Wild Weaving.

NEW YARNS FOR SPRING

All the yarn companies are very secretive about their new Spring yarns –so we won't mention that Rowan is introducing a wonderful cotton cashmere yarn in Opal Fruit-like colours, and a fine recycled denim 2 ply lace yarn which is wound onto pretty cones. Just beautiful!

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

Meanwhile the Rowan Valley Tweed 4 ply spun up in Huddersfield has been flying off the shelves and we love the blissfully soft Debbie Bliss Aymara yarn.



Also, we love the West Yorkshire Spinners new range of patterns for their Wensleydale Gems. Longstanding customers will know that I owned a pet Wensleydale sheep



ANNUAL SALE STARTS FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY

2018 Spin A Yarn's famous January Sale starts on Friday, 5 January 2018. As is traditional, all yarns and accessories currently in the shop will be discounted by 10%. Loyalty card holders will be rewarded by 20% off all yarns and accessories in stock. This is the perfect time to buy those beautiful luxury yarns that you have been coveting for the past few months!

FINALLY

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I have decided to retire and sell the business. Although we are considering offers currently I would hate for any of our loyal customers to feel that they missed out on the opportunity to be the next owner of Spin A Yarn! So whether you've just heard the news or have been toying with the idea for a while, pop in or give us a call for a friendly chat about the business.

I am sad to say goodbye to Spin A Yarn but am looking forward to having time to travel, visit family and catch up with old friends. I will still pop into the shop from time to time and look forward to meeting up with my knitting friends then.

Thanks again for all your support!

Best wishes from

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

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called Winston for many years so have a real soft spot for this yarn!

OPENING HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

We are open up to and including Saturday, 23 December 2017.

As an experiment we are opening on Friday, 29 December from 10.00 – 4.00pm and Saturday, 30 December from 10.00 – 3.00pm. We then reopen at 10.00am on Tuesday, 2 January 2018. This is usually a very busy day for workshop bookings. Don't forget to telephone quickly if you find there is a workshop that you want to do. Most of them fill up very fast.

SPRING WORKSHOPS 2018



That thrilling moment when you cut the steek! See p10 for Anniken's Fair Isle and Steeking workshop



Learn the art of picture knitting with Claire Crompton's Fairisle and Intarsia Workshop (see p8)



An example of the exquisite lace knitting you can create with skills from Anniken's Lace Improvers course (see p14)



Treat yourself to a new skill for 2018 – learn to knit socks from the toe-up! (see p14)

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CLAIRE CROMPTON WORKSHOPS

Claire Crompton is an international cross stitch & knitwear designer. She is the 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.

TWO separate dates for this most popular workshop.

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: Choose between **Friday, 12 Jan 2018 OR Friday, 2 Feb 2018**
Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm **Price:** £59.00

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



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, Claire and Spin A Yarn have plenty!

Date: Friday, 19 January 2018
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Price: £59.00

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

SPRING WORKSHOPS 2018

WORKSHOPS SELL OUT VERY FAST!

Don't forget to ring as soon as you get your new 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.

FAIR ISLE AND INTARSIA WITH COLOUR CONFIDENCE

Learn how to use Fair Isle and Intarsia together with slip stitch patterns and simple stripes to add colour to your knitting. In the workshop you will learn the basics of each technique, knitting samples of each. You will then use your samples to design a pair of fingerless mitts which you can complete at home. We will also explore how to put colours together and alter an existing pattern into another colourway.

Topics include: stranding Fair Isle to get the correct tension, knitting intarsia for picture sweaters, reading charts.

You will need: different coloured yarns with suitable needles for the samples. For the fingerless mitts, bring along some DK yarn in at least two colours, or buy what you need on the day. Also you can bring a pattern or chart that you'd like to work in different colours.

Dates: Friday, 26 January 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

CELTIC CABLES

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 (we will supply this) 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 (we stock plenty), needles to match, cable needle.

Date: Friday, 16 February 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



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BRIOCHE KNITTING

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 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.

