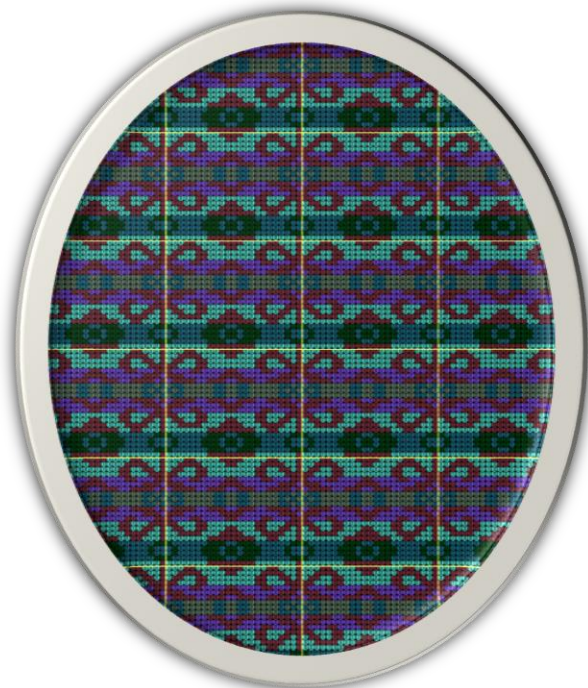


Long Buckby Machine Knitters

Newsletter

August
2023



From the Editor

Welcome!

August is here, and many people will be on holiday, but we continue to meet. Last month was a very select group of people, so we surmised that many members were probably on holiday then, too!



Today we will be having an informal session; we will still have a show and tell, but then break up into smaller groups for other demonstrations etc. I will demonstrate the colour changer on the Brother machine.

In September we are pleased to welcome a guest speaker, Claire Newberry, who will be focusing on lace.

And in October, as well as the pre-meeting mentioned below, we have Sally Butcher.

The following was in the last newsletter, but I am repeating it here as a reminder.

I have booked the room for a longer session in October. We will have the hall from 12 to 4, including setting up and tidying up. This is to allow for a committee meeting at 12 to discuss next year's programme, and to get our electrical testing done. If any members wish to attend the committee meeting, you are welcome to sit in on it and contribute; and bring your lunch! If anyone wants electrical appliances PAT tested, please bring them at 12.

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The Future

Calendar 2023

LBMK calendar 2023	All meetings are from 2pm to 4pm, and doors are open from 1.30pm. Membership fee: annual £5, plus £3 for most meetings, £5 for those with visiting speaker [marked with ***] Guest fees: £5 most meetings, £7 for those with visiting speaker. Tea/coffee and biscuits included
Date [all Mon]	Topic
14th Aug	Machine Knitting Forum – a chance to catch up on skills and friends! Squares / Accessories
11th Sept ***	Claire Newberry - lace
9th Oct***	Sally Butcher
13th Nov	Yokes/ hand tooling
11th Dec	AGM/ COMPETITION, DISPLAY AND SALES. End of year celebration

Last Month

As described above, July saw a low turnout - or a select few if you prefer - and we discussed knitting for babies and children. We had a lot to look at and pass round, and Pat demonstrated ways to solve the issue of children's heads being bigger than the usual neck opening. (I have previously fallen into the trap of knitting a jumper for a child, according to a pattern, only to find the said child could only get it on by forcing their head through the neck hole - this did not go down well, and might be considered child cruelty).

Last month I did mention that the newsletter was extremely brief, and this one is a bit more involved, but is still reduced. The reason for this is that I have a disabled son, living in Norwich, who generally lives very independently. However, last month, he contracted Covid, and was eventually hospitalised, after several visits from paramedics and one misdiagnosis by A and E doctors. As a result, I was travelling back and forth from Norwich, and doing physically demanding things like lifting his wheelchair into my car etc. He is now back to full fitness, thanks to the wonderful medical staff, and I am getting back to crafting. But I am not there yet!

This Month's theme

Changing colours

I will be demonstrating the single bed colour changer at this meeting and thinking about how best to use it.

Basically, it can be used for stripes. Stripes can be used with all stitch patterns and can produce some really sensational effects.

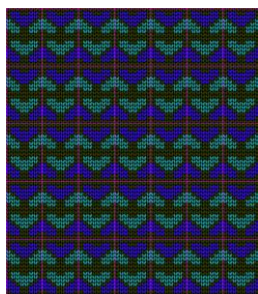
If you want to see how your colours might look before knitting them, use one of these tools:

[Stripe pattern generator \(randomstripes.com\)](https://randomstripes.com)

[Biscuits and Jam](#)

[Stripe Generator - ajax diagonal stripes background designer this one is not specifically for knitting, but can use a wider range of colour, so might be fun to use!](#)

Stitch patterns with colour changing:



Fair Isle

The picture on the title page was one I copied from Designaknit and represents a striped pattern in fair isle. These patterns can become quite complex without a great deal of effort, but with some planning! The picture on the left is another multicolour fair isle design from DAK - I am not sure what the red lines are, not supposed to be there!

Tuck and slip

Striping with these stitches produces a fair isle style effect, but with no floats. It is not as versatile as fair isle in terms of shape in the pattern, but I find it magical!



This is slip stitch with several colours, including a variegated yarn

Lace



Striped lace is not often used, but I have recently used it in handknit to great effect, and you can use different lace patterns for each stripe, if you want to be really creative. I used garter stitch between lace stripes, which was really good, but other stitch patterns would also be effective.



Knit weave

Woven stripes are very easy to do, you do not need a colour changer for these, as [on the Brother machine] you are placing the yarn by hand across the needlebed. You do need to pay attention to yarn management, though, as you can end up with a mess on the floor if you don't.



This [Fringed Cowl](#), from our website, was not striped, but could easily be, and would produce vertical stripes, which would be very effective.

Suppliers

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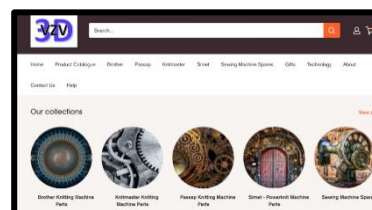
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<https://www.yarnoncone.co.uk> Yarn on Cone

<https://woolyknit.com> Woolyknit

and this one deals in recycled fibres <https://www.iinouiiio.com/>

For 3d printed parts try <https://vzv3d.com/>



Other information

Sally Butcher has a [Kalamunda Crafts](#) page on Facebook. Sally is an inspiring machine knitter, with lots of ideas and videos to keep you busy! And now she has her own YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDxy6pQHAs4gd5XBztYWmw>

which is well worth a visit. Well done, Sally, a marvellous resource.

<http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com> is a regular podcast

<http://knitwords.blogspot.com/> is a blog

And Finally

I would like to involve others in this newsletter, so please let me know of anything I can include

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