Date: Friday, 2 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

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-style technique, and easy to learn. Shapes are joined together as you knit so no seams to sew and stunning colour effects can be created. You will 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 yarn in different thicknesses with suitable needles. You can also bring along any modular pattern that you would like to try.

Date: Friday, 23 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



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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

See page 6 for photo. 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.

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

Suitable for competent, intermediate knitters.

Date: Tuesday, 16 January 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



SHETLAND SHAWL

Shetland is known for delicate lace shawls knitted in very fine yarn. The shawls have an ethereal and complex look. However, this workshop will show you how, with the right basic skills you will be able to create your own beautiful heirloom shawls at home.

In this workshop, we'll look briefly at the history of Shetland lace shawls and you'll practice working traditional Shetland lace stitches, reading lace charts. You will be taught the 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: Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

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NORWEGIAN 'SELBU' MITTENS

Traditional Norwegian 'Selbu' mittens are popular with knitters around the world. Although they are often knitted in black and white wool featuring Norwegian 'fair isle' patterns, these mittens can be worked in a variety of colours for a modern look.

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.

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

TOP-DOWN RAGLAN 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 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.

Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



THESE DAYS ANNIKEN IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED KNITTING DESIGNER AND AUTHOR

However, here at Spin A Yarn we are lucky enough to have in our archives one of Anniken's first patterns she designed! We thought it would be fun to share it with you in case you want to make this simple yet glamorous wrap.

Materials:

1 skein Touch Brushed Kid Mohair Merino
12mm needles

Abbreviations:

st = stitch(es)

yo = yarn over

Ssk=slip,slip, knit(ie. Slip 2 sts knitwise) and then insert point of left-hand needle into the front of these 2 stitches and knit the 2 stitches together.

Measure required lengths of yarn for fringe and put aside. Exact amount depends on the number of fringes and length you want.

Cast on 25 st

K1, yo, ssk, *yo, ssk* until end of row.

Repeat this row until scarf is long enough and bind off.

Fasten on the fringe yarns and trim to an even length.

Wrap:

Cast on 51st and knit pattern as above (fringe optional).

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SPECIAL SOCK WORKSHOP TOP-DOWN SOCKS

(Worked on double-pointed needles
or circular needles)

Socks are incredibly popular and there is something magic about turning your first heel. Discover how to knit socks from the top-down, how to knit a heel flap, turn a heel and work the toe.

You can choose whether to knit using double-pointed needles or a circular needle using the magic loop technique.

We'll be knitting a mini-sock in this workshop to practice all the techniques involved in making a sock.

You will be given an adult sized pattern to take home.

Warning: socks are very addictive!!!

Spin A Yarn has plenty of sock yarn if you want to use your discount voucher on the day.

Suitable for confident novice and intermediate knitters.

Date: Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



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: Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

ALISON CROWTHER SMITH WORKSHOPS

KIDSILK HAZE COLOURWASH SCARF

Learn to knit this quick and easy lace scarf which is carefully colourwashed to provide a 'dipped' or ombre effect. It can also be beaded. The scarf has an easily memorised stitch repeat with lots of resting rows.

Using 4mm needles, and taking 4 balls of Kidsilk haze, it is as light as a feather, snug, fast to knit – and very pretty.

You do not need to be an expert knitter to make this accessory; if you can knit, purl, cast on and off and read a pattern, all the other skills can be taught on the day. This is easy lace so if you like knitting difficult lace, choose a different course. On the day you will learn to knit with beads (if wanted), the lace stitch, how to get the best effect from colour-washing, how to manage Kidsilk Haze and get the most from this versatile yarn. The scarf is knitted in 2 halves which are then cast off together; this will be fully explained.

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

Date: Thursday, 22 February 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



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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 to you with your booking confirmation.

Date: Thursday, 8 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



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BEGINNERS KNITTING WITH LIZZIE SCALLI

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

Classes with Lizzie are available throughout the Spring and Summer. 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: 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 hours



CROCHET WITH DIANE STEWART

Di Stewart is our favourite 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 Crochet.

BEGINNERS CROCHET

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: 11 January, 18 January, 25 January and 1 February 2018

Time: 2.00- 4.00pm

Price: £55.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)

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CROCHET 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 garment knitting introduced.

Dates: Thursdays, 8 February, 1 March, 15 March, 22 March 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Price: £55.00 for the 4 week course

(includes tea-time treats)



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: Tuesday 13 March 2018

Time: 10.00 – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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

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CROCHET BEYOND THE BASICS WITH DI STEWART

WHOLE DAY WORKSHOP

This workshop is for those who have learnt basic crochet skills/stitches and wish to add to those skills.

In this workshop you will learn a variety of stitches and using colour will combine them to create a rich textured look. All these stitches are based on a simple combination of trebles, chain and double crochet.

Patterns for a messenger bag, tablet folder or blanket, are included in the workshop. Please bring 2 or 3 different colours of DK yarn to practice with and a 4.00mm crochet hook.

Date: Tuesday, 20 March 2018

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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



OTHER WORKSHOPS

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, 7th February

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Price: £59.00

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SPINNING WITH TERRI HOLMAN

Expert and enthusiastic spinner and teacher Terri, who has her own herd of Jacob sheep is holding a 1 day Spinning workshop on a Sunday when it is easier to fit the wheels into the shop!

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, 9 February 2018

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Price: £64.00

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

KNITTING CLUBS

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

Dates: 9 January,
6 February, 6 March

Last Wednesday Evening in the
Month from 6.30 – 9.00pm

Dates: 31 January,
28 February, 28 March

SPINNING CLUB

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

Dates: 3 January,
7 February, 7 March





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

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

Materials:

100g Touch Boucle (1 skein)

OR 100g Rare Yarns Boucle (2 balls)

9mm needles

Note: before knitting prepare for fringe by cutting

68 lengths of yarn at 10 inches long.

Pattern:

- Cast on 26 stitches using 9mm needles.
- 1st Row: Wrap the yarn purlwise around the needle then purl 2 stitches together (P2tog). Continue to the end.
- 2nd Row: As Row 1
- Continue in pattern until yarn is almost finished.
- Cast off.
- Attach 2 tassels at a time evenly along each end of scarf.





Contact Spin A yarn for a free pattern using the new “Elisir DK” to knit this delightful summer two-piece.

Elisir DK is has a wonderful sheen and is 44% cotton, 39% linen and 17% silk.

THE SUBLIME TOTE DU JOUR

Worked in Sublime superfine alpaca dk

Size 25x30cm – 9¾x11¼in

Materials

K024 Sublime superfine alpaca dk

Main shade 435 breton 2 50g balls

Contrast shade 433 soft grey 2 50g balls

You will also need

1 pair of 4mm (UK8 – USA6) Knitting

Needles (or the size required to give the correct tension) 1 metre of lining fabric

Abbreviations C contrast, cm centimetres, in inch(es), k knit, M main, mm millimetres, st(s) stitch(es).

Instructions (Make 2 pieces)

Tension Please take a little time now to knit a tension square. **Using 4mm needles cast on 21 stitches and work 40 rows in garter stitch (every row knit). This should now measure 10cm, (4in) square.** If your tension square isn't the correct width please refer to page 2.

Using your needles and M, cast on 53 sts.

1st Row. (this will be the right side of the work - rs) Knit. This row forms garter stitch. Work in garter stitch for the remainder of bag as follows:- Continue using M until work measures 10cm, (4in), finishing after a wrong side row.

1st and 2nd Rows. Using C, knit.

3rd and 4th Rows. Using M, knit. From 1st to 4th row forms stripe pattern. Continue in stripe pattern until work measures 20cm, (8in), finishing after 4th row of stripe pattern.

Next Row. Using C, knit. Continue using C

until work measures 27cm, (10¾in), finishing after a right side row.

Next Row. Using C, k16, cast off 21 sts knitways, knit to end.

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Continue using C until work measures 30cm, (11¼in), finishing after a right side row. Cast off knitways.

To Make Up Using the shape of the bag as a guide cut out and sew lining together making sure the lining fits to the inside of the bag. Place main pieces together and join side and lower edge seams. Join lining seams and stitch in place inside bag. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.



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SPIN A YARN WORKSHOP QUICHES

As most of our customers know, whenever we hold a workshop at Spin A Yarn, I cook quiches for everyone. After many requests for the recipe, I thought it would be fun to have a cookery page in our spring programme.

JOYCE'S QUICHE

This amount makes 2 quiches and serves approx 10 people for lunch. I normally make a bit more pastry than I need as the leftover is useful to make jam tarts, mince pies or decorated pastry shapes with my little granddaughter!

I use 10" flan dishes which are easy to carry to the shop.

PASTRY BASE

12 oz plain flour

6 oz butter

½ cup water (approx - often just under)

Mix the flour and butter in a large mixing bowl, rubbing the ingredients lightly through the fingers until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Then, gradually, using a round-ended knife, add the water until mixture will cling together. You need just enough water to enable you to roll out the pastry – too much and mixture becomes sticky and too little and it falls apart.

Divide your pastry into two equal portions. Make two neat parcels of pastry. Then, roll out each parcel until it is larger than your flan dish. Gently pop rolled out pastry into each dish, being carefully not to stretch it. Cut off excess pastry from round the edge (I use scissors to avoid stretching it). Prick

bottom of pastry and bake blind (use baking paper to cover centre of pastry and baking beans or bread or rice on top of baking paper to prevent pastry from rising).

Put flan dishes in hot oven (200 degrees cent.) for about 10 minutes until firm and slightly brown, then take off the greaseproof paper and put back in the oven for another 5 minutes to firm the top of the pastry.

Over the years I have found the following two quiches are the most popular.

Each Quiche needs cheddar cheese.

SALMON QUICHE

1 pack of Smoked salmon

2 leeks

250g asparagus

200g celery

Fresh Parsley, basil or oregano

Chop all ingredients and fry gently in pan to brown slightly Put ingredients into pastry flan.

SPINACH QUICHE

500g spinach

1 red onion

200g celery

2 asparagus

1 red pepper

Feta Cheese to your taste

Wash spinach, drain away all the water then bring to the boil rapidly. Leave to boil for just a minute or two until the spinach leaves are wilted. Drain and leave to cool. When cool squeeze all the water out of the spinach and leave on a piece of kitchen towel. Chop

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all the other ingredients and fry gently until brown. Put all chopped ingredients into the pastry flan. Then put spinach and sprinkled feta cheese on top.

COMPLETE BOTH QUICHES

Egg and Milk mixture

2 pints of milk

6 eggs

Milk and eggs are whisked together.

Cheddar cheese

Grate about 500g Cheddar cheese and sprinkle a liberal portion over each of the flan bases.

ASSEMBLING QUICHES

Put all the salmon ingredients into 1 pastry case and all the spinach ingredients into

another base.

Carefully pour the milk and egg mixture over the all the ingredients and put the quiches into a baking oven (200 degrees cent) for about 50 minutes.

When quiches are set and slightly browned then take out of the oven.

Serve with Sunshine green salad.

SUNSHINE GREEN SALAD

Wash and tear up Romaine lettuce leaves and mix with a pack of baby salad leaves. Pour over green salad a dressing made with fine olive oil, lemon, crushed garlic and a drop of balsamic vinegar.

Chop up and add 1 firm mango, 6 cherry tomatoes and 1 avocado. Sweep these on top of the green leaves and mix slightly.

Serve with fresh bread or baby new potatoes.



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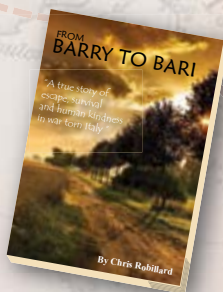
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